

NOTE OF INTERVIEW

With Miss Maxse

Mr. Thomas ^{7/2}
General Director
Lord John Hope

Copy sent to chairman.

Name Miss Margaret Roberts.

Date 1st February 1949.

42, Cambridge Road,
Colchester.

Miss Roberts called and is very attractive looking with a quiet efficiency which should stand her in good stead.

Miss Roberts was unanimously selected by the Executive Committee at Dartford last night and hers was the only name to go forward to the adoption meeting. Although Dartford had short-listed five candidates, I gather that Miss Roberts' platform knowledge and speaking ability are far above those of the other candidates.

Miss Roberts is a Research Chemist by profession and is at present working in Colchester, but for a long time has been anxious to get a job in London. She is entirely dependent on what she earns and I have asked her to let me know the kind of job she wants in case any of us here can help her. She wants a salary of £500 a year and I gather would like a job in some big chemical firm like the I.C.I.

Miss Roberts did well at Oxford, is a B.Sc., and managed also to become President of the O.U.C.A. in 1946. She is only 23 years of age now but has managed to pack a considerable amount of political activity into her life. She worked hard at Grantham where her home is, spoke every night during the General Election and is accustomed to dealing with varying types of audiences and can also speak in the open-air. She is particularly keen on Empire subjects as well as the ordinary bread-and-butter politics.

I also was much impressed with her and think we have got quite a good candidate there.

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Born - 1925

British

Methodist

~~Single~~ Married

Educated at Huntingtower Road Elementary School, 1930-35; Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School, 1935-43; Somerville College, Oxford.

Research Chemist.

President, Oxford University Conservative Association, Michaelmas 1946.

Gained political experience :-

1. As an officer of a University Association.
2. Canvassing during part of General Election 1945 for Oxford City and occasionally speaking to its branches.
3. Speaking on many occasions for Richard Worth, 1945 candidate for Grantham and Sleaford.
4. Speaking to many Colchester branches and to meetings in the open-air and leading discussion groups.
5. Chairman of Colchester 1939-45 group (i.e. intermediate between Y.O.s and senior association) and on ward committees and divisional executive.
6. Speaking on scientific subjects to non-political bodies.
7. By serving on East Midlands Political Education Committee.

Adopted as Prospective Conservative Candidate for Dartford, February 1949.
Unsuccessfully contested this Division, G.E. Feb. 1950.

Re-adopted Prospective Candidate for Dartford, 28.3.50;
Unsuccessful G.E. 1951.