

Chatham Officially Gets Board Figures

Dobson, May 30.—Thurmond Chatham, Elkin manufacturer, today clinched his lead over Rep. John Folger, of Mt. Airy, for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the fifth district when the Surry county board of

elections made official its previously announced tabulations. After hearing protests by both candidates of voting in three Surry precincts, the board declined to alter its previously announced figures giving Folger 4,541, Chatham 2,911 and Joe J. Harris, of Winston-Salem, third man in the contest, 51. Protests Heard This left Chatham in the lead by 59 votes out of the approx-

mately 43,000 votes cast in the seven-county district. The totals now stand at 11,992 for Chatham, 21,223 for Folger and 305 for Harris. During the hearing on the charges of irregularities, Chatham spokesmen reiterated their allegations, supported by signed statements, that persons cast more than one vote in the Dobson precinct, which Folger carried; that no registration or poll books were present in the voting area or ever referred to, and that, in all, more than 35 persons voted than were registered in the precinct.

Folger, who was present, answered these charges in person. He said some voters by error placed congressional and county tickets in the congressional box, giving rise to the charge that they had voted twice. He produced affidavits to show that necessary books were on hand and were referred to as required by law.

Folger then repeated his charges of irregularities in the Elkin and Bryan precincts. He charged the registrars with having sought out and registered known Republicans as Democrats. He alleged further that many persons not residents of the district also voted. These allegations were supported by affidavits.

In addition to these sworn statements, he submitted a bill of contentions in which he charged that Judge Fred Neaves, of Elkin, had aided voters without being requested; that Avery Neaves, vice president of Chatham Manufacturing company, had remained in the polls during the primary and had "intimidated hundreds of Chatham workers" into voting for Chatham.

At this point Folger also charged that Chatham had spent between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in the district in an attempt to influence the outcome of the election.

This charge was denied by

Women IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

"Stewardship has taken on a new meaning for me during these past four years, and I am sure it has for many other Christian women who have come to see that the amount one buys and the price one pays help determine the economic life of the nation," Miss Stella Scurlock, of the OPA, recently wrote to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which favors rationing and price control. "No longer can a Christian buy as much as she pleases, at any price she pleases," adds Miss Scurlock. "The necessity of rationing and price control over these years has awakened all of us to the essential interrelatedness of all people in all aspects of our lives."

Members of Methodist churches in Tampa, Florida, and vicinity have undertaken a canning project to produce a carload of meat, fruit, and vegetables to send overseas to famine areas. Under the direction of Mrs. C. Russel Schaker, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and of the Rev. J. J. Rooks, they have canned great quantities of food that would otherwise have gone to waste. The children and young people gathered the produce from markets and farms; and men and women, after their regular working hours, did the canning according to methods approved by the Florida Extension Service. Now the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction (297 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.) is urging women of other communities to undertake similar projects.

A plea that church and related groups in American life begin a "public relations job" to neutralize the growing use of alcoholic beverages, was made recently by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, of Evanston, Ill., national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. "Thirty years ago bars were patronized mostly by men," says Mrs. Colvin. "Now we have mothers, boys and girls, and even grandmothers drinking hard liquor at the bars along with men. We even have lovely young ladies drinking the most vicious of all alcoholic drinks—an imported horror named vodka—out of tea cups." Mrs. Colvin is urging members of the Union to urge upon Congress the prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic beverages during the present food shortage.

V. A. Provides For Veterans' Service

Winston-Salem.—Veterans Administration contact representatives in North Carolina provided service to nearly 22,000 persons who visited their offices last month, it was announced today.

The regional office and twenty-three other contact offices had 21,719 visitors during April, including veterans, veterans' dependents, or their representatives, according to a report made by Charles G. Montgomery, Contact Officer for the State. In addition, there were 529 contacts provided by itinerant service.

Not only was information provided concerning Veterans Administration services, but 6,545 applications for benefits were prepared by the contact representatives, Montgomery said.

The Winston-Salem office leads the list with a total of 2,988 contacts; the Charlotte Sub-Regional Office was next with 2,431; and Durham third with 1,951. The North Wilkesboro office had 361 contacts.

Judge Roy Deal, of Winston-Salem, who appeared as Chatham's attorney, Chatham, who was present, did not verbally participate in the hearing.

Neither side gave notice of appeal after Chairman Arthur Fulk, of Pilot Mountain, had announced the elections board's decision to let its previously-announced totals stand.

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Best Comments On Miss Pratt's Vote In Wilkes County

The Greensboro Daily News on Saturday carried the following comment by W. T. Bost, Raleigh correspondent, on the vote cast in Wilkes in the special congressional election May 25: Wilkes Is Gallant

Wilkes county Saturday, May 25, went Democratic when Miss Jane Pratt put her fate in Republican hands.

Wilkes Republicans welcomed women into citizenship as far back as 1920 and the Republican representative of that county voted to stand by the state and national Republican, also the state and national Democratic platforms. Not all the Republicans were so gallant. The Honorable Rafe Haymore of Surry offered in respect to the women to remove his shoes in a sort of Mosaic mannerism as the lawgiver approached the burning bush. But the women wished nobody's shoes off. Besides, it was very hot, in August at the special session in 1920.

But Wilkes was chivalrous. Alleghany, commanded by Governor R. A. Doughton, would hear to none of it, though Governor Doughton generally was regular. His state and national conventions had ordered the 19th amendment ratified, but the Alleghany man would not obey his party's ukase. When Republican Tennessee ratified the amendment anti-suffragists broke their necks to get enabling legislation by which women could vote the Democratic ticket.

The Republicans have been using chivalry no little. They really offered no opposition to Mrs. Giles Cover in her race for the house from Cherokee in 1944. When Miss Jane Pratt was given the Democratic nomination for Congress to fill out the unfinished term of W. O. Burgin, many people expressed the hope that

the Republicans would write Miss Jane to get a "manly" vote. But the party men saw a grand opportunity in the off year. They nominated a man and Miss Jane beat him in Wilkes, which assembly has about twice as many Republicans as Democrats.

Miss Jane gathered 1,503 votes in Wilkes and Frank Hult, her Republican opponent, only 1,479. Which testimonial Miss Jane will

appreciate much more than the world have bestowed upon her removing his shoes in the hot month of August.

After carrying water up a steep, 44-foot hill to their home for many years, the Charles Harris family living on the High Woods farm in Person County, has begun the installation of a hydraulic ram to supply water.

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