



HAROLD M. RYAN

Ex-legislator eyes court

A former state senator and congressman from eastern Wayne county is seeking election to one of the two newly created seats on the Wayne County Probate Court.

Harold M. Ryan said he is running for the probate court because that is "where the openings are" and because it would be difficult to upset a circuit judge in an election.

Ryan, a practicing attorney, said he has collectively more experience in probate work than in other areas of the law to qualify him for the post.

HE ADVOCATES a change in the juvenile delinquency laws, so that youths who are home and school truants would be classified differently and would receive different treatment than those charged with a criminal offense. He stresses that the juvenile division of probate court should retain jurisdiction of these cases.

Ryan is a seven-term democratic state senator from the 1st Senatorial District. During his 14-year tenure his colleagues elected him Senate Democratic Leader.

He also served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives during the terms of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Ryan remained in office until the merger of two eastside congressional districts, then resumed his legal practice.

Fund sharing distribution improved

— Esch

"Significant progress has been made in reversing the concentrations of power in Washington but much remains to be done through revenue sharing and other programs to assure local decision-making responsibility," says Rep. Marvin L. Esch (R-Arbor).

The distribution of money made possible by federal revenue sharing has "helped to overcome some of the ineffectibility, impersonality and remoteness of the federal bureaucracy by returning greater control to state and local governments," added Esch whose 2nd District includes Livonia and Plymouth.

WHILE OPENING Livonia neighborhood campaign offices in the homes of Gloria and Elmer Reeves, 14253 Norman and Sharon and Joe Falk, 1818 Fairway Drive, Esch also said he believes "one of the major issues facing congress is how we will rid ourselves of unnecessary bureaucratic domination of federal efforts so we enhance the decision-making process at the local level."

The congressman, campaigning door-to-door in Wayne County, said "I have long held that government is best which is closest to the people. We must have a more responsive and responsible government through further decentralization of decision-making responsibility in Washington."

Women lawyers endorse judges

The Women Lawyers' Association of Michigan has endorsed selected candidates for judicial office in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The association, the only statewide bar group for women attorneys in the state, established the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) last year to screen judicial candidates and advise voters of those who have demonstrated an interest in advancing the cause of women in general and women in the legal profession.

ENDORSEMENTS WERE made after deliberations and interviews by the PAC of candidates who sought the association's endorsement.

Elaine Frost, PAC Chairwoman, said selections were based on the professional qualifications of candidates and their awareness of sex-based discrimination in all segments of society. She added that emphasis was placed on the candidates' responsiveness to the issue of equal treatment of women under the law.

IN RACES which Wayne County residents will vote, the association endorsed Henry L. Heading and Nathan Kaufman for the First District Court of Appeals.

For Wayne County Circuit Court, endorsements were earned by Victor J. Baum, Charles Kaufman, John R. Kirchner, James Montante, John D. O'Hair, Peter B. Spivak. For the new circuit judge seats, endorsements

Elderly will have a forum Esch reports

Congressman Marvin L. Esch (R-Arbor) says establishment of the House Select Committee on Aging will provide the nation's 21 million older Americans with an important forum to make known their needs to congress.

In a statement made while campaigning in Wayne County, Esch said that during the 93rd Congress legislation has been approved to provide "a number of important and beneficial programs for the elderly, but much more remains to be accomplished."

NOTING THE expected increase in persons aged 65 and over in coming years, he said the select committee on aging will provide congress with the "expertise and input needed to make continuing legislative advances so our senior citizens can lead productive and secure lives."

Campaign appearances by Esch included the Plymouth evening Kiwanis Club and three issues With Esch discussion forums in the homes of Dick and Jan Ralston, 4247 Brentwood, Plymouth Township, Dick and Nancy Gray, 13930 Clement Drive, Northville, and Sonia Czaja, 38226 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Dem women back tax repeal

The Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus has endorsed repeal of the state's sales tax on food and drugs.

Marilyn Marshall, spokeswoman for the caucus, says delegates from the state's 19 congressional districts have voted to urge a "yes" vote on Proposal C on Nov. 5.

"We agree with Sander Levin, Democratic candidate for governor, that this regressive form of taxation can and must be eliminated as it falls hardest on those who can least afford it."

"If state administrative costs are tightened and tax loopholes eliminated, any lost revenue can be replaced in a far more equitable manner."

Democratic National Committee members Helen Irving and Shirley Robinson joined in endorsing the Women's Caucus position on repeal of the sales tax on food and drugs. Similar action has been taken by Women for Levin, one of the groups supporting Levin.

were given to Irwin H. Burdick, John J. Conley and Roman S. Gribbs. The association endorsed Michael J. Connor, Geraldine Bledsoe Ford and Dalton A. Roberson for Recorder's Court in Detroit, and Y. Gladys Barsman and Samuel L. Simpson for the Wayne County Probate Court. Harold Hood was endorsed for Detroit's Common Pleas Court.

Esch is hiding GOP identity says Reuther

"Six years of Republican economic policies have added hundreds of thousands" to the nation's unemployment lines, says John Reuther, Democratic candidate for congress in the 2nd District which includes Livonia and Plymouth.

That's what Reuther told workers standing outside the Plymouth office of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) on a recent Friday morning.

"INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN Marvin Esch cannot escape responsibility for supporting those backward policies," said Reuther. "Although he tries very hard to ignore his Republican affiliation and lead people to believe he is simply 'our congressman'."

Unemployment in Michigan hit the 10 per cent mark in September, and continued declines in auto sales are expected to lead to more layoffs.

"Although you here at the unemployment line are now bearing the greatest burden of our stagnating economy, without strong affirmative action by the administration and Congress, these lines will lengthen until they resemble the bread lines of the Great Depression."

REUTHER HIT President Ford's five per cent surtax proposal as "regressive and a direct slap at working Americans."

"Clearly, with nationwide inflation hitting 15 per cent, unemployment nationwide topping six per cent, and a president who asks us to tighten our belts while big business continues to use tax loopholes, it is time for a change."

"Esch supported Richard Nixon on three out of four votes during the first quarter of 1974."

"He has consistently supported the Nixon-Ford policies of inflation and unemployment. I don't believe we can afford two more years of Republican Esch's leadership in the Congress."

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