

# Esch, McDonald For Senate? One Nay, One Maybe

By DENNIS PAJOT

Two Observant congressmen are reluctantly being boomed prominently as possible consensus choices of the Republican Party to challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. Philip Hart this fall.

2nd District congressman was first mentioned by another possible GOP candidate, former Gov. George Romney. His name was listed by Gov. William Milliken among 25 possible candidates.

Among those he listed was 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald, also a second term member of the U.S. House.

Delivering the list this past weekend at a GOP state central committee meeting, Milliken said any one of the 25 could be decided upon by another session in late February.

BOTH ESCH AND Mc-

DONALD disavowed being candidates at this time in statements to Observer Newspapers Monday.

Esch left the door considerably ajar in his statement, however. McDonald refrained from outright refusal, but just

"I believe it would be premature for me to look at that race at this time," said Esch. "I have strongly supported Romney for the candidacy, and until he bows out, anything else is premature," said Esch.

Esch said he was "honored" to have been mentioned. McDonald said "I am flattered."

Esch also said, "I think someone can start as late as April and still beat Hart."

MOST INSIDERS place Esch and McDonald well behind Romney as the preferred choice.

Ahead of all except Romney, seems to be Congressman Donald Riegle of Flint, another second term representative. He — like Esch and McDonald — was one of the corps of young Republicans elevated to prominence while Romney led the state GOP to a big 1966 victory.



STRIKING OUT DRUG ABUSE — Detroit Tiger pitching star Denny McLain, (second from left) was at the Northwest Branch of the YWCA, 2540 Grand River, last Saturday to talk to a group of teens about drugs. The mound ace has made numerous appearances in the area to talk to young people on the subject, and the YW is one of a number of agencies working on the new Redford Township Drug Center. Pictured here with McLain are (from left) Linda Geisler of Redford Township, Paul Wisner of Livonia and Mark Anderson of Farmington.

## Ford Giving 50 Automotive Scholarships

For the fifth successive year, the Ford Motor Co. Fund is sponsoring a competition for automotive technology scholarships among children of more than 170,000 employees of Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships.

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Ford, president of the Fund, said.

As a result of last year's competition, 50 students with outstanding technical potential are enrolled in 15 schools throughout the country.

The scholarships pay full tuition and provide an annual stipend toward room and board of \$300 for students living at home and \$750 for those living away from home. The Fund also makes an annual contribution of \$250 to the general education budgets of the institutions for each scholarship student in attendance.

Candidates must have a high school graduation date between Sept. 1, 1967, and Aug. 31, 1970, or a military service discharge date between Sept. 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1970. In the latter case, they may have been graduated from high school at any time. Applications must be submitted by April 1, 1970.

Winners will be selected by a committee of educators on the basis of technical ability, citizenship and leadership qualities.

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## Lowry Gets Promotion

Samuel N. Lowry of 685 Forest, Plymouth, has been appointed to the new post of second vice president—client administration by Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., Farmington.

A West Point graduate, Lowry spent eight years in the Army, rising to the rank of captain, before joining the insurance company in 1963. He was most recently director of client services.

## Drain Bill Aimed At Pollution

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State Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-W. Bloomfield) has introduced a bill on water pollution and drains.

"This legislation," said Kuhn, would give the Department of Public Health and the Department of Natural Resources control over all drains to be constructed or located in around lakes and streams.

Recently, in Oakland County, there has been considerable controversy over Loon Lake at Wixom and Williams Lake at Waterford. Many residents have stormed city hall with heavy protests to those cities for allowing storm water discharges into these lakes.

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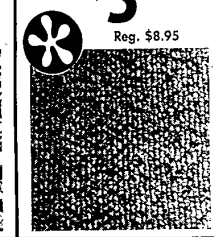


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