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Mrs. Lawlor, Anderson Win Judgeships

The "sitting judges," Thomas M. Anderson and Mrs. Kathryn J. Lawlor, were elected to 15-year terms on the 6th judicial circuit bench in Montgomery County yesterday.

The two Republicans won over County Attorney Charles M. Ireland and Juvenile Court Judge Alfred D. Noyes, both Democrats.

The votes, according to unofficial tallies, were: Judge Anderson, 47,676; Judge Lawlor, 43,728; Judge Noyes, 40,743, and Mr. Ireland, 38,647.

Mrs. Lawlor becomes the first woman ever elected to the Circuit Court bench in Maryland.

Judge Anderson was appointed to the bench by Gov. McKeldin late in 1954 to fill a newly created judgeship. Judge Lawlor was appointed in May, 1955, to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of former Chief Judge Charles W. Woodward.

Had Party Support

The two Republicans had the support of their party. Their opponents also had the backing of their party.

The campaign for the judgeships was hard-fought, with the candidates making the rounds of political meetings, church and fire suppers and civic associations.

Although elected only by voters in Montgomery County, the judges serve both Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

The Montgomery bench still has one vacant seat as a result of the advancing of former Chief Judge Stedman Prescott to the Maryland Court of Appeals. Leading contender for the appointment is believed to be former Republican Secretary

John R. Reeves.



JUDGE LAWLOR



JUDGE ANDERSON

WIN MONTGOMERY JUDGESHIPS—Victorious in the four-way race for two Montgomery County Circuit judgeships yesterday were the sitting Republican judges, Mrs. Kathryn J. Lawlor and Thomas M. Anderson.

Lifelong County Resident

Judge Anderson, a lifelong county resident, is from a well known family of lawyers in the State. His grandfather and an uncle also served on the bench.

A deputy State's attorney for eight years, Judge Anderson is a former lawyer, farmer and president of the Montgomery County National Bank in Rockville.

Judge Lawlor, active in civic circles for a number of years and a leading Republican Party worker, first entered politics in 1950 when she was elected to the county council. She later was appointed to House of Delegates but was defeated in the Democratic landslide of 1954.

Judge Lawlor, the mother of two children, is the wife of Lawrence Lawlor, director of legislation for the Veterans Administration.