

# York North New Democrats Pin Hopes On Robert Lewis

**BY HAL BLAINE**  
 Robert (Bob) Lewis, 43, — She is the former Leda Ros-  
 computer "whiz" son of a tocky of Winnipeg, and they  
 Winnipeg steam fitter, former met in Toronto.  
 Whitechurch - Stouffville coun- They have three sons, Ted  
 cillor, Royal Canadian Air aged 17, David 15, and Greg  
 Force recruit at the age of 13.  
 during World War II — is the  
 New Democratic Party's candi-  
 date for York North in the  
 provincial election expected  
 this fall.  
 He describes himself as a  
 quiet rightist new, New Democ-  
 rat, non-Waffle, in the style of  
 Manitoba's NDP Premier Ed-  
 ward Schreyer.  
 He advocates moderation and  
 reasonableness in the imple-  
 mentation of New Democratic  
 social policy.  
 No family relation to the  
 Provincial Leader Stephen  
 Lewis, Whitechurch - Stouff-  
 ville's Bob Lewis says the On-  
 tario NDP has passed the stage  
 of being an inward looking  
 club of idealists. He says the  
 party is well on the way toward  
 becoming an outward looking  
 political force capable of power.  
 Lewis now lives in Bloom-

ton with his wife of 21 years.  
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 tocky of Winnipeg, and they  
 met in Toronto.  
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 aged 17, David 15, and Greg  
 aged 13.  
 Lewis was nominated as York  
 North candidate by Merlyn  
 Baker, a former fellow Whit-  
 church Township Councillor  
 and in the 1967 general elec-  
 tion carried the NDP banner in  
 York North.  
 He defeated Roy Dowling of  
 Newmarket for the candidacy  
 in a 42 to 31 secret ballot vote  
 at the riding nomination meet-  
 ing held in Aurora. Dowling is  
 a former Aurora resident, a  
 labor organizer both here and  
 in Great Britain.  
 Party Leader Stephen Lewis  
 was the main speaker at the  
 nomination meeting.  
 Candidate Bob Lewis only re-  
 cently became a member of the  
 NDP, but says he has long sup-  
 ported the party at the polls.  
 Lewis says he has found the  
 NDP policies run closely along  
 the lines he has been working

toward alone, and in municipal  
 politics. And he feels now he  
 would rather join in working  
 with like-minded people, rather  
 than going it alone.  
 He generally supports the  
 concept of the Toronto-Centred  
 Plan advanced by the province,  
 but he describes the plan as  
 toothless.  
 He says there should be a  
 green belt north of Toronto,  
 established under controls that  
 have teeth.  
 Industry should develop  
 north of York Region so com-  
 muters would be travelling both  
 north and south, he says, in-  
 stead of the whole world mov-  
 ing south through the riding  
 every morning and north every  
 night.  
 He is opposed to the big  
 and controversial Century City  
 proposal for a satellite town  
 east of Stouffville, saying it  
 means too many people in the  
 wrong place.  
 Establishing a large town on  
 a high ridge of land, as pro-  
 posed in Century City, creates a  
 serious sewage disposal prob-  
 lem, Lewis maintains.  
 This just isn't economic com-  
 mon sense and no suitable solu-  
 tion to the sewage disposal  
 problem has yet been advanced  
 for Century City, he says.  
 Lewis has taken a major inter-  
 est in sewage disposal prob-  
 lems and pollution in the past.  
 His wife is active in an Ux-  
 bridge pollution prevention  
 group.  
 He was chairman of the mas-  
 sive Preserve Our Water (POW)  
 Committee meeting last year  
 that successfully forced the  
 closing of a big open pit liquid  
 industrial waste disposal opera-  
 tion off Highway 48 near the  
 Stouffville water supply.  
 Candidate Lewis was born in  
 Winnipeg and attended public  
 school there.  
 After leaving the air force in  
 1946 he went back to school  
 and attended the University of  
 Manitoba for a time.  
 He then switched to the  
 Radio College of Canada at  
 Toronto, later taking a job for a  
 short time with Philco.  
 Bob Lewis then joined the  
 company where he is presently  
 employed as a systems analyst.

International Business Machin-  
 es.  
 Lewis lived in Stouffville for  
 11 years and moved to Bloom-  
 ington in 1967.  
 He tried for a seat on Stouff-  
 ville Council in 1964, but mis-  
 sed by 38 votes. Successful in  
 the 1966 village election, he  
 served two years on the coun-  
 cil.  
 Then in 1968 he ran in  
 Whitechurch Township and ser-  
 ved two years on the council.  
 He didn't run again in the  
 municipal election, partly for  
 reasons of health and partly be-  
 cause he didn't feel he could put  
 in the time necessary during  
 the looming regional govern-  
 ment reorganization of local  
 municipal affairs.  
 In the period from 1967 to  
 1970 he also owned and oper-  
 ated a cottage resort at Buck-  
 horn, which made additional  
 demands on his time.  
 Lewis is active in the Stouff-  
 ville Kinsmen Club, of which  
 he is a founding member. The  
 club elected him man of the  
 year in 1970.  
 He also belongs to the Stouff-  
 ville branch of the Canadian  
 Legion. He has been active in  
 Scouts and Cubs and also ser-  
 ved on the Stouffville parks  
 board.  
 The provincial riding of York  
 North includes the former  
 Village of Stouffville and  
 most of the area of York Re-  
 gion north of the Gormley Sid-  
 road line, such as Nobleton,  
 King City, Oak Ridges, New-  
 market and Aurora. It includes  
 the former Township of East  
 Gwillimbury, but not the for-  
 mer North Gwillimbury and  
 Georgina area.  
 The incumbent Progressive  
 Conservative Member of the  
 Legislature, William Hodgson  
 has been nominated to run ag-  
 ain in the riding. The Liberals  
 are yet to name a candidate.



BOB LEWIS  
 Airman At Age 15

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By KOOP HEILBRON

## (Reminds Me Of A Midnight Dream)

A fine opening to this week's entry would be to say how thousands of people missed a fantastic concert with Zacharia and Steven Davey at the Youth Canada kiosk on Sunday. Alas, snakes in the grass, but it ain't so. The show put on by Cable TV, the Pant-In, and Cosmo Music, was in a word, horrible. Now, it ain't that the sound system was so bad, jack, but well . . .

The first act, Zacharia played loud enough to split people's eardrums until a speaker blew up. Then Steven Davies of the Waco Puddings, who are, by the way, being considered for a recording contract and stardom by Warner Brothers, played another short set, doing some old tunes from way back when, and mostly original things while displaying his wonderful (yes, isn't he wonderful!) Neil Young type voice. He was better, though, than Zacharia. As for the latter band, I would suggest they should sit down and practice a bit more.

The show was poorly run, very sloppy, and two hours late.

Both acts really had nothing prepared and the whole show was more like a small party or private rehearsal. In fact, the crowd fluctuated from 9 to 15 during the afternoon. Hopes are high, of course, that any further concerts will be better attended and of higher musical standards.

So the reason for this introduction is the mention of the Youth Kiosk and Cable TV, both being groups of people trying to do good things for people during the summer.

Whether both attempts are working is still to be seen.

The kiosk on Yonge St. North of Highway 7 and just south of 16th Avenue, is actually a large brown tent paid for by the government and run by the OMNI OBLIers. The idea of a tent for people is actually very good, but it is not a good location. So far, in the first 14 days of operation, only six people have stopped there. During the day all that's happening there is a few OMNI OBLI people and orange garbage cans. The tent has recently met with misfortune, though. The plastic underpart of the tent was burned, windows were broken on the trailer and beer bottles were left lying around. Obviously some very drunk fools pulled this excursion off.

Now, the hopes are that the tent will become more used, therefore justifying its existence, and that the power gets put in. (Sunday's power was supplied by a secret source.)

Meantime, the boys at Cable TV have been cookin' up some hot stuff. The first thing that appeared early in the year was "Nous Five", a "teen" talk and information show, with short interviews on what's going on. Next, it was "Rush", a musical show that introduced some very good bands, including Buck Creek, Goldrush, and House Band, who came in second in the Davenport Folk festival. Rush was quite a good show, and acoustic bands were quite listenable. The next attempt, "Midnight Rambler" was a talk and music show and had guests like Richard Needham, Peter Goddard, and Bruce Bissel of Warner Brothers who "discovered" "Waco Pudding" on the show.

The present development on TV 10 is, of course, the live radio-television show on Friday and Saturday nights. The format is largely AM-style programming, in which you can phone in your hot requests, and the rest is a form of FM radio. Slowly, the programming has become better produced and smoother, so that the "Trouble is Temporary" sign hardly makes its appearance very frequently anymore. It's getting so that you can actually enjoy the show. The "request time" part of the action makes this radio, a sort of a "people's" radio, and you can even talk to a famous television celebrity! Hot dog!

Tommy, at 16, had already been taking guitar lessons for six years (he could still remember the first one, he learned how to play House of the Rising Sun) and had recently urged and succeeded in getting his guitar teacher, downtown, to teach him some blues riffs. Now, in the last two months, he has learned all the riffs from the "Wheels of Fire" album, and even some "Hendrix". With his fantastic style, thought Tommy (now, if I could only get that wa-wa pedal), once his music teacher thought Tommy "had the blues", he was ready for the big-time. "Man I could become as big as the Funk, eh?" First, to talk to the phys. ed. teacher to see if he could be part of the basketball night the next Friday. (hold yer breath). Next week, tune in as Tommy reveals, "I've got the blues in my shoes."

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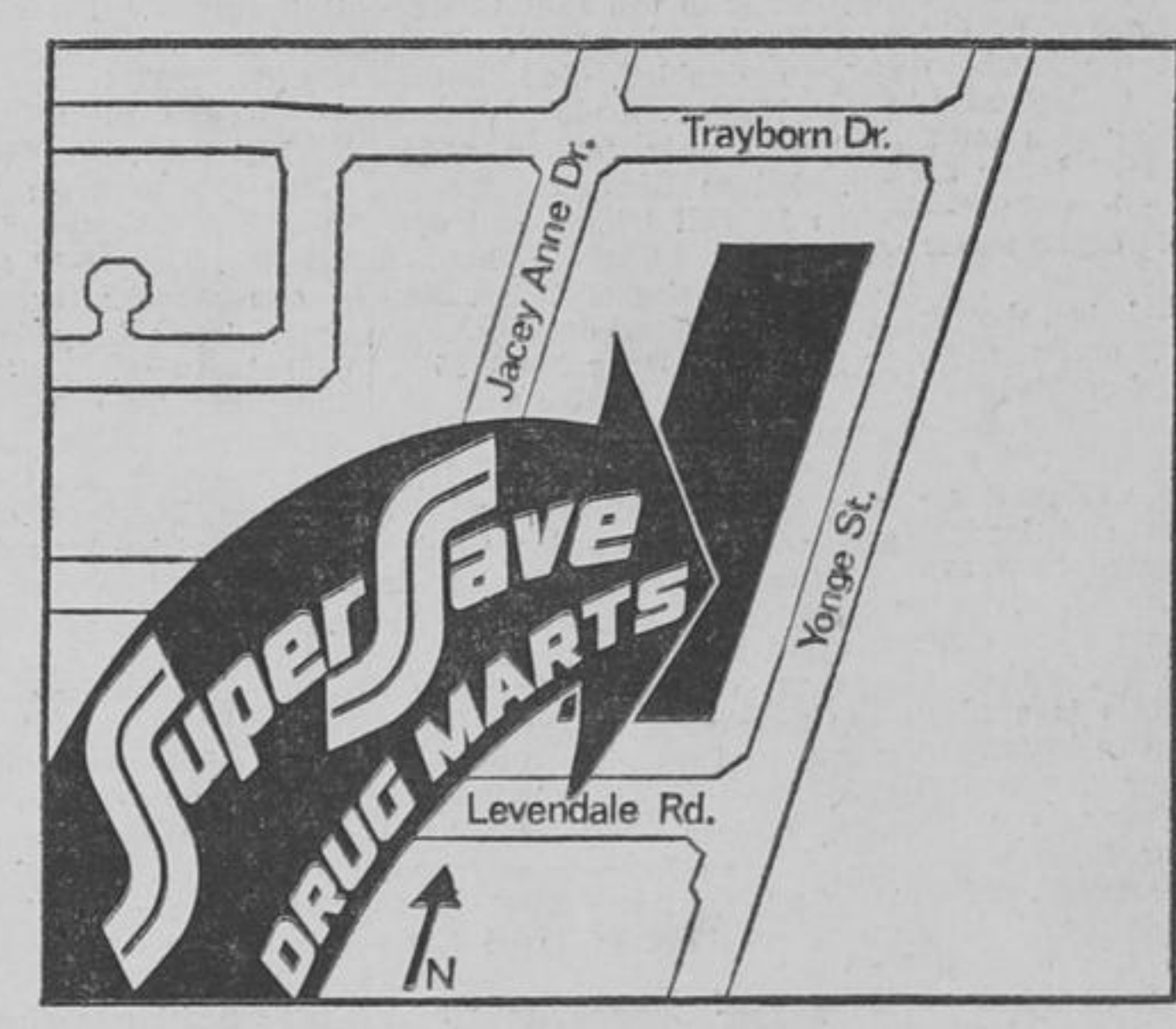
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