

ON WAR GRAVES PILGRIMAGE



Since 1962 over 1100 Canadians have visited the war graves of relatives in Holland through pilgrimages jointly sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Netherlands War Graves Committee. The latest pilgrimage of 150 relatives — mostly parents — returned from

Holland on Wednesday, September 13th. Among those were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. W. Ellis of Georgetown. Mrs. Ellis is the sister of Pte. T. French who is buried at Uden. While in Holland the pilgrims were guests of the Dutch people. There are 6,331 Canadian

war dead in the Netherlands. On September 18th the Royal Canadian Legion presented its first International Award of Merit to the Dutch people at Expo in recognition of their devotion to the memory of Canada's war dead.

NDP's Gillis Puts Housing As Campaign Main Issue

Bill Gillies, the NDP candidate for Halton East in the provincial election, has placed housing at the top of his list of campaign issues.

Gillies, speaking at a seminar at the Galaxy Club, Oakville for local union members Sat. morning, told his audience that when families of moderate income cannot purchase adequate housing, some remedy should be made available.

Moderate Means

"When families with limited income find themselves victimized by rent increases which cannot be economically justified or when people of moderate means find they are unable to purchase shelter for their families because of speculative profits, then some remedy should be available," he said.

Gillies charged that the Conservative government has done nothing to alter the housing crisis, and the HOME plan (low cost houses available at small down payments) does not really benefit people on limited incomes.

As an example, Gillies pointed out that a person making monthly payments, after a small down payment, on a 35-year lease for a HOME house will pay a

total of \$78,530 for a \$15,000 house on a \$8,000 lot.

One of the first tasks of a new NDP government would be to establish a rent review board, Gillies said. This board would review, in public, any increases in rent which a landlord makes.

"Any increases would have to be justified in the public eye, just as wage increases are for trade unions," he said.

Wage Increases

He added that in discussing any wage increases for unions, the press always refers to the highest wage offered in each pay class. There are many workers, he said, that do not receive these wages.

All members of the community including the corporate and industrial citizens should share the responsibility of developing the nation, Gillies said.

The present government, he said, is still making unnecessary grants to industries that no longer require the money.

He explained that part of the gasoline tax is returned to refineries as a grant to make up for money lost due to evaporation of gasoline in storage

tanks. But he said, refinery storage tanks now have floating tops that rise and fall with the volume of liquid in them, so there is no evaporation.

Gillies, who works as a supervisor at the British Petroleum refinery, is using his two weeks holidays to campaign in the election. He is unable to obtain a leave of absence, he said, because there is no one trained to replace him on his job.

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South Opposed, Votes Down Central Assessing Proposal

An assessment system run from and by the county government was turned down by Halton County Council, at Friday's meeting.

Only one vote from the north opposed the county system, that one was cast by Deputy Reeve George Currie of Esquesing. Currie's vote combined with the votes of Burlington and Oakville's reeves and deputy reeves was enough to defeat the move to county assessment control.

Voting for the county system were Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Reeve George Leslie of Esquesing and Warden William Coulter of Nassagaweya. The deputy reeve of Nassagaweya was absent.

Deputy reeve Frank Rogers of Burlington admitted the system has merit, but stated Burlington didn't think it advisable at this time.

"We're not necessarily opposed," said Deputy reeve Alan Day of Oakville "but we feel we should wait until there's a provincial decision on Regional Government."

Deputy Reeve Menefy of Milton contended the county system would be more efficient, with one large centre being able to afford better equipment than any one municipality.

On the question of voting at county council, Mr. Menefy maintained that he was elected by the people of Milton as deputy reeve, and regardless of his council's opinion would vote as he saw fit.

Reeve W.F. Hunter of Georgetown stated he voted the way his council had voted.

"Strictly a parochial view," was Reeve H.H. Hinton's comment.

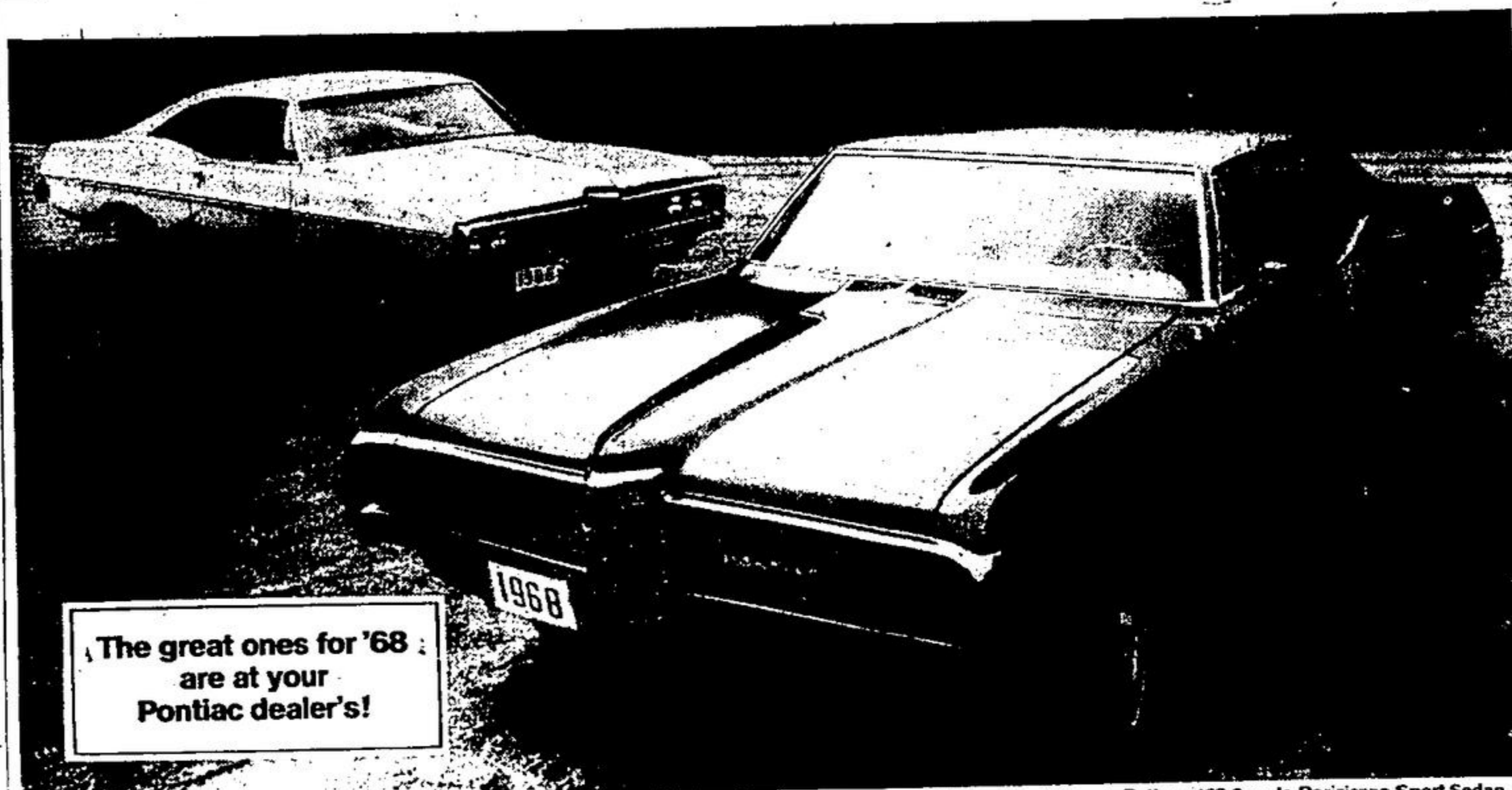
ment on the opposition to the county system. He claimed there was disparity in the present assessing systems throughout the county. "We could go into a state of suspension for a year, waiting for government action," he concluded.

"We're happy with what we've got," retorted deputy reeve Rogers.

"Too many Burlington councillors are oriented toward Hamilton," snapped Reeve Hinton.

By a vote of 18-13 the present assessment system will be retained.

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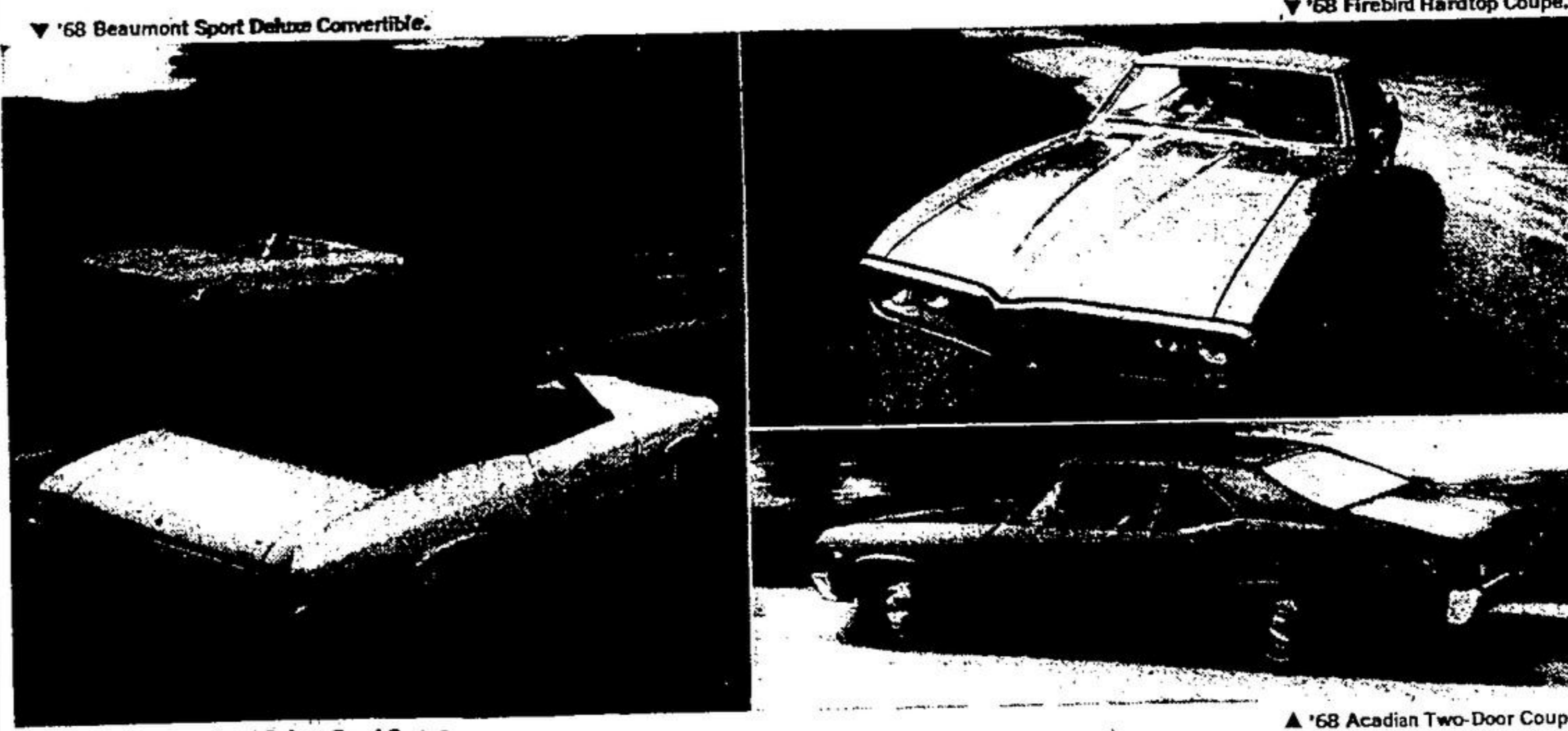
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Tanhardt's Hakim Best Veteran at Dog Show

Tanhardt's Hakim brought further honours to Tanhardt Kennels Saturday when he was judged best veteran at the Centennial Specialty show of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada.

It was the 45th annual show and was held in Burlington.

A son and daughter also were in the prize money.

Tanhardt Ulysses was 4th in the male senior puppy sweepstakes and Tanhardt Ursula won similar standing in female senior puppy sweepstakes.

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