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Introducing—

Miss Margaret Roberts

A Young Conservative of Distinction

FEBRUARY 28th this year was a significant day for Kent Young Conservatives. It was the day which saw the adoption of Kent's first Y.C. prospective candidate, Miss Margaret Roberts, B.A., B.Sc., who was then adopted by the Dartford Division.

Those who have had the opportunity of meeting Miss Roberts will pay tribute to Dartford's decision, and so will the rest of us once we have had that chance, or read her article which has been specially written for the "FORUM" and appears today on page 3.

At the age of only 24, Miss Roberts has had a thorough grounding in politics. Her father has for many years been a prominent member of the Grantham Borough Council, becoming Mayor in 1945.

Whilst at Oxford University Miss Roberts joined the Conservative Association, eventually rising by way of committee, general agent and hon. treasurer to be the third woman to hold the post of president.

Leaving University for Colchester, this town's Association was better off for her active work and interest. Chairman of the intermediate age group and a Ward hon. secretary were Miss Roberts' offices there, besides being actively connected with the Executive and Education committees.

Any Oxford University Conservative Association president must be an accomplished speaker, and indeed Miss Roberts is. Not only politics, but scientific subjects as well, have been responsible for Miss Roberts' speeches.

Her work in research led to her B.Sc. for a thesis she wrote on this subject. She is at present engaged in research work for Messrs. J. Lyons and Co. Ltd.

There is no doubt that throughout her career, in education, politics, and in her own work, she has greatly distinguished herself; and we have no doubt that this will continue. May we wish her success in all her ventures, and may Miss Margaret Roberts, B.A., B.Sc. soon become Miss Margaret Roberts, B.A., B.Sc., M.P.



TO THE KENT YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Never before in the history of the Conservative Party has Youth played such a great part as now. It is apparent that the Young Conservatives are the most serious students of politics in constituency Associations. This augurs well for the future of our country and party. Let us hope that by our activity we shall confound the saying that apathy is the greatest enemy of the Conservative Party.

MARGARET N. ROBERTS.

'TO ACTION'!

Came the cry from Cliftonville

FOR A second year running several hundred Y.C.'s from all over Kent gathered together at the St. George's Hotel for a weekend school on October 22nd.

"Into Battle" was the theme. "Into Action" was the advice.

The opening ceremony was performed—again for the second year running—by the Hon. Edward Carson, M.P. for the Isle of Thanet, in whose division the school was being held.

A Kent candidate—Mr. W. F. Deedes of Ashford Division, led off with a striking speech on "Imperial Policy." His well thought out views well achieved his object of filling in any gaps which the Charter might have left.

After tea, Lord Ellenborough, one of, if not the youngest member of the House of Lords, was listened to with every attention. "Socialism, Starvation and Serfdom" were only too vividly linked in his address.

The inevitable dance took place on the Saturday evening. As always it was a great success and in itself worthy of detailed comment, if only the space were available. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, as only Y.C.'s can at weekend schools.

It fell to Mr. E. J. Tranter, Central Office Deputy Area Agent for S.E. Area to restore the more serious side the following morning. He brought home to all the vital necessity of acting now, and not waiting, or leaving it to others.

Mr. J. V. Garmansway, of Conservative Central Office, had the rather more envious position of speaking, after lunch, on the subject of "Know Your Enemy." His information on Socialism, its inevitable conclusions, and his advice on providing information, will help a great deal in the coming battle.

The last speaker, again from Kent, was Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, V.C., who gave a masterly exposition of the "Right Road for Britain."

The closing-up of the school was in the excellent hands of the chairman of both Folkestone Division and Kent Group Young Conservatives—Mr. G. M. S. Sprake.