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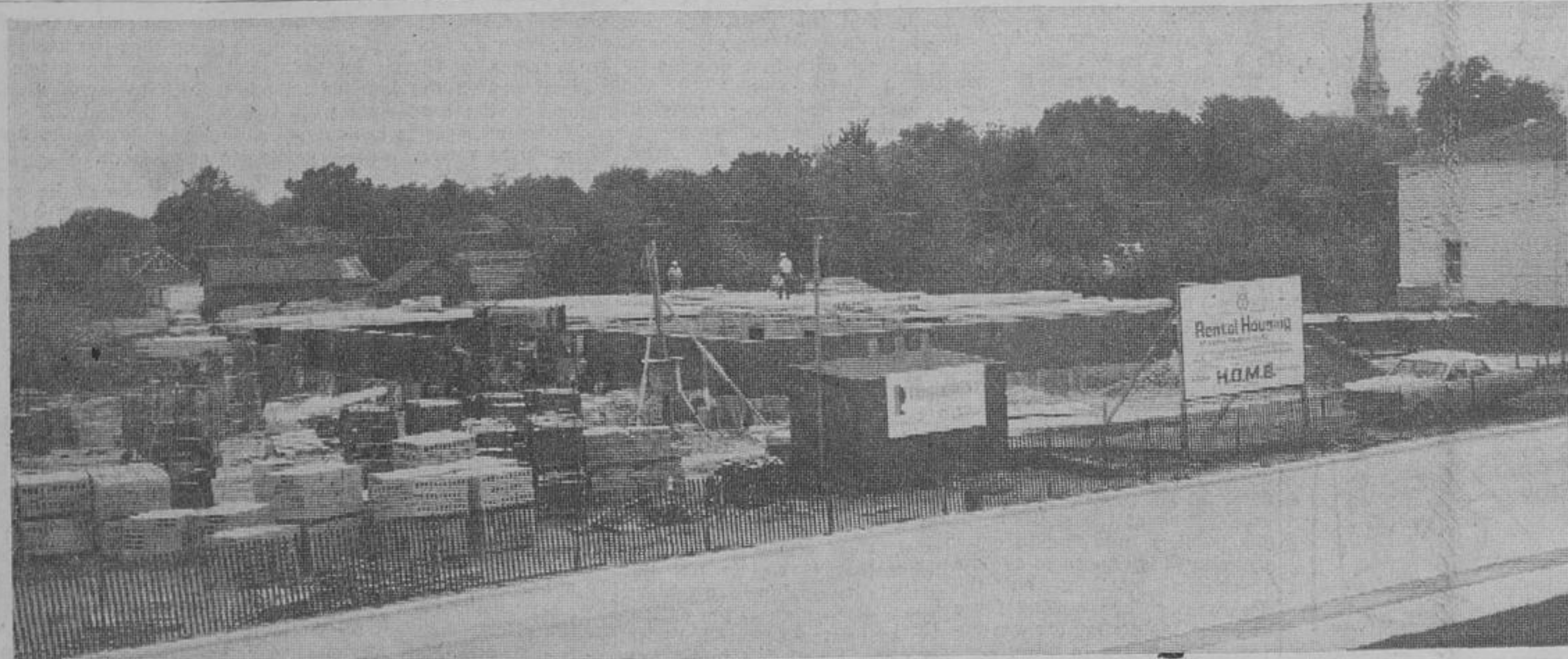
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67-Suite Senior Citizen Building Well On The Way

Good news for the many senior citizens of the area who are anxiously waiting for completion of the second senior citizen apartment on the south side of Dufferin Street is the above picture taken from a balcony on the existing Dufferin Court. It shows that the contractor R. Reusse Construction Company Limited of Toronto is making good progress. The first storey of the 67-unit building is up and precast concrete is stockpiled on the site. Early Spring 1971 occupancy is forecast by the Ontario Housing Corporation. Each suite contains a bedroom, a living room, a kitchen and a bath with common laundry and recreation facilities.

On BAIF Criticisms

Wainwright Answers Mansbridge

Dear Mr. Editor:
In the July 23 issue of "The Liberal", I read with interest and mild concern, the comments of my friend Ivan Mansbridge regarding the proposed BAIF subdivision. Since I know Ivan to be a sincere gentleman with the public's interest at heart, I know that his front page article is not merely a kick-off of his fall election campaign.
I would like to set the records straight on some of the statements made by Mr. Mansbridge.

(1) The proposed 400 acre development will contain approximately 14,500 people which is obviously not a greater population than the 20,000 now residing in Richmond Hill. In any event, the Richmond Hill population will be about 33,000 people after January 1, 1971.
(2) The developers of the proposed BAIF subdivision are well aware that the water supply will be at their expense approximately \$650,000 either from Metropolitan Toronto or from new wells. It is quite obvious that the plan cannot proceed until the source of water is located and developed. Concerning a ground water supply, our consultants have advised that a great deal more water can be tapped in Vaughan than is presently being used — in fact, far more than would be required for the BAIF subdivision.
I can appreciate Mr. Mansbridge's concern since Vaughan has been very cooperative in supplying a considerable amount of water to Richmond Hill over the years. I am only sorry that we could not have helped Richmond Hill even more during the recent water shortage in the town.

(3) Concerning the high-rise apartments, I should advise that the lowest density of permissible high-rise development according to the Metro Plan has been chosen for the BAIF development, I, too, am concerned with high-density development and it was because of this that the greater amount of open space was demanded in the BAIF plan. It was also partly because of this that the developers must supply an 8,000 square foot library free of charge to serve the residents in the area.
(4) The development will not bring 50,000 people into the area as suggested by Mr. Mansbridge. As previously indicated the plan itself will bring in 14,500 people and the entire 1,000 acre block (Maple Side-road to Carville) is planned to contain a population of 33,000 people.

Diefenbaker Formula Eases Education Tax

To lift "the unbearable weight" of soaring education costs from the shoulders of the home owner, former Conservative Prime Minister Diefenbaker has proposed that the federal government carry from 40 to 50 per cent of the load.
He insisted the problem was of an urgency, critical enough to warrant a top priority at the next Federal-Provincial Conference.
He conceded that the standards of education not only must be maintained and, it is hoped, raised, but warned that the increasing cost, charged almost exclusively to the property and home owner, was becoming ruinous.
To provide them with tax relief, Mr. Diefenbaker proposed this formula:
Federal - Provincial cost-sharing on the basis of each province estimating the annual per-day cost of elementary and secondary schools with Ottawa assuming a 40 to 60 per cent portion of it.
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Commuting By Railroad No GO-CN Employee

Concerned about what he has heard and read about GO North and the lack of understanding of how the Canadian National Railways does things, Kenneth McCutcheon of 21 Grandview Avenue, South Thornhill, has written the following explanatory letter to "The Liberal".
Mr. McCutcheon is a CN operator at the Parkdale Station in downtown Toronto and has a thorough knowledge of the operating rules of the railroad, because such knowledge is essential to his work. He hopes that his letter will clarify a few points for our readers about which they seem to be in the dark.
Mr. McCutcheon's letter follows:
Dear Mr. Editor:
In regard to the lead editorial in your issue of July 16 concerning the failure of York County to secure rail commuter service, I feel obligated to offer a few explanations why the CNR seems reluctant to provide this service, since the railway and government officials have not satisfactorily explained the situation to the citizens.
When speaking of "GO North" we are speaking of two CN rail lines: Toronto, Concord, Maple, King, Aurora, Newmarket and Barrie and Toronto - Richmond Hill.
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trains running in the same direction on each track. This eliminates the need to pass these trains by using sidings as would have to be done here and which would result in delays.
Because of this factor (double track) countless minutes are saved, a speedy schedule is afforded and a close headway is possible.
However, since the two lines here are single track, the necessity of passing trains at designated points where sidings exist is mandatory and can be a very time-consuming process if many trains are moving.
In this respect the Toronto - Richmond Hill line does not present nearly as great a problem as would be experienced on the line to the west running up to Barrie. Movements of

trains over this track are controlled by a dispatcher with the use of automatic switches and signals. Therefore, theoretically if schedules and meeting points are co-ordinated properly to coincide at a point where a siding is located trains can pass without a major delay occurring.
However, as is the problem with most theory, the practical solution is not always that easy. The numerous freight trains that travel this line cannot be expected to be at a given point at the same time every day.
But the Toronto-Barrie line (through Maple and King City) is run on different rules and therein lies a big difference. The method of operation in use involves writing out train orders (Continued on Page 11)

Hill Sewage Works Get CMHC Loans

Robert Andrus, Federal Minister responsible for housing, this week has announced approval of CMHC loans for three sewage treatment projects in Ontario. Two of these projects are in Richmond Hill.
The first loan, in the amount of \$108,533, will assist in construction of 2,670 linear feet of 24 inch diameter trunk sewer. The loan based on an estimated total cost of \$102,800 is for a term of 20 years.
This trunk sewer will be constructed on Neal Drive to serve the industrial area north of Elgin Mills Road east.
The second loan, in the amount of \$175,853, will aid in the construction of an 85 foot diameter clarifier and a pumping station as an extension to the existing sewage treatment plant on Markham Road. This loan is based on the estimated total cost of \$263,780 and is for a term of 20 years.
The clarifier will improve the effluent from the plant and increase its capacity by holding the surplus in periods of heavy use to be processed in off-peak periods of the day.

15 Cases Reveal Drug Underworld

Drug and narcotics charges were faced by fifteen teenagers and young adults in Richmond Hill Provincial Court last week. Evidence revealed more details of recent drug trafficking in Richmond Hill.
One teenager was convicted and fined for possession of hashish.
One teenage girl was committed for trial in the fall by judge and jury after a preliminary hearing for drug trafficking.
The trial for LSD possession of three youths was partly completed.
The remaining 12 were remanded to future dates for trial, or to set a trial date.
Charges dated back to as long ago as February.
Investigations by all three local police departments, Vaughan Township, Markham Township and Richmond Hill, were involved.
Pleading guilty and convicted for illegal possession of hashish under the Narcotics Control Act was Gary Moore, 19, of 64 May Avenue, Richvale.
Federal Prosecutor Dave Scott told the court the narcotics arrest took place on March 16 at 10:15 pm.
Sergeant Alan Chadwick and Constable William Sheridan of the Markham Township Police were on patrol in a police cruiser on Yonge Street when they noticed three young men in a passing car were acting suspiciously. They stopped the car and searched it. They found Moore had a cube of hashish in his sock. He told police he purchased it in Richmond Hill.
Provincial Judge Russell Pearce gave Moore a \$100 fine, with the alternative of 30 days in jail.
The youth was also put on probation for two years, and was ordered not to be found in possession of any illegal narcotic during the two-year period, or he could face a fine or jail sentence for breach of probation.
Also found in the car with Moore were six tablets of LSD, the next trial showed.
Moore, along with Brian Cowan, 17, of 634 Red Deer Street, Newmarket, and Wayne Fletcher, 20, of 45 Davis Road, Aurora, faced charges of possessing the restricted drug LSD March 16. All three pleaded not guilty and their trial began.
Markham Township Constable Sheridan testified he was sitting in a police cruiser stopped on Yonge Street three blocks north of Royal Orchard Boulevard. He said it was just police intuition developed through experience that made him think the youths looked suspiciously guilty as they passed the police cruiser.
Constable Sheridan followed the southbound vehicle, pulling alongside and stopping it at Royal Orchard Boulevard.
The accused youth Fletcher was in the rear seat, looking out the back window, apparently telling the other two what the police were doing. Driver Moore was seen to reach down toward his right side. Front seat passenger Cowan leaned forward and down, as if to put something down on the floor of the car. Fletcher appeared to have something in his hand and reached forward toward the rear of the front seat.
When the suspect car was stopped, the three youths were asked to get out. A broken switch knife was found stuffed in a paper handkerchief box in the middle of the front seat. The hashish was found in Moore's stocking.
A hand rolled cigaret wrapped in a gum wrapper and held by an elastic band, was found in the glove compartment. This cigaret appeared to be the type that might contain an illegal narcotic, normally known as a "joint", but it proved to be innocuous, Constable Sheridan said.
The other two youths were searched and nothing was found on them.
Their car was towed to the police station at Buttonville so it could be thoroughly searched.
Under the right end of the front seat police found a tiny foil-wrapped package. In it were six purple tablets each about the diameter of a dime and each individually wrapped in tin foil. Analysis subsequently showed the tablets were the restricted drug commonly known as LSD, the court was told.
Constable Sheridan said the foil in which the tablets were all wrapped was of the same type that was missing from a cigaret pack in one of the youths' pockets. All three boys refused to take a lie detector test when first asked. Fletcher subsequently offered to have a test, but wasn't given one.
The trial for these three youths is to be completed on a future date.

Provincial Tax Relief Formula Rejected By York County Council

A resolution rejecting the province's relief formula to offset increased tax burdens on residents in York County due to reassessment was approved last week by York County Councilors after considerable discussion.
The formula — involving amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts — found councilors generally agreeing that the relief provided was not sufficient enough.
Instead, council will request that greater and more immediate relief be granted and that the tax shift be swung on a more equitable basis from residential-agricultural to commercial-industrial.
The County resolution cannot compel the 14 municipalities to accept its decision but indications were that it would receive favorable consideration.
Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township observed that the relief offered under the amendments to the Assessment and Municipal Acts "does not give us the relief we asked for, it's not immediate enough."
"We asked for immediate relief," he said, "from the increased cost due to the drastic shift from industrial to residential under recent reassessment policies."
A call was also made to ask the province for immediate grants to provide relief to those residents hit the hardest by reassessment.
Reeve John McLean of Woodbridge agreed that the county should reject the tax relief amendments to the province and "propose a constructive alternative system of taxation to maintain the present balance of tax sharing."
The resolution, as passed by a divided council, reads:
"Be it resolved that the constituent municipalities of the County of York be requested to collectively reject the tax relief formula as described in Bills 142 and 143 (amendments pertaining to The Assessment and Municipal Acts).
"Be it further resolved that a special bill for the constituent municipalities of the County of York be introduced to provide for the municipal authority to tax on a differential industrial-commercial, residential-farm mill rate to maintain the present balance of the tax burden.
Council also shelved a resolution before it from Whitechurch Town Council as premature.
The resolution requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough to assess land in York County on the basis recommended by the Select Committee appointed by the Committee of the House.
It recommended that farmland be assessed in seven categories ranging from \$15 per acre up to a maximum of \$200 per acre and that this basis of assessment be applied to all land in York County in parcels of 10 acres or more.

Elizabeth Flannigan, 16, of 122 Roseview Avenue, in Richmond Hill Provincial Court July 28, faced two charges.
She pleaded not guilty to the February 20 charge of possessing the narcotic canabis resin (hashish) for the purpose of trafficking.
The second charge of hashish possession was withdrawn at the request of Federal Prosecutor Scott.
Miss Flannigan chose to have a trial by judge and jury. So Judge Pearce conducted the necessary preliminary hearing in the case, and committed the girl for trial. Her bail was increased from \$50 to \$500 and she was released.
Richmond Hill Police Constable John Moorhead told the court that on February 20 at 12:45 am he was searching a boarding house at 36 Arnold Street following a complaint of some stolen jewelry there.
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\$4,100,000 Grant To York Central

York County Council approved Wednesday of last week a \$4,100,000 grant to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill to go towards cost of the new addition less the \$330,000 already debentured.
The grant includes an additional \$1,200,000 to cover increased cost of the addition as requested in June of this year.
Council also approved another \$2,758,333 to York County Hospital in Newmarket for its new addition.
It was in November of 1966 that the York County Hospitals' Planning Committee requested funds to expand hospital facilities at York Central from 126 beds to 372 beds; at York County from 275 beds to 404 beds at a total estimated cost of \$14,010,000 with government grants making up the balance.
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Stephen Lewis Visits York Centre Riding In Campaign For Ontario NDP Leadership

By HAROLD BLAINE
Members of the local NDP York Centre Riding Association have been busy lately.
Leading local New Democrats met and cross-examined Ontario leadership candidate Stephen Lewis July 21 at the Richmond Hill home of William Broad, 31 Sussex Avenue.
A similar meeting is to be held with Walter Pitman, New Democrat MLA for Peterboro, if he enters the provincial NDP leadership race.
Any other leadership candidates are also likely to be invited to such informal riding association sessions.
The local riding association is also getting ready for the provincial leadership and policy setting convention to be held October 2 to 4 in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.
Delegates and alternate delegates have been appointed by the riding association, including some students.
Also during the last meeting of the York Centre Riding Association membership, a series of resolutions on policy was passed. These will be submitted to the provincial convention October 2.
Local New Democrats aren't paying much attention just now to the national NDP leadership race and national policies. The national leadership and policy convention isn't expected until early next spring or summer, probably in the month of April.
CONVENTION DELEGATES
The five York Centre New Democrats who will represent the riding association at the provincial convention October 2 to 4 as delegates, include the following: Riding Association President Roy Clifton of 105 Wood Lane, Richmond Hill; Pat Tirrell and Mrs. Ina Tirrell of 30 Thornlea Road, Thornhill; Mrs. Verna Whittall of 77 Leisure Lane, Richmond Hill; and Michael Jones of 21 Gram Road, Maple.
The local delegate to the NDP Provincial Council is Ron Moran of Dixon's Hill (RR 2, Markham).
Alternate delegates to the provincial NDP convention are the following two students: Miss Christine George of Langstaff Secondary School; and John Bookalem of York University.
Commenting on the Ontario NDP leadership situation, York Centre Riding Association President Roy Clifton told "The Liberal" that he felt most local New Democrats would have liked to see the present leader, Donald MacDonald, stay.
"He has been an effective leader. It's not his fault the NDP haven't reached power in Ontario. The number of provincial seats held by the NDP went from two



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Stephen Lewis, 32-year-old son of national NDP Deputy-leader David Lewis, recently visited the York Centre Riding in his campaign to win the leadership of the New Democratic Party in Ontario.
The Scarborough West Member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly is shown as he talked with representatives of the York Centre NDP Riding Association during an informal gathering at the Richmond Hill home of Mr. and Mrs. William Broad at 31 Sussex Avenue.

to 21 in 17 years under Mr. MacDonald," said Mr. Clifton.
The local NDP president was asked who would be likely to receive York Centre riding support in view of Mr. MacDonald's resignation.
LEWIS GOOD LEADER
"There seems to be a number of people who feel Stephen Lewis is an energetic young man, and that he would appeal to young people. I'm sure he would make a very good leader.
"But there are also some who favor Walter Pitman, the education critic for the NDP in the Ontario House. He is a very personable young man and makes a good impression.
"I haven't made up my mind. I will have to find out more about both," said York Centre NDP President Clifton.
He says the five association convention delegates will meet with the riding association membership before the October 2 to 4 convention. At that time the leadership wishes of the riding association membership will be determined, as far as the delegates are able to find them out.
"The decision of the riding association would be binding on me, and would determine how I will vote at the leadership convention," said delegate Clifton. "The riding association's decision usually is considered binding by the dele-

gates," he added.
Questioned about the national New Democrat leadership race, Mr. Clifton said nobody is thinking very much yet about the federal convention, which is not expected to be held much before next summer. The October 2 leadership convention for Ontario is to the fore, he said.
FAVOR DAVID LEWIS
"As far as the federal leadership is concerned, and this is my personal opinion without having consulted local party members, my guess is that we would lean toward David Lewis at the present time," said Mr. Clifton. Asked what would be local reaction to a situation where there was a father and son combination, David and Stephen Lewis, as national and provincial party leaders for the New Democrats, Riding President Clifton said he didn't see any objection to it.
"It depends whether or not the man can do the job, and whether the man is the best man. I don't think their happening to be father and son has anything to do with it. Each man has to be judged on his own merits," said Mr. Clifton.
He went on to say it would be interesting to speculate on a future provincial conference situation with father David Lewis as national prime minister and son Stephen Lewis as provincial leader.
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