

Photo by Steve Boerner

Democrat Hess Dyas, loser in the 1st District Congressional race.

Thone to third term

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Early campaign polls had indicated Dyas was trailing Thone. Following his campaign walk in October, Dyas had closed the gap to 12 percentage points.

At his campaign headquarters, Dyas said he was not surprised with the closeness of the 1st District results. As incumbent, Thone had the money and staff with which to wage a campaign, he said.

Dyas campaign workers, however, raised \$102,900 that allowed for the "competitive campaigning" Dyas said had been lacking in the district.

Thone, at Republican headquarters in the Villager Motel, and Dyas both stated during the campaign that the economy would be their main concern, if elected.

According to Dyas, the short range goals he would work toward if elected included better meat prices for farmers and stopping the retailers whom he said take more than their share of the profits. Dyas said he also would work toward tax reform and a crackdown on monopolies.

He pledged additional support for smaller family farms. Dyas said he also would support campaign reform legislation, particularly the issue of public financing for candidates.

At Republican campaign headquarters, Thone said inflation, agriculture and health care would be his main concerns. Thone also supported cutting the military budget and foreign aid.

According to Thone, Congress currently is in its most difficult year because of the economic situation, the "distressed livestock situation", the effects of the summer drought and somewhat because of the effects of Watergate.

The Democratic sweep of open Congressional seats will make those Republican congressmen "work harder and more effectively," he said.

The incumbent financed his campaign with donations of \$100 or less. During the campaign, Thone had criticized the amount of money spend by Dyas on his campaign. Contributions received by Dyas had included donations from out-of-state union political leagues.





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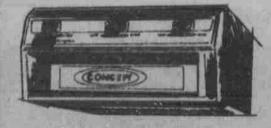


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