

Vote Opposes Integrated Library

DANVILLE, Va., June 14—The voters of Danville today favored closing the public library rather than meet integration as recently ordered by U.S. Judge Roby Thompson. The vote was 2,829 to close and 1,598 to open to both races.

A scattering vote for alternative ways of dispensing library books also was recorded.

For the first time in Danville's history Negro workers were active in 14 precincts and urged voters to keep the library open. The campaign during recent weeks had been vigorous.

Not Binding

The City Council will meet now to determine a definite course of action in library operation. The referendum had been labeled advisory and not binding.

The voters also elected five members of the City Council from a field of 12. The winners were James T. Catlin III, W. D. McCubbins, George Anderson, Fletcher Harris and George Daniels.

Big Surprise

The big surprise of the election was the sudden appearance at the polls of Negro workers distributing handbills showing a slate of five council candidates. The handbills gave no indication of source of sponsorship and urged voters to favor an open library. The candidates endorsed were Catlin Daniels, Charles Prescott, Fletcher Harris and Austen Jones. The five named lost no time in getting radio time and issuing statements saying they knew nothing of the endorsement and had not been consulted. They repudiated the use of their names.