

NOTE OF INTERVIEW.

1. The G.D. ^{20/6}
2. Lady Maxwell Fyfe
3. Mr. Hare

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(with Mr. Hare)

copy to the Chairman

Name.....Mrs. D. Thatcher,.....
112 Swan Court,
Chelsea Manor Street,
London, S.W.3.

Date.....19th June 1952.....

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Mrs. Thatcher has married recently, and formerly fought Dartford as Miss Margaret Roberts in both 1950 and 1951. She is a remarkable young woman who is not to be deterred from pursuing a political career in spite of her recent marriage and the possibility of producing and bringing up a family.

She is about to pass the last hurdle in her law examinations.

She had recently informed us that because of marriage she wished to be put in cold storage. She now says that she cannot resist coming in to play an active part in politics because she is very concerned at the falling away in the support of the Party among the rank and file ~~and~~ members of our own Associations.

She would obviously like the chance of fighting a marginal or safe seat. Miss Beryl Cook describes her as the best woman candidate she has ever known. I would also agree, as in our short interview she struck me as being a woman of immense personality and charm with a brain quite clearly above the average. I did my best to warn her of the horrors of life in the House of Commons especially in so far as this life affects the home.

Nothing I said deterred her. She would like her name to go forward for Canterbury, and I am more than prepared that she should be put forward for any safe or marginal seat in the London area, or within a radius of 30 miles of London.

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