

ELECTION '78

# Knechtel edges opponents as McKenzie eliminated

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Herald special  
Veteran Acton councillor G.W. (Pat) McKenzie lost a squeaker Monday to newcomer Ross Knechtel in the Ward 1 (Acton) area council race. Mr. McKenzie, who has represented Acton for five years at Halton Hills council, failed in his bid to be elected as a Ward 1 area councillor. Mr. McKenzie was first elected regional councillor for Ward 1 in 1973 but decided to seek a seat as area councillor the 1979-80 term.

Les Doby topped the area council poll with 1,098 votes while Mr. Knechtel received 924 votes. Mr. Doby and Mr. Knechtel will represent Ward 1 as area councillors at Halton Hills council.

Mr. McKenzie received 917 while Dave Whiting completed the slate with 623 votes.

In the regional councillor race, Ed Wood topped the poll

with 839 votes and will represent Ward 1 as regional councillor. Roy Goodwin received 647 votes and Bill Coats received 565 votes.

Les Doby assured his 20th and 21st consecutive years in municipal politics by topping Ward 1 polls. But the veteran politician hinted Monday this term may be his last as a councillor.

"I'm thinking very seriously of (retirement as a councillor) ... and yes it may be my last term," he said.

**ELECTION REACTION**  
In reaction to the election results, Mr. Doby said, "I should be very grateful to head the polls."

Mr. Doby, who has worked with fellow councillor Pete Pomeroy on Halton Hills council for two years, said of the new mayor, "I have to recognize that he's a very competent fellow having worked with him for two years."

Mr. Doby said that as area councillor for Ward 1 he has an obligation for the area he represents and an obligation to make Halton Hills a better town for everybody.

"I think (the new council) ... will work just fine," he said. "I'm feeling a little bit stunned, but happy," said Acton's new area councillor Ross Knechtel.

The 67-year-old past vice-president of Crown Life nipped one of Acton's veteran councillors G.W. (Pat) McKenzie by seven votes to take second spot in the Ward 1 area council seat.

Mr. Knechtel and incumbent Les Doby will represent Ward 1 as area councillors for the 1979-80 term.

Mr. Knechtel said his long term priority as area councillor will be "to improve the communication between both levels of council and the people of Acton".

"At the present time, my priority is to educate me (to council)," he said.

Dave Whiting finished fourth in the Ward 1 area councillor race, but gained confidence from his first effort as a municipal election candidate.

The 30-year-old Ward 1 area councillor candidate tallied 623 votes compared to Les Doby's 1,098, Ross Knechtel's 924 and Pat McKenzie's 917.

Mr. Doby and Mr. Knechtel will represent Ward 1 on Halton Hills council.

**HOPED FOR THIRD**  
"I was glad to see Ross got in," said Mr. Whiting, "but I thought I'd come third and I

didn't so what can you say."

However, "I'll be back in two years," he said.

"This is a trial run for me," said Mr. Whiting.

He said he will be attending council and planning committee meetings during the next two years to prepare himself for the next municipal election.

"I'm going to be around," he said.

Mr. Whiting said he did all his campaigning by himself for this election.

"You've got to have people working for you," he said and hoped he would the next time he runs for municipal office.

## Esqueing Historical Society

The next meeting of the Esqueing Historical Society will be held Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown at Main and Church St. The guest speaker will be Hugh MacMillan, Liaison Officer with the Archives of Ontario who will be speaking on "The Collection of Manuscripts".

## McKenzie undecided about recount

Former Ward 1 regional councillor G.W. (Pat) McKenzie who was defeated in his bid to drop back to become a member of local council is undecided about asking for a recount of the vote in his race. Mr. McKenzie who polled 917 as opposed to Ross Knechtel's 924, said his first thought was not to ask for a recount but telephone calls from supporters have him wondering if he owes it to his supporters to ask for that second check. In any case the final figures won't be available to him until Thursday and he has another two weeks after that to make his decision.

He feels that his strong stand for regional government very definitely did cost him votes. "I know the ones who went out and organized the campaign against me were the same people who made the bid to Queen's Park," he said.

No matter the outcome of his decision Mr. McKenzie stresses the fact that he is "not feeling badly. I don't need the money and I don't need the

aggravation," he said. "If I'd been elected I'd have gone in and worked hard for the people but I can find lots of other things to keep me busy."

## Baha'is celebrate birth of prophet

On Sunday Nov. 12 Baha'is in over 300 countries throughout the world celebrated an important holy day. The date marks the anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith.

Baha'u'llah (translated meaning "The Glory of God") was born 161 years ago in Persia and despite a lifetime of persecution, torture, imprisonment and exile left a legacy for the spiritual and social guidance of the world which will endure for a millennium.

The Baha'is of Halton Hills and their friends were invited by the Milton Baha'i Community to celebrate this event with a pot luck dinner and an evening of fun and entertainment at the Boyne Community Centre in Milton.



This sign is one of several which were recently erected in the downtown area of Georgetown as part of the Georgetown BIA's campaign to beautify the area and make it easier and more pleasant to shop downtown. Signs indicate the location of the municipal parking lots and walkways from the street to the parking lots. The signs and other improvements are funded by a special tax collected from businessmen within the downtown area.

## AUTUMN MOTORING

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## New Honda for 79

Canadian Honda Motor Limited recently unveiled its new line of 1979 cars, led by the all-new four-door Accord.

The four-door Accord is being offered this year in addition to the highly-acclaimed two-door fastback Accord, a car with an unprecedented sales record in Canada because of the comfort and luxury it offers at an affordable price.

The four-door provides the same outstanding features and luxury of the fastback with the

convenience and practicality inherent in a four-door sedan. There is easy entry and exit through the rear doors and loads of luggage space in the trunk. An interior remote trunk lid release also makes it easier to get to the luggage area.

The four-door provides Accord's familiar, excellent performance and fuel economy because it uses the same proven Honda transverse-mounted 1600 c.c. motor. Link this engine either to the fully-synchronized five-speed manual transmission or semi-automatic and you have a road car that competes with the best of the sporting class sedans at a much more

reasonable price. Handling and road-ability is provided by fully-independent four-wheel MacPherson Strut suspension. Perfect control comes from Honda's precision rack-and-pinion steering.

An unusually long list of standard features for 1979 make this new Accord model a perfect family car. Consider: Protective side moulding; a mechanical door-lock lever that secures the back doors to ensure safety in the back seat; door-ajar indicators (indicator lights also warn of burnt-out brake lamps or an open trunk lid); a maintenance-reminder system; side and rear window defrosters; and easy-care door panels of long wearing vinyl.

## Remember wipers before rains come

Nostalgia fans will remember Peggy Lee's hit recording, "Mama." The song told the story of the owner of a broken window that let the rain in the shack. The singer complained that the weather was too foul to go outside to make needed repairs. She promised to fix it when the sun shone again. When the weather did turn far again, Miss Lee chirped, "We don't need a window on such a sunny day."

Elements like ozone and heat tend to work with friction to wear wiper blades. And in areas where temperatures drop below 32°F., an antifreeze solution must be added to the washer system. Under most conditions, it is advised that new wiper blades be installed every six months, before streaking or chattering occur and hamper safe visibility.

## FORD TRUCKS:

### There's nothing tougher

The more than 110,000 buyers of 1978 Ford trucks will tell you: There's nothing tougher than a Ford truck.

As the truck market continues to expand at an unprecedented rate, Ford will meet the demand in 1979 with refinements to almost every line of trucks it sells in Canada.

**COURIER:** Ford's compact pickup offers new standard features and major options to enhance its appeal and versatility for 1979. Notable is a new standard engine and a sports group package, offering bucket seats on Courier for the first time.

A new 2.0-litre engine replaces 1978's standard 1.8-litre engine. For more pep and pulling power, an optional 2.3-litre engine with three transmission choices -- a standard four-speed manual, an optional five-speed manual over-drive or an optional three-speed automatic -- is offered.

The new interior package adds instrumentation, a sports steering wheel, black carpeting and simulated woodgrain instrument-panel.

**RANCHERO:** Minor refinements in trim will be the major changes to the Ranchero for 1979. The standard engine for Ranchero continues to be the 5.0-litre V-8 while a 5.8-litre V-8 is optional.

Added to the long list of options are a new AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape, a Traction-Lok rear axle and revised trailer towing package.

**F-SERIES PICKUPS:** With more than 70,000 pickup trucks sold by Ford of Canada dealers this model year, Ford pickups have become one of the most popular vehicles on the road. And with more options and technical improvements for 1979, it is easy to project that sales success into the future.

A new four-wheel-drive version of the F-350 is the big news. In either regular or family-sized SuperCab, the new 4 x 4 is a tough off-road truck with a hefty gross-vehicle-weight rating of more than 3,683 kg. (8,500 pounds).

Appearance hasn't been forgotten in the 1979 line, and as more and more trucks are doing double duty as personal transportation, good looks became a big part of the Ford F-Series pickups. New rectangular headlights will appear on all models -- from the base Custom to the fully-optional Ranger Lariat. Nine new exterior colors and two new interior colors of trim have been added for 1979.

The "Free Wheeling" option packages also see revisions. Paint and tape stripes and a new GT bar are important additions.

Other new options -- tires, tilt steering wheel, cooling packages and pickup-box covers -- appear throughout the line. Four models -- the F-100, F-150, F-250 and F-350 make up the line this year.

Engine availability runs from a 4.9-litre six-cylinder through 5.0-litre, 5.8-litre, 6.6-litre and 7.5-litre V-8

engines. Camper special and trailer-towing packages are again available.

**BRONCO:** After setting sales records in 1978, Bronco enters 1979 with a variety of refinements and options. Rectangular headlights and a three-coat paint finish process are the obvious exterior changes to Bronco, while the "Free Wheeling" package gets a new tri-color tape stripe to go with its blacked-out grille and styled steel wheels. The standard drivetrain remains the 5.8-litre V-8 engine with four-speed manual transmission, part-time four-wheel-drive or full-time four-wheel-drive is available. A 6.6-litre V-8 is optional. Power steering is standard equipment.

**ECONOLINE/CLUB WAGON:** A fresh front-end appearance and a number of new options, including a new "Captain's Club Wagon", highlight the 1979 Econoline and Club Wagon line.

A box-section grille with rectangular headlights and new parking lights are part of the new look, carrying the look of the rest of the Ford truck family to Econoline.

Power-train revisions dominate the list of functional changes for 1979. The versatile 5.0-litre V-8 is now optional on E-100/150/250 models. To improve fuel efficiency, standard axle ratios have been reduced on E-150/250 models -- from 3.00:1 to 2.75:1 on the E-150 and from 3.75:1 to 3.54:1 on the E-250.

The Captain's Club Wagon includes three

features which will be offered as separate options -- four Captain's Chairs, a snack-and-game table and a combination rear seat and bed.

The four-chair configuration features two front and two rear Captain's Chairs in cloth-with-vinyl that recline and swivel. The long-wheelbase version of the wagon also includes a snack-and-game table that folds out of the way when not in use. The rear seat lowers into a 62-inch by 72-inch (1.57.4 by 182.8 centimeter) bed.

There is a long list of options to transform the Econoline into a vehicle for every purpose.

**MEDIUM, HEAVY AND EXTRA HEAVY:** Extensive refinements in this line have been implemented for 1979, and a new family of gasoline engines for medium-duty trucks and a new mid-range diesel for the heavy-duty L-series heads the list of major changes.

A new 370/429 CID engine family will offer improved performance, durability and fuel economy. Three versions are available: a 370 CID V-8 with two-barrel carburetor, a 370 CID V-8 with four-barrel carburetor and a 429 CID V-8 with four-barrel. Each provides substantial horsepower gains over the engines they replace in the 1978 lineup.

Standard maintenance-free batteries and improved wheel balancing at the factory extend to the entire medium, heavy and extra-heavy line.

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Over the past five years the Honda Civic has become somewhat of a phenomenon. Not only has it risen to become the number one selling import, but last year it became the second best selling car of all cars sold in Canada. Civic's phenomenal success has not gone unnoticed by other car manufacturers. They know a good idea when they see one. And they see plenty of Civics passing their showrooms. As a result, almost every year somebody introduces a 'new' imitation Civic. But in their haste to get the imitations out, one really has to wonder if they've gotten the bugs out. Which could put you in the somewhat unfortunate position of having that new car test drive you.

But the ideas you'll find in the 1979 Honda Civics are ideas that have been honed and refined over the past five years. Ideas that have proven themselves to be tried and true.

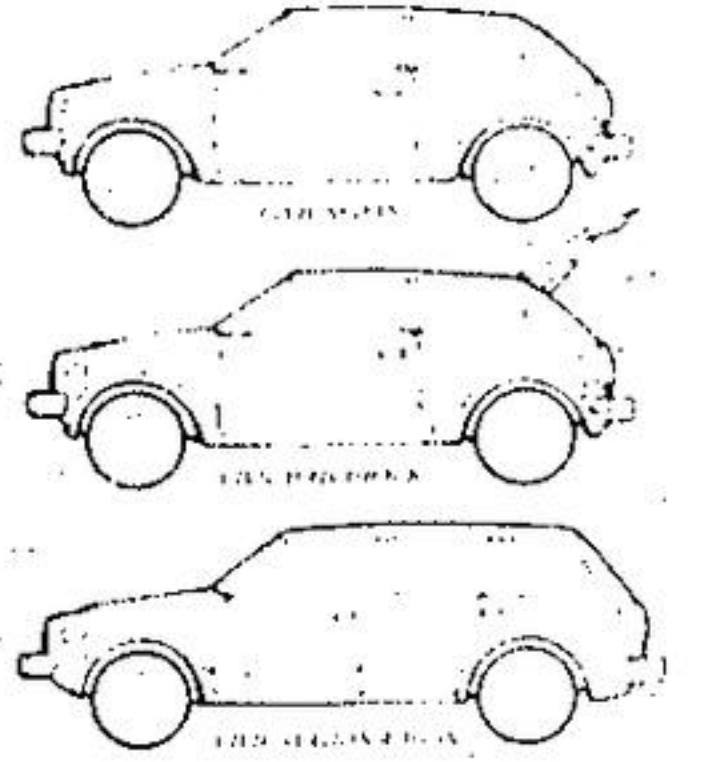
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Rich interior colors and fabrics and new exterior paint themes combined with new vinyl roof treatments and standard flight bench seats are the noticeable changes to LTD II. Beneath the skin are a new front bumper spoiler, new energy-absorption front bumper systems and refinements to the carburetor on the standard 5.0-litre (302 CID) V-8 engine.

LTD II at a glance: New on the option list is an extended range 100 L (22 imperial gallons) fuel tank ... Both the standard engine and the optional 5.8-litre (351 CID) V-8 engine come with Ford's Cruise-O-Matic transmission ... Two versions of a sporty appearance package will return for 1979, complete with styled steel wheels and raised white letter tires.