

Oral History Interview
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MCDONNELL: I played a lot of pool with him [Dwight Eisenhower]. I ought to say something good about the pool halls in those days. They had a bad reputation, but now, take me for instance, I didn't have any home after I was about 17 years old, of any kind. The pool hall was my country club and it also was Dwight's, Bud Huffman's. It was a lot of guys, we'd congregate in this pool hall, Bert Beagle [Beagle & Spader Billiard Hall] ran it.

ENDACOTT: Where was that?

MCDONNELL: Well, that was right on Broadway there, right by the [Citizens] National Bank, just south of it. Well, we'd all congregate in there. I played a lot of billiards; I was a pretty good billiard player in my younger days. Everybody would meet everybody in this pool hall, and they weren't rough necks.

Historical note: According to Mr. McDonnell, the C.L. Hubbard & Co. bookstore was across the street from the Beagle & Spader Billiard Hall.