GOP candidates agree: welfare too costly

Welfare recipients ought to be put to work and taught to work, say four Republican candidates for governor, Reducing welfare and holding down state aid to Detroit were recurring themes as state Rep. Colleen Engler, Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy, recall teader John Lauve and Industrialist Richard Chryster faced a southern Oakland audience Tuesday, Citling "a sudden emergency," Wayne County Executive William Lucas withdrew from the panel, spensored by the Active Republican Cittens Club. Lucas cerifier announced he would cease speaking engagements to concentrate on fund raising. Winner of the GOP primary will

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job training or basic schooling.

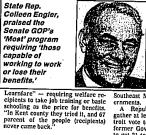
MURPHY SAID DSS computers fell to get welfare information sent by Oakland. "I don't know of a computer operation in state government that works," said Murphy, advocating privatiling computer centers.

Lauve, a General Motors engineer, said, "Michigan used to be a leader in per-capita income" but has sunk below the national average. "But Michigan is above average in what it pays welfare recipients," he said, advecating that benefits be kept to the average of neighboring states. Concepts, an auto customizer near prighton, advocated "mandatory She also advocated tetting private contractors administer the medicaid program of medicaic care for the poor, contending that would be "more efficient than the Department of Social Services."

Murphy, executive of Michigan's second most populous county for 12 years, agreed with Engler, as he did frequently, adding that "only one-fourth of the eligible persons are in Most, It's not being pushed and promoted."

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A Républican candidate must gather at least 18 percent of the Detroit vote to win, Murphy said, and former Gov. William Milliken used to get 21 to 23 percent. But Murphy said "we've get to get more out to vote in Republican areas outstate. If we do that, we can forget about the city of Detroit."

On the Detroit and propositation DETROIT was the focus of two questions — one about a Republican candidate's need for Detroit votes, the other on why Detroit gets \$38 million in state aid when it's running a \$52 million surplus.

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On the Detroit ald appropriation, Murphy said, "It isn't only Detroit. Wayne County gets its courts paid for by the state" while Oakland pays for its own. "There's a lot of it going on and a lot of it oughta be cut out."

Lauve, 44, said 45,000 Detroiters signed his petitions to recall Gov. Blanchard over the 1993 tax In-crease. "That's a great beginning right there," he said.

LAUVE CHARGED Detroit wastes money on the People Mover, city pay raises and the Magnum Oil scandal, "and nobody's got the guis to fix it."

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Engler smiled at the vote question and replied, "33 percent of Wayne County voters are women" — to a great ovation.

The only legislator in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, Engler said "I don't support" the Detroit ald package. "but it's part of a larger bill, and you can't pull it out. Except for the (Detroit Institute of) Arts. It's given to Detroit to use as they wish.

Engler said an "outstate equity" package was added to win votes of their legislators and outflank the suburbs, but Engler disapproved of the the money should be earmarked for the money should be earmarked vote tell fre purposes. and we should vote tell for or own solely on its mertis."

Safety chief appointed

Medward J. Tessier got his new job a month early. Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy appointed him chief of the county's safety division.

Tessier, 53, had been in line to succeed his immediate boss, Donald K. Kratt, who was due to retire May 5 after nine years. But Kratt died unexpectedly on April 7.

"I'm honored to be appointed chief of the safety division, but I only wish my appointment could have waited until after Dan's retirement," said Tessier of the County campost of the division for almost 12 years, so he knows what needs to be done."



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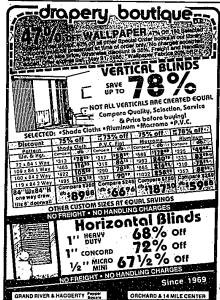
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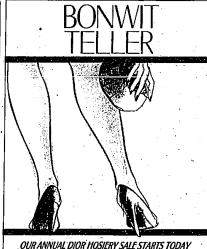
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