

# Kaleidoscope

By CATHY WILSON

"Wake up . . . time to wake up . . . he's been shot." The words filtered through the fog of my semi-conscious state. I wondered vaguely who had been shot. And then it seemed imperative that I know. I was suddenly wide awake repeating my formerly hazy query, now commanding a response: Who? who?

The answer came and I was stunned. But I set my jaw in determination. He can't die, I thought. It's just not possible that two brothers could suffer the same fate. It isn't fair to them or to us and it isn't just.

The next morning, I awoke to hear that Robert Kennedy was dead. The hopes and prayers of millions had all been in vain. Now, all that was left was despair. Despair because Robert Kennedy had stood for hope. Hope for those stricken by poverty, prejudice and war. And the hope of all of these for an easier recognition of their needs than through riot and confusion.

For Robert Kennedy was the Senator from New York who was concerned about the poor; he was the pop idol of teenagers, the mediator between youth and the establishment, trying to convince youth that they could change the destiny of their nation and should try; and he was the "blue-eyed soul brother" of the negroes, the friend of the ghetto prisoners.

All of you know this, but I believe that this man's accomplishments bear repeating and his life and death bear closer examination.

Here was a man who grew up with all the advantages of wealth and yet he, as well as his family decided that their purpose in life was to help those who did not have their advantages.

It is certainly not a new story, the rich man being a philanthropist and humanitarian. You could say that the Kennedy's could afford to be this way. And yet there is a difference, a dedication beyond belief because the average man would surely retire from public life in the face of obstacles such as the Kennedy have faced and overcome.

Even when his brother was assassinated after vigorously initiating the New Frontier, presidential policy designed to aid the oppressed in American society, Bobby Kennedy did not falter. He felt an obligation to continue this work with renewed strength and more intensive demand.

And he, like Martin Luther King, was philosophical about death. "If they want you, they can find you," he once said. It is a frightening thing, though, to even think that someone, somewhere could and would think of shooting this person who was working for what is right and good, and just.

It is significant that both Kennedy brothers were shot in the head. Whatever else they destroyed, those who killed them wished to be sure, it seems, that their powers of thought and speech were ravaged. For these Kennedy brothers thought of justice, spoke of ideals, and acted to bring their ideals to reality.

They thought in liberal terms, seeking to change the world, and they were killed by small-minded people, too petty to adjust their lives to a better society.

Robert Kennedy once said that the answer to a better society is "To rely on youth . . . a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease." He could have lived an easy life, caught in a luxurious but meaningful rut, shying away from openly stating his beliefs. But he chose to rely on his youth, imagination and courage.

With his death we are the recipients of the torch. We, the new generation, must inherit the responsibility "to seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change."

"The future," Robert Kennedy said "does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to building a new society."

Teddy Kennedy said, "My brother need not be idealized." I agree; he was an ideal in himself, one we should all strive to attain. Let us prepare ourselves and begin now.

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)

## Danson, Grant, Hurlburt

# Large Crowds Greet Candidates

By JANICE MAWHINNEY

A large, enthusiastic crowd turned out to support their favorites at the all candidate meeting for York North June 11. The meeting, sponsored by the Grandview Highland Community Association, took place at Henderson Avenue Public School in Highland Park.

There were old people with canes and cushions, and young people in miniskirts and mod outfits. One young man in the front row wore lime green slacks and carried a book on black power; he pored intently over a paper headlined "End The War In Vietnam."

When the candidates drew lots to determine the order of speaking, Barney Danson, Liberal, drew first spot. "The world respects Canada and Canadians," he claimed. "They envy us our opportunity."

"The best approach to this opportunity," he said, "is the fresh direction and style of the Liberals. 'Not only is Mr. Trudeau a great man,' he claimed, 'but the response to him is great. There is a high interest at all levels in his election.'"

Mr. Danson pointed out that York North riding is an area as large as Metropolitan Toronto. "It has all the problems of an emerging, burgeoning area," he said. "We need to provide homes for families. This is feasible, but we must have the will to do it."

Jack Grant, New Democrat, had drawn the second slot on the agenda. "After the great debate on television the other night, no one should be confused as to party stands," he started out, bringing a wave of laughter from his listeners.

"The Liberal campaign is based on one personality," he charged. "Trudeau is supposed to sweep their candidates in on his coat tails. He is not a great man or a great reformer."

Mr. Grant spent some time on the problem of the budget for the Company of Young Canadians. "Our party stands for the people first," he said. "We want to help the CYC."

Gordon Hurlburt, Progressive Conservative, moved the podium which had been covered with Danson posters, saying he preferred not to speak behind a Liberal platform.

"I'm running because I'm concerned about Canada," Mr. Hurlburt stated. "I'm concerned about the problems with rising unemployment and the increase in the cost of living."

"We need legislation for housing. Within a mile of this meeting there are two and three families living in a frame house."

Mr. Hurlburt spoke about the problems of the farmers. "I was talking to a farmer in Markham the other day," he said. "He's giving up farming; it's impossible to make a living in it."

In concluding, he pointed out strongly that the Progressive Conservative want "one Canada, one country and one government."

**REBUTTAL**  
In his rebuttal, Mr. Danson quoted the Liberal housing goals up to 1970. To Mr. Hurlburt's charge that Canada can no longer borrow from its public, and must go to other lands for money, Mr. Danson countered, "Our credit is so good that we can borrow in countries with competitive rates."

Mr. Grant mentioned foreign ownership of Canadian industry. "The country is being sold right out from under our feet," he complained.

"Mr. Danson has called me a Communist," he said. "I wish I

could return the compliment and call the Liberals businessmen, but I can't. I call them damn fools."

Mr. Hurlburt claimed he had heard nothing new, and didn't know what to rebut. "The real issue is that we don't live in a just society," he said. "We need a government that will re-evaluate and go ahead in a new direction."

Written questions were submitted to Bob McClellan, moderator of the meeting and vice president of the Grandview Highland Community Association.

All three candidates were asked to describe their stands on the 11 percent federal tax on building materials.

"I feel this is one of the more aggressive forms of taxation," said Mr. Grant. "We could raise this money by cutting out the loopholes in other areas. Everyone should pay his share."

Mr. Danson admitted, "I'm not enamoured of the sales tax." He said there were some issues where his opinion varied with the official Liberal stand, and he does not automatically rubber stamp everything the

party does.

"We are going to eliminate the 11 per cent sales tax," Mr. Hurlburt, who is a builder, stated. "It is an undesirable and unnecessary expense."

Mr. Danson was asked about old age pensions "We're trying to look after need where it exists," he replied. He spoke of the serious study the cabinet is making of the Carter Taxation Report. They are not accepting it verbatim, but are using their own judgment, Mr. Danson said.

Mr. Hurlburt was asked to comment on the attitude of the provincial Conservative Government towards the farmers. He answered that the federal government can provide a stable economy for the farmers of Canada, not just Ontario. "We must find foreign markets for general produce from this country," he concluded.

When asked about the effects of a capital gains tax, Mr. Grant answered that in his opinion it would not be detrimental to investments within this country. Both the Liberals and Tories have indicated they are opposed to the introduction of a capital gains tax.

## George Stewart Joins Hydro's 25-Year Club

George Charles Stewart, 42, of Unionville, Central Region's Forestry Supervisor, has just become a member of the Hydro 25-Year Club.

Born at MacIntyre, southeast of Owen Sound, he joined Ontario Hydro in 1943 and in the same year enlisted in the Royal Canadian Armored Corps, serving in Italy and Western Europe.

At the end of the war he was transferred to the Canadian Provost Corp and was on duty during the courtroom trials of several important Nazi war criminals.

He returned to Canada and to Ontario Hydro in 1947, being posted to the Petrolia area in forestry work. He served with the forestry crew in Dundas and in October, 1951, was transferred to Stratford as subforeman.

In 1952 he was moved to the Markham area and became a forestry foreman, and in 1966 was promoted to his present position.

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In numerous public meetings, Mr. Hurlburt has outlined his policies to the constituents of this Riding on such vital problems as housing, agriculture, transportation, urban planning and national unity. He has also presented his suggestions and ideas for solutions on many other matters of concern to the people who live in this area.

Mr. Hurlburt is determined to represent the people of York North first and foremost. Gord Hurlburt is the candidate with the experience and knowledge which is needed in Ottawa to come to grips with the challenges facing Canada today.

**EXPERIENCED LEADER** Gord is senior member of the Borough of North York Board of Control and Acting Mayor. He has been a Member of Council for 6 years, having topped the polls by a wide majority in the 1964 and 1966 Municipal elections. He is a member of the powerful Metropolitan Council and is presently Chairman of the important Metro Transportation Committee.

**OUTSTANDING RECORD.** Voters appraising the qualifications and experience of the candidates in York North would be wise to consider the outstanding record of service of Gord Hurlburt.

Gord Hurlburt's achievements and outstanding record as Chairman of the important Metropolitan Toronto Transportation Committee and as a member of the powerful Metro Council, are evidence of his involvement in working for people.

The fact that neither of Mr. Hurlburt's opponents have ever won the confidence of the majority of citizens in a political election is reason enough for York North residents to "Vote For Experience" on June 25th and Elect Gord Hurlburt.

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