

MDH candy strippers seek new members

If you're interested in a hospital career and want to do a little investigating, you might consider getting a first hand look at things as a candystriper.

Any girl 14 or over can volunteer to assist the nursing staff at Milton District Hospital for two or three hours a week. And right now a few more helping hands would be welcomed.

Mrs. G. Langridge, a member of the women's hospital auxiliary responsible for candystrippers, and head nurse Mrs. Darroch would like to be able to schedule a few more girls for training classes and hours in the hospital. All you need is an application form, available from Mrs. Langridge or the hospital, and a medical certificate.

Probation period
A new candystriper receives

her pink-striped apron and first goes through a three month probation period. At the end of 25 hours of service she receives her cap, fifty hours earns the ribbon that goes on the cap, and the reward for 75 hours is a pin with the words Teenage Hospital Volunteer.

Bars which may be added to the pin are presented to girls with 150 and 200 hours of service, and a few engraved teapoons have been given to girls working 250 hours.

Besides the awards given for hours a \$100 bursary is given by the auxiliary annually to a girl continuing her studies in hospital work after she leaves high school. The girl chosen by the nurses as the most helpful is presented with a \$25 award by auxiliary member Mrs. Wallace in memory of her friend Eileen Merry.

During the summer months candystrippers are scheduled in the mornings each day and during the school year hours are served on weekends in the morning, afternoon, or evening. Taking directions from the nurses, they may be working in one of the wards, in emergency, or the central supply room. They make beds, deliver meals, distribute mail, fill water jugs, freshen flowers, and run errands.

Help outside too
Outside the hospital the candystrippers help with auxiliary functions such as the Maytime Ball and run a fishpond for children at the auxiliary's September garden party. All their time and efforts are gratefully remembered when they receive their awards at the February annual meeting of the auxiliary and the June supper party. During Youth Appreciation Week, the Milton Optimists Club invites the candystrippers to their banquet.

One recent recruit, Alexis Neely, of Churchill Ave., is helping out three hours in the morning, three or four times a week. Just beginning high school next fall, Alexis says she hasn't thought about being a nurse yet, but she became a candystriper because she wanted to help somehow. In her first few days she's learned to sterilize instruments and become an expert bedmaker. Her favorite job, though has been entertaining some small fry on the way to x-rays.



OUT IN THE SUNSHINE on the hospital's terrace, Alexis chats with one of the patients.

(Photos by P. Ford)

Clot may stop blood

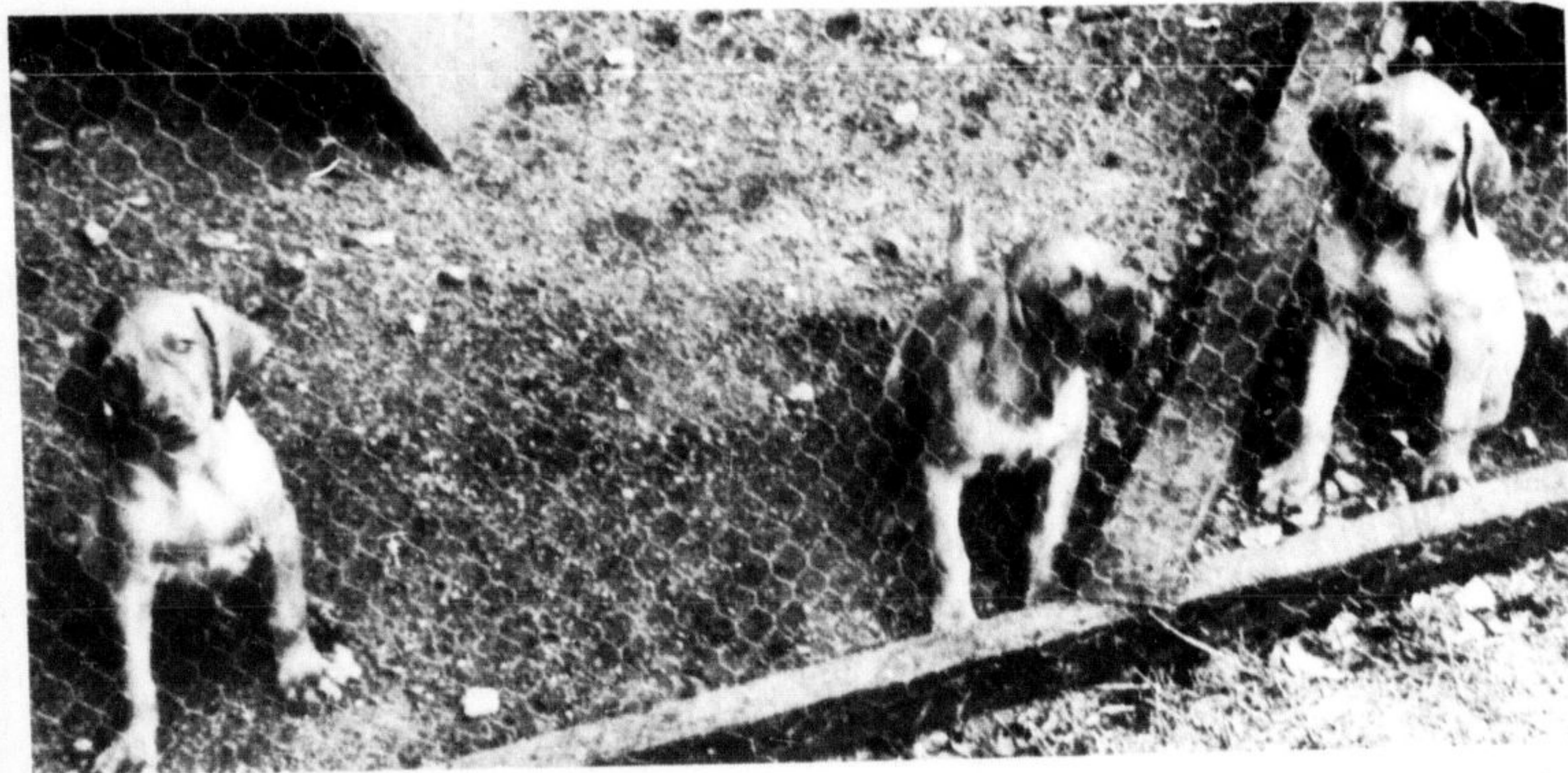
How do you stop bleeding?
With a superficial cut or wound, normal clotting will probably stop bleeding without much attention.

With serious bleeding, St. John Ambulance recommends that you apply firm pressure directly on the wound. If sufficient pressure is applied bleeding will be controlled. It is best to

apply pressure through a thick compressible dressing bandaged to the wound. However, if bleeding is profuse and no dressing is available, don't delay - press directly on the wound with your bare hand. If a foreign body is stuck fast in the wound don't try to remove it - apply pressure around the wound.



PAEDIATRICS IS one of Alexis Keeley's favorite assignments. Here she rocks her seven month old friend, Shaun Linder.



JUST ONE OF THE many attractions at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre are these seven week old Vizlas, (Hungarian Pointers). The sad faces guarantee the dogs of a place in the hearts of visitors. (Photo by Steve Dills)

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