

A Dog Heaven Here On Earth

An accident call from the Ontario Provincial Police on a bitterly cold night last winter brought an ambulance speeding toward the scene.

In a race against time, it skidded and slid over icy roads.

Ahead on Highway 400, the driver could see the flashing red light of the police cruiser and as he slid to a halt, the figure of an officer bending over a crumpled figure.

Immediately a sedative was

administered to the critically injured victim. Two major arteries severed in the crash were crushed and the bleeding arrested. Gently the prone figure was placed in the ambulance.

This sequence of events is not unusual. It occurs constantly on our highways. But our story of this accident call is unusual.

The agonized hit and run victim thrown to the shoulder of the road by a car was not a human being, but a dog.

And the ambulance rushing to the accident was a specially equipped jeep from the Canine Control Kennels in Maple.

Situated on a 10 acre site, the kennels serving Vaughan and Markham Townships and Richmond Hill, operate what is believed to be the only 24 hour animal accident service in Canada.

Running this efficient centre is James Ryan whose skillful hands have over the past year many times set broken bones and sewn deep wounds of injured animals.

At the kennels where spotless surroundings and wholesome food greet abandoned or lost dogs, Mr. Ryan is overcoming the old stigma attached to the "dog catcher".

Dedicated to the cause of suffering animals, he is attempting wherever and whenever possible to enlighten the public to the

need for dog control and proper care.

The three main functions of the kennels are animal impounding, rabies control and animal accident service.

A sharp contrast to the dog pound of bye-gone days is dramatically seen in the well-equipped kennels heated by a modern oil furnace in winter.

A specially prepared meal is used for feeding. If an animal is upset and refuses to eat, his appetite is whetted by chopped liver kept in the kennel's frig. Stubborn dogs are coaxed with dog candies, called "Lolli-Pups".

Every evening water and feeding bowls are thoroughly cleaned and sterilized with a chlorine powder.

In the rabies control unit, dogs who have bitten people, are kept under strict observation. If in a 14-day period, symptoms of rabies appear, the Pasteur treatment is imperative to save the life of the victim bitten.

Mr. Ryan stresses the vital necessity for public awareness of rabies control. According to him, the Pasteur treatment is extremely unpleasant and has been known to be fatal.

He emphasizes the dangers of letting pets run loose and exposing them to the danger of rabies.

At present five dogs are in isolation undergoing observation for rabies symptoms.

The average number of

monthly admittances is 80 but over the past month, 112 dogs were handled by the kennels.

In addition to the five in the isolation section, eight strayed or abandoned dogs are presently receiving the excellent care given at the centre.

Among them are a magnificent pure-bred German Shepherd, quite placid in nature for whom a home is sought and a sad-eyed Basset Hound apparently mourning for a lost master.

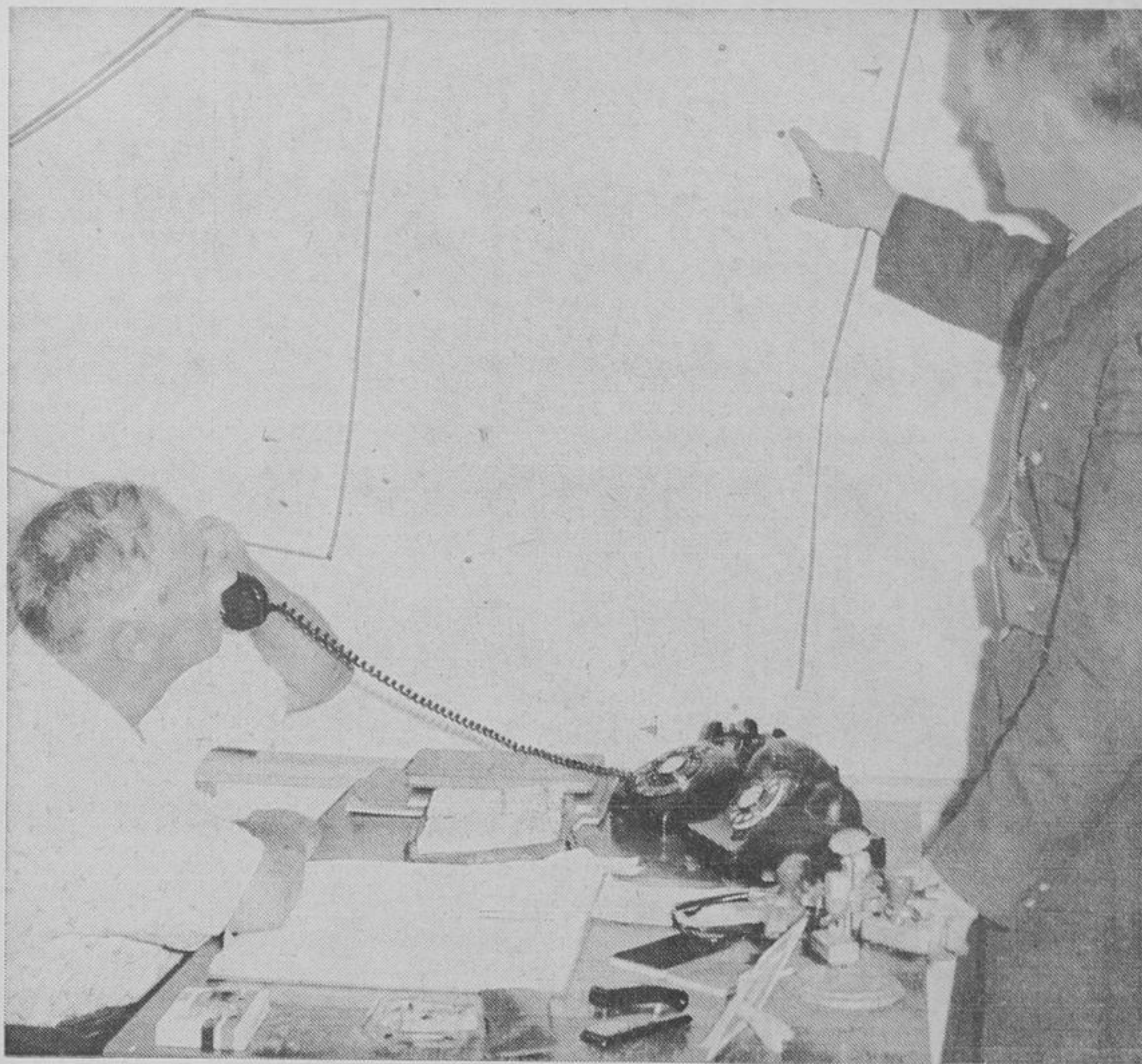
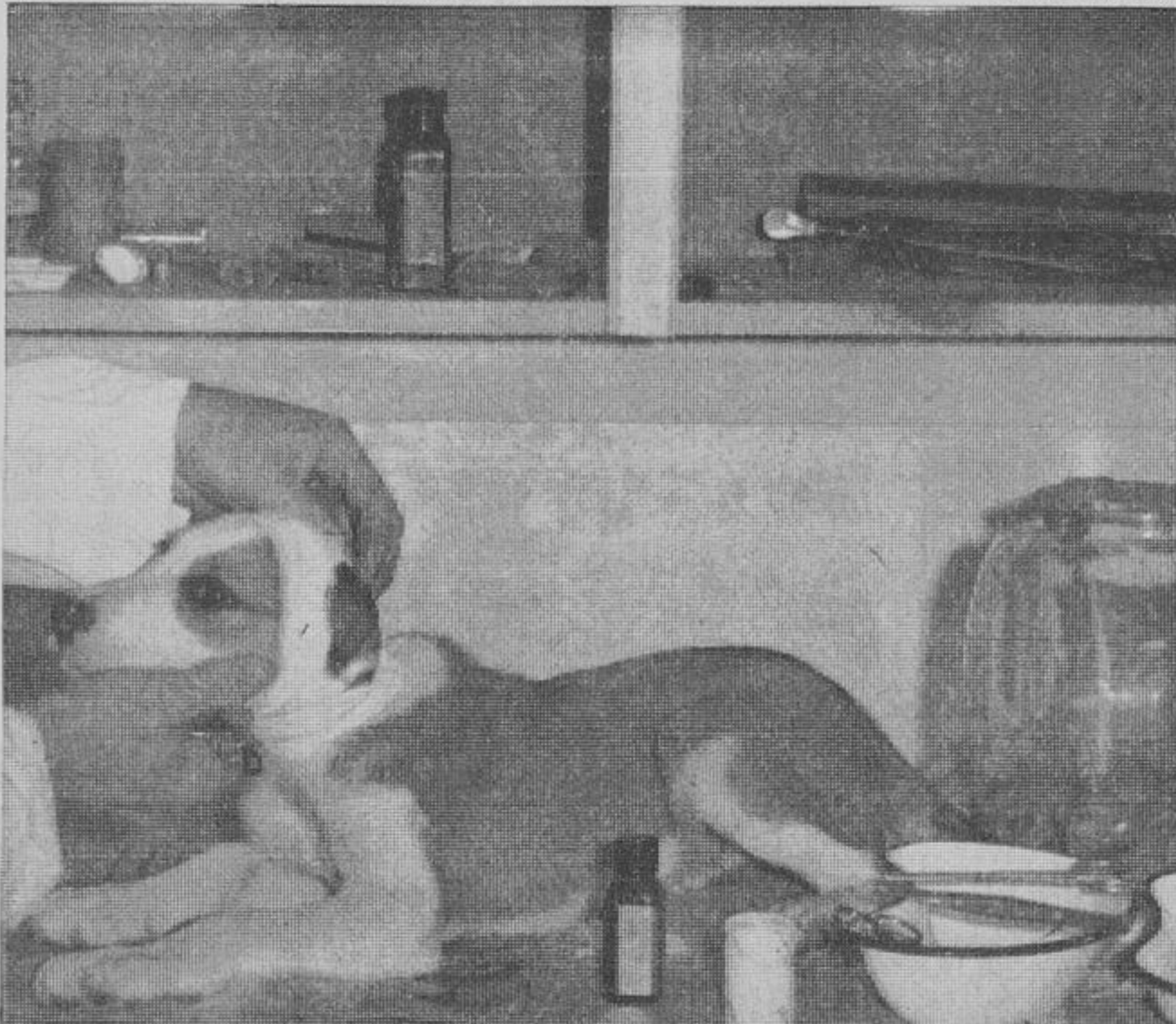
Although the kennels' jurisdiction is solely canine many calls about sick or injured birds and animals are answered. In his spare time Mr. Ryan has driven miles to minister to a coon stricken with distemper and has even answered a request to attend an injured seagull.

At least three calls regarding cats are received each day. Callers are requested to bring them to the kennels.

Our opening accident tale has a story book ending. The aged crossbred hound through the kindness of the OPP officer's call and the medical attention of Canine Control did survive and finally recovered.

Almost two weeks had passed when a King City resident came looking for a lost pet. A tail wagged in response to a familiar voice and tears of joy ran down the owner's face, as dog and owner were reunited.

Case number 423 came to a happy ending at Canine Control Kennels.



JOE PARSONS TAKES URGENT CALL WHILE JIM RYAN PINPOINTS LOCATION



LEAVING FOR PATROL IN SPECIAL CANINE TRUCK

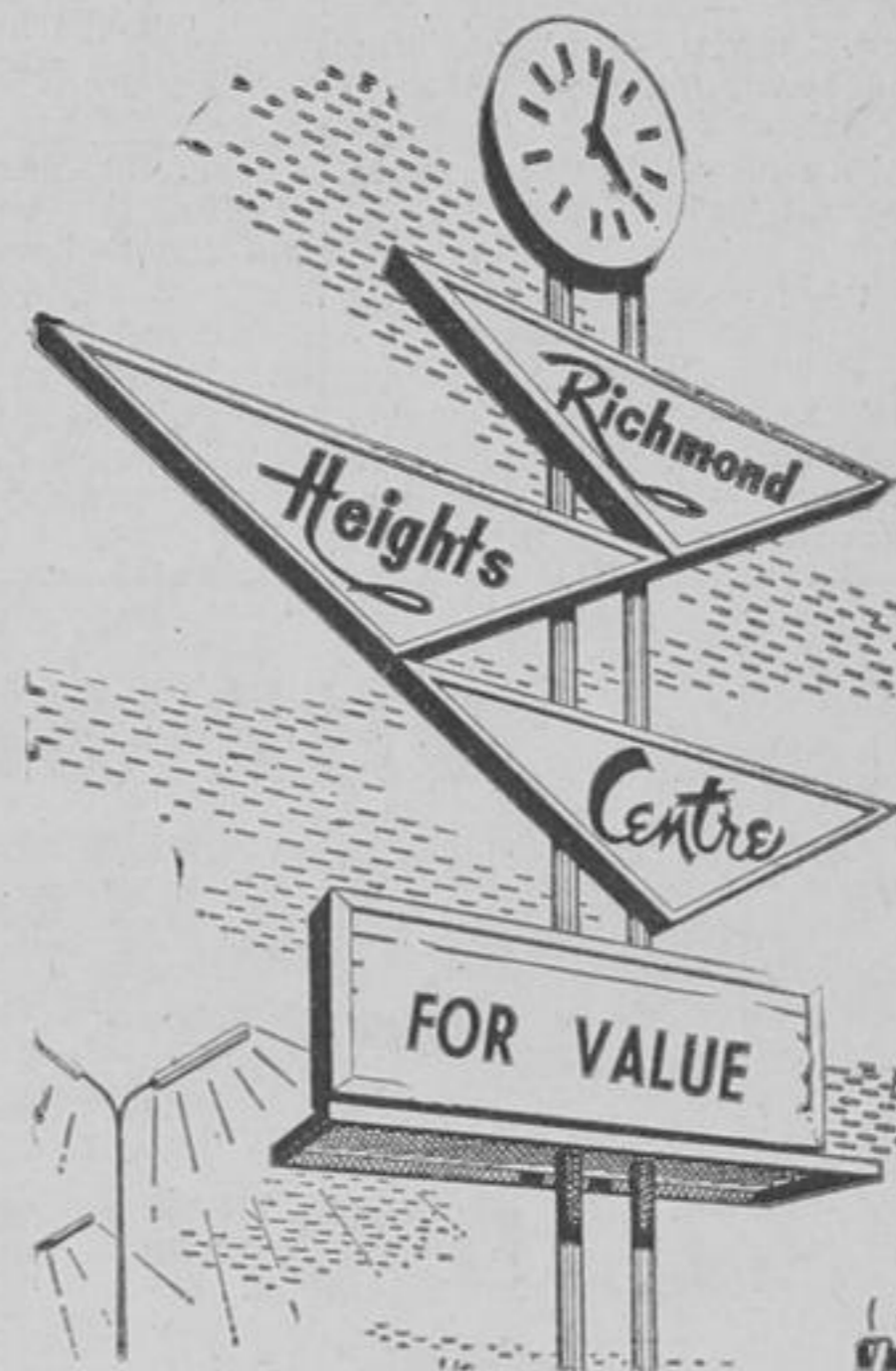
SOME OF THE STAINLESS STEEL KENNELS (TOP) ISOLATION KENNEL

YOUNG PUP GETTING ATTENTION IN FIRST AID ROOM

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