Municipal Affairs Minister McKeough Defends Market Value Elections For Mayor And 3 Councillors

(Continued from Page 1) | Mr. McKeough also pointed assessment was reached. Mrs. Dora Strong, owner of are as interested as you in Buck of Aurora. "Every time able?" Mr. McKeough replied

a 20-acre parcel of land in seeing what the decision of the we have asked, we have been that the yardstick really doesn't Whitchurch Township wanted county courts on assessment ap-told it can't be done. Now matter "provided all houses are to know why her taxes had ris- peals will be. We hope that you're acknowledging tonight it assessed on the same basis" en from \$9.11 in 1950 to \$904 during 1970 assessment will set- will be done. The Smith Re- Mr. McKeough disagreed and in 1970. "A preposterous sum tle down sufficiently so we can port warned what was going to felt that "maybe every three of money." "I'm gesting absol- have enough confidence in it happen and you should have years" would be the rule. utely nothing. The only rea- to draft legislation for tax re- prepared this legislation two Ron Ross, who organized the son I'm getting fresh air is be- form in Peel and York. To sta- years ago," she told Mr. Mc- people on Rumble Avenue, cause you haven't been able to bilize the assessment, court de- Keough. withold it," she charged. "I'm cisions and reassessment where "Will residents just north of against increased assessment, Scotch and I'm not going to be necessary will be needed," he Steeles be given any say in wanted to know why the town

deviated from my path. My said. township has done nothing. I "What does the assessor use ferred to Metro?" was another (the Municipal Act).

ment I would not suggest that ing rate." Councillor James same ratepayer added.

indicate how far off the mark your property." informed that they met in the funds to educate the chil- cation will also provide you have been told over the years Taxation Richmond Hill today, and will dren of people employed in with this information. he meeting in Woodbridge to-those industries. derway," reported the Minister.

trial to residential taxpayers. Metro Board of Education re- the cost of education was re-This shift lowers the burden on ceives a lower percentage than been accepting it and have the cation. right to deduct it when paying "How do assessors get a personal income tax," Mr. Mc- election. value when they have never Keough stated.

Township there are large blocks that early in 1966 the county do not have an answer," Tony view Avenue. of land held by developers at assessors had measured and in-Reale of Crestwood Road, Ward 1 encompasses the area on the Planning Board. low assessment. "The shift in spected all properties in the Vaughan Township, told the from Yonge Street to the High-25% shift from industry to res- quite amazing to see how ac- have people in Vaughan Town- Mr. Rossi's efforts in the idences would have helped, but curate these figures are," he ship who just cannot afford to community cover a period of awouldn't have corrected the stated. basic fault. I don't want to A list of six or seven records "That was the purpose of the widely diversified.

"On Monday next you

will have a chance to strike

a blow to getting trustees

elected to the York County

Board of Education who

will fight against this use

of your money," she was

told by Mr. McKeough.

"Get out to the nomination

meeting and see that some-

one of your choice is elect-

ed. I was in York County

last Saturday and was told

more than once that there

is considerable interest in

the elections for municipal

and regional councils, but

litte, if any, in the elections

to the boards of education,

who spend 60% of your tax

When asked why funds were-children from a high school lib-the assessment settled down to ea board and was chairman of

municipal taxpayers, Mr. Mc-spent on things like these," she who believe their assessments Board of Education. Keough countered with the stated emphatically. question, "Why should a taxpayer in Chinguacousy or Ajax pick up part of your tax, anymore than you should pick up part of their tax?"

Another questioner wanted to know why the province selected Peel and York Counties as the guinea pigs for reassessment on market value. In reply the Minister pointed out that the province did not make the selection. "It was the county councils who made

the decision," he stated. "Wouldn't it be more equit ment until the whole province s reassessed?" asked another ratepayer. "It would be to those pepole whose taxes have

lownship has not been reassess- ported taxes on the home of ed, but from my knowledge I her husband and her had inam paying up to twice as much creased every year. "This year ors. I will welcome the munic- School Association. n municipal taxes on my resi- the increase is \$111 — on a ipalities keeping the assessors He and his wife Doreen have here. five room bungalow on the east A resident of Vaughan side of Yonge Street." Mr. ter's reply.

new Town of Richmond Hill af- been made for senior citizens to terested in knowing if there are Kevin at Henderson Avenue to continue my active particip- quire a little more pushing and er January 1, asked if the 7 be relieved of \$100 of educa- inequalities besides those School. o 1 ratio of increase he had tional levies each year. experienced was the norm. Mr. Andrews announced that Hancey stated. The assess- Councillor Masters was born on planning board, since the lo-Assessment was related to the assessment offices in New- ment rolls will be returned to in Toronto. He has lived in cal council itself is expected to market value in 1967. In the market will be open until 9 pm the municipalities on Septem- Markham since 1947, first at be the planning board for the served for four years on the

opinion of the assessor your five days a week for four weeks ber 30, the Minister noted. "It's Elgin Street for 15 years, and new town in future). property was worth \$31,000. although the original intent a matter of priorities. We then at his present home on "My present insight into the tees, made up of unpaid volun-There is nothing magic about had been to be open in the can't do it all at once. The Bayview. market value, but we have been evening for only two weeks. basic job of the assessment de- He is a partner with his bro- and taxation, and my involve- council meetings regularly for told it is understandable. Most He invited every taxpayer with partment this year is to answer ther in a store and office equip- ment in this problem, has comof us have some idea of what a problem to visit his office questions from individuals." ment business in Toronto. our property is worth," was where they may receive an ex- When Richmond Hill Ward 1 Mr. Masters was on the York former decision not to seek elplanation and see how the Councillor Eric George stated Central District High School ection. he Minister's reply.

will not be for some time," he County and Mississauga have tween residential and industrial gains and asked "Do you still he said been reviewed this year. "We taxes," stated Reeve Evelyn feel market value is reason-

whether they will be trans-council has rejected Bill 142 demand to be assessed at \$2,000 as a yardstick?" another Rich- question. "There can be a It was then Mayor Lazenby problem," continued Mr. Mcan acre, the same as land which mond Hill ratepayer asked. He plebiscite if the township wants stated his personal stand that Keough. "The assessors real-

consideration. "You're assum- can we do, then?" continued the assessment should not be asked revenue producer for govern-"There are 80,000 properties ing I'm going to sell my place," questioner. "Let me know to give relief to those who ment and less money has been In the County of York," Mr. he charged. Assessment Com- how you feel," answered the have been undertaxed in the spent on proving its veracity body in town will pay a por- Other questioners dealt with

in York County (and there are have not said your assessment of the area?" "I don't know the final date for appeal to by the Courts of Revision. worse differences elsewhere) is excessive for the value of where you would move in the give people more time to in- At least two ratepayers sug-Province of Ontario and not be vestigate the protests of rate-gested that residential taxes

Mr. Jongeneel also felt that faced with rising taxes," coun-payers. Deacon, MLA, York Centre, out that areas near an industri- his taxes are going. "They if the assessors used the same the Province of Ontario's brief

"That is part of the reason why there was a shift." replied the Minister. "The price of housing lots rose dramatically. A plant built in 1968 at the cost of a million dollars would not find a willing buyer today at that price. A house built on a lot in 1958 for \$20,000 would bring \$30,-000 on the market today." ("\$40,000, a voice from the

audience corrected.)

assessment on all is correct. I Jongeneel of Markham Town- "I have lived on Crestwood tion of the relief offered some personal assessment problems. have no doubt some are too ship wanted to know, "What is Road in Vaughan Township for taxpayers," he admimtted. All were invited to check their high and some are too low, the normal mortgage rate to- 18 years," stated Larry Price. Mr. McKeough also stated assessments in the County of That's what the Courts of Re-day?" "You're an appraiser. "Are we going to have our tax- that he hoped to stretch the York Assessment Offices in have ridden a balloon ever In listing his interests he vision are for - to correct these You people make the sales," es raised, like it or lump it? recess between the date of re- Newmarket and if not satisfied errors. Some of the differences replied Mr. Andrews. "You Or will we have to move out ceiving assessment notices and to enter an appeal to be heard air."

"Why is it that assessment it is about time we stop charg- tered the Minister, who sugges- appeals have not been heard by ing the educational levy on the chin office to find out where the completion of the suggestions in the felt it was unjust that the suggestions in the felt it was unjust that the suggestions in the suggestion Mr. McKeough admitted there at area, but not in the same will be glad to show you where market value (1967))for resi- on Federal Finance Minister "The federal and provincial had been a holdup, "but I am municipality, have to provide taxes go. The Board of Edu-dence and industries. "We Edgar Benson's White Paper on governments should be respon-

those industries. Mr. McKeough answered that provides \$800,000,000 annually Bill Masters, Peter Rossi Seek Mr. Deacon also thought "It formula, the rate of grant prosper to apply a factor vides the difference. That staggering amount of money. If

moved from real estate it would There were two further ent-Board for three years, serving don Rowe and Donald Plaxton. those used to paying it, have the York County Board of Edu- add about 20 points to the re- rants in South Thornhill Ward two years as chairman of the tail sales tax or double the 1 for the October 5 municipal property committee.

He was a member of the They are Peter Rossi of 16 Markham Township Planning Mr. McKeough agreed but been inside a house?" Mr. An- "A question I have asked Almond Avenue and Councillor Board for five years, serving as pointed out that in Markham drews was asked. He replied previously and to which I still William Masters of 7400 Bay-chairman for one year. He is

Markham in many instances was county. If they were unable to Minister, "is what is the pro- way 404 right-of-way near Les- member of Markham Township reason that he would not be summer into a drug distribution onto residential unoccupied get inside the building they vincial government prepared to lie Street and from Steeles Av- Council, having been appointed able to give the time to the job centre. Our young people have to fill the unexpired term of it will require.

bout 10 years and have been Moir of Toronto, and they have Pemberton Crescent in the what places me as a candidate vulcanize the tax system in this of popular "rock" groups which legislation passed by the prov- He was a member of the forhad been brought home by her ince. Our concern is to get mer township public school ar-

n't supplied at the provincial rary, was read by a mother. "I be convinced it is equitable the TSA 1 Continuing Commit- mind and decided to run for claimed to the municipal coun- of Jefferson Sideroad, also has level to ease the burden on don't like my tax dollars being The courts will help. Those tee under the York County council at the last minute. He cil seat in Ward 6.

Community Centre Board and tion. "Would some of the solution the 2nd Thornhill Scout and At the time of his appoint- is at present a councillor in the reported he had worked on a access to the records," asked He is a past president of the seat early this year, Mr. Mast- Oak Ridges. Richmond Hill Councillor Lois Thornhill Area Recreation Co- ers announced he would not MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS Hancey. "A lot of problems mittee, which, among other use the appointment to gain Contesting the Ward 1 seat can be understood by having things, is responsible for the any election advantage over on the municipal council will the assessment explained," Mr. operation of the Thornhill Charles Stewart, the unsuccess- be Eric George of North Taylor McKeough agreed. "But the Swimming Pool. He has been ful candidate in Ward 1 in 1968. Mills Drive and Andy Chateaumunicipality has not the right a manager and coach in the But with regional govern- vert of Zelda Crescent. to check the records on the Thornhill Church Hockey Lea- ment it's a "new ball game", he Mr. George won the seat on

says. "The whole picture has the present council last Decembeen advised that all I may A founder and past president changed. I won't be running ber in a four-man contest, with see is the totals," continued the of the Grandview Highland against Charles Stewart be- Mr. Chateauvert being his clo-Community Association, Mr. cause ward boundaries have sest competitor. "We hope in the years ahead Rossi also served as director of changed and he is now in an- Mr. George reported some he municipalities, particularly Markham Township's pilot sum- other ward.

ment to council I indicated I in 1970. The first was starting hope the municipalities would Mr. Rossi served as director would not seek re-election. a program to install storm sewgo farther and take a look at of afternoon movies at Hender- "But it is quite apparent that ers, curbs and sidewalks where been increased," agreed Mr. Mrs. Leonard Gould of Len-individual assessments by a son School. He is past presi-experience in some form is ab-needed throughout the town. properties. I hope the munici- payers' Association and the ber of council.

hill Secondary School, Paul at ning board, and my sincere in- for sidewalks on Centre Street Township, who will be in the Andrews reported provision has "The municipalities are in- Woodland Senior School, and terest in good planning, I wish and Crosby Avenue. "All reation. (Mr. Masters cannot re- funds will be found. Funds can turn to his former appointment always be found for something

The mayor's only opponent, have one."

charging him for the work. (in Tompkins Chrysler-Dodge) solution."

the neighborhood." Mr. Mc-down payment and mortgage not bound by plebiscites," taxed in the past and now indicate it. In Canada the tax 1957 a politician proposing an council's work, traffic, parks Mr. Bell continued. "People dian National Show Jumping increase in taxes was immediand recreation committee, a become pacifist and pessimistic Championship held at Elderately out. Rents remained low booster of the Youth Aid Cen- and this leads to a break- berry Farms. Jim Elder and and public housing and subsid- tre and the drop-in centre and down of law and order. A lot Jim Day tied for second spot. McKeough pointed out. "Re-missioner Andrews countered, Minister. "We are already on past. "I could go along with than on any other field of tax- Everyone was housed at their Ontario Parks Association, Mr. put into a home." own level and property owners Beggs forgot to mention he erty owners power and taxes been held in town.

> since, filled by politicians' hot gave top priority to parks and recreation and provision for see-Mr. Stifel urged his audience ing that the new areas receive not to be taken in by "political the same facilities and prowheeling and dealing and other grams as the present town has. phony promises to get your He is interested in the rapid

cerned citizen, concerned about

the nine member local municachieving a new image I don't ipal council) were given to Gorlike and don't condone," he said. Two other nominees withdrew Mr. Thompson charged that at any sitting of York County

The greatest surprise of the Courts 60% of the cases fall evening was when the town's under narcotics and drug usage present Deputy - reeve Ivan and 70% of those charged are Mansbridge, believed to be a under 20 years of age. "I am strong contender for a seat on further concerned that our own now the reeve's representative the regional council, announced town council finances an unthat he would not be running, supervised drop-in centre,

been exposed to the lowest The other nominee who with- form of creature - the drug His wife is the former Dora drew was Louis Wainwright of pusher. Concern about this is four sons. He enjoys riding Richvale area, the only person for council." to be nominated for two posit- Ward 5, which comprises the Mr. Masters changed his ions. Mr. Wainwright was ac- section of the new town, north

produced two candidates for its was also nominated for the re- Mr. Plaxton is the incumbent seat at the council table. are too high should appeal Mr. Rossi has also been a gional council seat, but decided reeve of the present Town of Stewart Bell of Lakeland them," was the Minister's an member of the North Thornhill to withdraw from that nomina- Richmond Hill and lives on Avenue, Lake Wilcox, is a Sugar Maple Lane. Mr. Rowe teacher in the school there. He ment to the vacated council township of King. He lives at number of community groups,

the treasurers, will keep an eye mer school project at Hender- "At the time of my appoint- of what he hoped to accompilsh McKeough. "My particular nox Avenue, Richmond Hill, respot check — probably 100 dent of the Grandview Rate-solutely necessary for a mem-Drive at present and a start on palities will appeal some assess- Henderson Avenue Home and "This is especially true now a similar program for North that regional government is Taylor Mills Drive has been made. Mr. George pointed out on their toes," was the Minis- three children, Chris at Thorn- "Due to the abolition of plan- he has also introduced motions

> Mr. Chateauvert, who has parks and recreation commitcomplex problem of assessment teers, reported he had attended pelled me to reconsider my he had accepted the responsibilities of his committee duties and has striven to set a good example to the youth of the community during his eight years residence in Richmond Hill. He has also been interested in the mercantile ball league, has been an assistant hockey coach and active in the swimming club. He also has had an active part in the redevelopment of Skopit Park, installation of lights and correct-

> > to get a roof on the swimming "I oppose any salary increase for council at this time", he stated. "I intend to work for improvement of local roads installation of storm sewers and curbs and sidewalks as funds

ing a drainage problem at Cros-

by Park, work in Bradstock

and Cedar Parks, on the redev-

elopment of the Mill Pond Park

and has supported the efforts

become available." The present Ward 2 Councilfor Dave Schiller and Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey received acclamations to these seats on the municipal council of the new town. Present Vaughan Township Councillor Lou Wainwright also was acclaimed to the Ward 6 council seat. Mr. Wainwright had been involved in a traffic accident on his way to the nomination meeting and was give the privilege of speakig after the mayoralty candidates so that he might seek med-

ical aid. Another contest for a council seat will take place in Ward 4 (the west side of Yonge Street), where the incumbent Councillor Shaun Beggs will be opposed

by Robert Thompson. "I have worked nine months for you and have enjoyed every minute of it.' Mr. Beggs, who

(Continued from Page 1) "We're going to have many is heavily involved in Scouting Road, Oak Ridges, is the other that assessment on market val-that we must have industrial for Bill 143 which will spread problems and although it will and in the recreation group at candidate in this ward. Mr. eryone in a municipality pay- out that assessment on some "For years we have been ue was actually asking people assessment to equalize taxation. The cost of such relief over the be up to the council to find the Lake Wilcox. "There's a lot Smith has also been active in whole tax-paying community, solution, I want to pay tribute more that needs to be done," he Scouting and has been president rather than recouping it from to the town staff. You will stated. "Drug addiction seems of the Oak Ridges Homeowners "those who evidently have never find a more hard-work- to be rampant all over. The Association, leading that group's been paying more than their ing, dedicated group than solution lies not only at the fight to have something done just share in the past" by lim- these. Regardless of what re- council level but at the parent to clear up the danger to chiliting the decrease in taxation gional government is going to level. We must have an alterna- dren from man-made ponds and caused by reassessment to \$50 bring, you have had a good tive to offer to people. Young lakes in the area for the past council and will continue to people today have so much time few years.

which is completely unsuper- Admitting that he was very John Stifel, is well-known in Mr. Beggs, who has lived in vised, not unhealthy in itself, nervous, Mr. Smith stated he Vaughan Township, where a Richmond Hill for the past 13 With the new community and wanted to see that the ratepaycouple of years ago he waged years, reported that he is now new stimuli we must look for ers of Ward 5 get a fair deal. a strong campaign against the part of the town's business new solutions. If you have sug- "We have been passed over too township's practice of cutting community and with the co- gestions, take them to council often in the past on roads, weeds on his property and then operation of his two partners and help them come up with a drainage and high taxes," he

"In the last 10 years I have will be able to devote the "Plans are afoot to try to AURORA - Terrence "Torchy" seen taxes steadily rising, pro- necessary time to the work of take away our ability to local- Millar of Ste. Marguerite Statwas sold at \$10,000 an acre in wanted to know if the cash to organize one, but we are people who have been overize it and court cases strongly Mr. Stifel stated. "Back in In listing his service on the haven't been concerned enough," Grand Prix event at the Cana-

> ized rents were not required. his service as president of the depends on the spirit you can These three will top the 10 rid-He felt the good councillor Team competing in four shows did not go bankrupt paying headed the committee respon- is a man who is succinct and to this fall. Others from this artaxes. Tenants were then en-sible for the two successful the point, sincere, dedicated ea placing in the Grand Prix franchised to dilute the prop- winter carnivals which have and who has proven himself. were Tom Gayford, Brian Cal-





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To the municipal electors of the

AREA MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN

for the year 1970

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Ontario Regulations 342/70, that the following named persons are candidates qualified to be elected to the offices indicated:

For Local Councillor (5 to be elected)

Fred Armstrong Fred Dobson David Keith Fraser John Gilbert

Gordon Risk

For the Combined Office of Regional and Local Councillor

Albert D. Hollingshead Albert H. Rutherford

Robert Dalton McArthur

- To Serve a Term of Two Years -

- POLLING DAY -

The proceedings for filling said offices will be held on Monday, 5th day of October, 1970, from ten o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

The location of the polling places for each polling subdivision will be as follows —

1. 101 Crestwood Road; 2. and 4. Thornhill Public School; 3. Presbyterian Church, Centre Street, Thornhill; 5. and 6. Langstaff Public School; 19. Church of Christ, Concord; 20. Concord Public School; 21. and 22. Municipal Office, Maple; 23. E. Burns' house, Jane Street; 25. J. A. Gibson Public School; 26. Maple Public Library; 27. R. Cooper's house, Teston; 28. Woodbridge High School; 29. and 30. Pine Grove Public School; 31. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 7th Concession Road; 32. Hoover Motel, No. 27 Highway, Woodbridge; 33. Twin Elms Motel, No. 27 Highway, Kleinburg; 34. and 35. Kleinburg Public Library; 36. E. Miller's house, Nashville; W1, Lions Hall, Clarence Street, Woodbridge; W2, Orange Hall, 10 Wallace Street, Woodbridge.

- ADVANCE POLL -

An advance poll for the purpose of receiving the votes of voters of the Town of Vaughan who expect to be absent from the Town, or expect to be confined in hospital or for religious reasons, are prevented from voting on the day fixed for polling, will be held at the

Municipal Buildings, Richmond Street, Maple for Polling Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 & 27.

Municipal Buildings, Pine Street, Woodbridge for Polling Subdivisions 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, W1 & W2 on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 1970 FROM FOUR TO TEN O'CLOCK P.M. and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1970 FROM TEN O'CLOCK A.M. TO FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

Every person offering himself as a voter at the Advance Poll before being allowed to vote, shall be required by the Deputy-Returning Officer to make one of the foregoing declarations. All persons interested are hereby required to take notice

and govern themselves accordingly.

F. G. JACKMAN, Returning Officer.

Local NDP Meet Second Leadership Candidate

brought to our attention," Mrs.

pay this year's taxes."

be for the municipality to have Cub Group Committee.

on the assessments. We would son School.

(Continued from Page 1) 65% of the secondary industry of the nation," said leadership candidate Pitman.

On the question of the possible frightening off of foreign investment if Ontario had an NDP government, Mr. Pitman referred to the book "Silent Surrender" by Levitt, in which he said the authoress noted that 80% of the U.S. capital invested in Ontario in the last 20 years has been retained earning from existing investment.

"In fact, investment capital has been going out of the country, rather than coming in," said the Trent University history professor. He said one of the difficulties about the foreign investment quesion and about finding out what is actually happening, stems from the fact that the records of many companies are in computers out-

side the country, and Canadians can't get the information. "One of our difficulties today is the fact that decisions are being made elsewhere than where people work, and sometimes even outside

the country," he said. Mr. Pitman cited an example he was familiar with in Peterboro, where a firm was approached regarding pollution. The head office of the company was somewhere else in Canada, and the decision was made there that nothing could

be done about the problem. "This loss of responsible local decision making power makes us ess human. And the bright young eople feeling that they will never have the power to make decisions of consequence, leave and go else-

where," he said. Commenting on education, teacher Pitman said education must

not be left only to the schools. "Education goes on from age five to age 95, and many people are better trained to make a better contribution in activities outside the schools," he said.

Born in Toronto, MLA Pitman is the only son of Ernest Pitman, a clerk in the assessment department at Toronto. His mother was

the former Elsie Kendrick. Raised in the Bloor-Dundas district, he attended Keele Street Public School and Humberside

Collegiate. After school he worked at a series of jobs. He clerked in a groceteria, cleaned floors in a school, and supervised play-

grounds. As soon as he was old enough, he drove a truck. He later worked on a production line at a tire plant. He earned his way through the University of Toronto, graduating

in 1952 with honors in history. He played hockey and baseball and one year won the Canadian Intercollegiate Wrestling Cham-

pionship. In his graduation year he married Ida Collinge, a friend since childhood. They had attended the same school, sung in the same choirs and shared an interest in

After a year at the Ontario College of Education to qualify as a high school teacher, Mr. Pitman went back to Toronto University for his MA Degree. His thesis dealt with the history of Canada West . . . pre-Confederation On-

While he studied he taught at Bathurst Heights Collegiate in North York. In 1956 he moved to Peterboro to become head of the history department at Kenner Collegiate.

A supporter of the CCF since his teens, his first campaign experience was putting up signs in High Park to help Bill Temple topple Tory leader George Drew in 1948. At university, influential teach-

ers and his own reading made Walter a socialist. "For me, it was always a rational thing. The ideas just made sense,"

he says. Invited to be the New Party's candidate in Peterboro in a 1960 bye-election, he was victorious in the year before the party formally became the NDP. He turned the last CCF vote in the riding from 1,300 into a New Party total of 13,500.

member at Ottawa and became very involved in national party activities. But he lost by 500 votes in the 1962 election and again in 1963. He was co-chairman of the NDP founding convention in 1961. It was at this time that Mr. Pitman went back to his teaching

career and came to Southern York

He was the New Party's first

County, serving in supervisory positions and as a master teacher for the then York Central School Board, comprised of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Township, and Woodbridge.

In 1965 he was appointed Associate Registrar and Lecturer in History at the new Trent University in Peterboro. In two years he established the university's extension and school liaison program. He then was appointed Associate Professor of History.

For four years he has been host of his own television program on CHEX-TV, a CBC affiliate in Peterboro. He was an originator and one-year host on the CBC national youth program "It's Debatable". At the same time he was active

in the 12,000 member Ontario Education Association, and became president in 1968. In 1967 he captured the Peterboro provincial legislature seat for

second only to the party's Dr. Morton Shulman. Chairman of the NDP provincial caucus, Mr. Pitman has been NDP spokesman for the two biggest

He relaxes at the piano keyboard and gets his exercise running two miles every day he has time. He enjoys camping and sail canoeing.

the NDP, with an increase in votes

spending government departments, education and university affairs.

Walter and Ida Pitman have four children, Wade aged 16, Cynthia Lynne aged 15, Mark 12, Anne 9. lives on Leisure Lane, stated.