

Prince Georges Candidates Slow in Filing

With the deadline for filing candidacies in September primaries a week from Tuesday, only four aspirants for Prince Georges County posts have put in their names.

Republican leaders, hopeful of duplicating the GOP landslide of four years ago in Montgomery County, have composed what they term a "powerful" slate, but are delaying announcement until the slate files in a group.

The Democratic party, on the other hand, is having its difficulties lining up a ticket.

Party State Central Committee Chairman Charles S. Early said last week the problem of selection is magnified by the "large number of qualified persons seeking office."

To Announce Full Slates

Leaders in both parties say the full tickets will "probably" be made known before the end of this week.

Biggest problem of the incumbent Democratic organization is the selection of five candidates for county commissioner. From among the five elected commissioners will be chosen the fulltime chairman who will, in effect, act as county manager under the reorganized government by the last State Legislature.

The Democrats must select candidates who will satisfy the anti-organization Democrats and party members who opposed the Sothoron Act setting up the reorganization.

Otherwise — the Republicans hope—normal Democratic votes will swing to the GOP.

Only two commissioner candidates have filed to date. They are Edward J. (Ned) Waters, of Berwyn, Republican, and Frederick M. Coxen, Hyattsville city councilman, Democrat. Neither is expected to receive organization support.

McCullough An Enigma

Another early filer was Vincent A. Osterman, veteran Orphan's Court judge. He is practically certain of party support.

The fourth candidate already on record presents an enigma to the Democratic organization. He is Robert W. McCullough, who filed for State's attorney.

McCullough has said all along he would withdraw if State's Attorney A. Gwynn Bowie runs for re-election, but would stay in the race in the face of any other indorsed candidate.

As of yesterday, Bowie was still keeping silent on his plans.

Of late, however, McCullough has been eyeing the trial magistrate's post soon to be vacated by Magistrate Arthur P. Owens. Judge Owens has submitted his resignation to Governor Lane and its acceptance is expected to be effective August 1.