

17th District race

McDonald wants Griffiths' seat

Patrick A. McDonald, vice-president and former president of the Detroit Board of Education, announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for the 17th District congressional seat now held by U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Detroit).

Mrs. Griffiths is retiring after 20 years service in Congress. The district includes Redford Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village and northwest Detroit.

McDonald, a Detroit resident, is noted for his opposition to forced busing of school children and for authoring the Magnet School Plan

as an alternative to busing.

HOWEVER, McDonald said he doesn't intend to run his campaign for Congress entirely on opposition to busing. Among his other top priorities are campaign reform and integrity in government, he said.

McDonald said he entered the race to give 17th District voters a choice between "politics as usual" attitude among others seeking the seat, and a continuation of the "intellectual and political integrity" of Mrs. Griffiths.

As a member of the Detroit School Board, McDonald has op-

posed secret meetings of public boards and committees and helped to end the lengthy Detroit teachers' strike last fall.

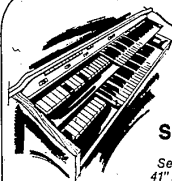
McDonald called simultaneous inflation and recession, taxes, forced busing, health care, lack of morality in government, crime and special privileges for the rich and poor as key campaign issues.

A GRADUATE of the University of Detroit Law School, McDonald is a partner in the law firm of Monaghan, Campbell, LoPrete & McDonald and an adjunct professor of law at U of D.

In 1970 he was selected as "The

Outstanding Young Man of Detroit" by the Detroit Junior Chamber of Commerce and was among five chosen for the "Outstanding Young Men of Michigan" awards by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is secretary of the advisory board of Providence Hospital, former member of the Detroit Library Commission and member of the retirement commission for Detroit schools and Wayne County Tax Allocation Board. He also is former president of the First Friday Club of Detroit and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.



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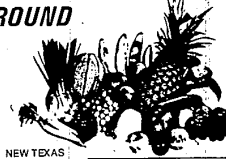
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Forbes backs vet bonus bill

By REP. JOSEPH FORBES (D-Oak Park)

The state has, in the past, granted cash bonuses to Michigan veterans in recognition of their military service in wartime. However, there has been no such recognition for those who served in the time of the Vietnam conflict.

There was an attempt to do this in 1972 when the legislature placed before the voters a proposed bond issue to finance bonuses and educational benefits for Vietnam veterans. It was turned down.

The house recently approved a senate bill to place another bond issue before the electorate. Unlike the 1972 plan, this one covers bonuses only. The cost would be considerably less.

The bill grants a service bonus to Michigan veterans of the Vietnam war or their beneficiaries. To qualify, a veteran must have been a Michigan resident for six months before entering the service and have completed at least 180 days of honorable service between Jan. 1, 1961 and Sept. 1, 1975, or have died

during that period from service-connected causes.

COMBAT veterans (those eligible to wear the Vietnam Service Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal) would receive \$600. Non-combat veterans would receive \$15 for each month of service, to a maximum of \$450. If deceased, the bonus would go to his beneficiary. A veteran or his beneficiary could apply for the bonus until June 30, 1980.

If authorized by voters, the state would issue up to \$204 million in general obligation bonds to provide funds for the bonuses. A sum sufficient to meet principal and interest obligations on the bonds would be appropriated each year by the legislature. The proposal is to be before voters in next November's general election.

I voted for the bill. World War II and Korean War veterans received cash bonuses from the state in recognition of their service. In the interest of fairness, Vietnam veterans should receive similar recognition.

Also approved by the house was a bill which would require that off-road recreational vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, dune buggies, motorcycles, mini-bikes and trail bikes, be registered and regulated.

The purpose of the bill is to control off-road vehicles so as to protect the resources of the state, promote the safety of users, and reduce conflicts among the various users of the lands of the state.

I VOTED for the bill. Off-road vehicles are becoming increasingly popular. However, their widespread use on public lands frequently is in conflict with land and resource management practices, environmental values, and other types of recreation.

The number of off-road recreational vehicles which would be regulated by the bill is expected to reach 400,000 within the next three years. Now under consideration in the senate, the bill cleared the house by a 76 to 23 vote.

The last mobile home bill to be approved by the house is a mea-

sure which would prohibit the use of hay, straw or other similar materials as insulation between the mobile home base and the ground. Some persons attempt to enclose the space around their mobile homes with these flammable materials. Since current mobile home construction already involves materials which are very susceptible to fire, the use of flammable organic "skirting" materials constitutes a grave fire hazard.

In the interest of fire safety and the lives of mobile home occupants, I voted for the bill. It was approved by a 63 to 17 vote and sent to the senate.

Area dancer in Romania to perform

Robyn Laird is dancing her way through Romania.

The 1972 graduate of Southfield High School is in Romania through June 2 with the Alma College A Cappella Choir performing as "Ambassadors for Friendship." Everyone else will sing, but not Robyn.

With 13 years of training in Scottish dance at the Magnuson School of Dancing, she will be doing solo performances, accompanied only by a bagpiper.

"They'll be performing at least

three major performances in halls or theaters and then they'll hold concerts for the workers in factories all over the country and also for townspeople in outlying districts, her mother, Mrs. Warren Parker said.

"Some of the time they'll stay in hotels and others in private homes," she said.

"The cost of the trip was \$580 for each student. The rest was underwritten by the Romanian government and other interested parties."



ROBYN LAIRD

Police auction Saturday

The Southfield Police Department's annual auction will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the north end of the Civic Center complex, 26000 Evergreen.

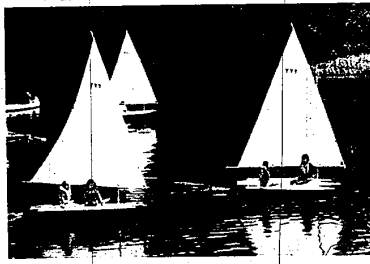
Up for bids will be 90 bicycles, tools, clothes, auto accessories, appliances and some one-of-a-kind items that have been recovered but unclaimed.

Proceeds from the public auction go to the City of Southfield general fund.

On dean's list

Sandra Dorfand, 1975 Magnolia, Southfield, and Ann Church, 21950 Carleton, Southfield, have been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

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