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# 220 Governor Boosts Local Candidates

Two local Republicans were given a boost by Gov. Dan Evans in the Tri-Cities yesterday. (Story on page 1, picture on page 12.)

He strongly praised Pasco Councilman Art Fletcher, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

He also said that C. E. (Chuck) Evans "has an excellent chance" of beating Rep. Doris Johnson, incumbent Democrat, for her seat as representative from district 16-A.

Evans, in the primary election, outpolled Mrs. Johnson by 11 votes. The two meet in the general election.

Evans said he felt the Republican majority in the state house would remain about the same.

He said he felt certain

Republicans will gain three seats in the senate by virtue of redistricting, should pick up a fourth in an area where the Republican ran far ahead in the primary, and had several possibilities for picking up a fifth, which would give Republicans a 25-24 edge in the Senate and control of both houses.

Evans said Fletcher would be elected "if he can get out and talk to enough people."

Fletcher's campaign theme of self-help "is one of the few new ideas that has come to light. It's a lot different than that being used during the past 35 years."

Fletcher did so well in the primary, Evans said, "because he had a message and his opponent didn't."