

Pursell, Kadish Debate School Finance

By R.T. THOMPSON

Carl Pursell (R), of Plymouth, and Paul Kadish (D), of Livonia, candidates for the 14th District seat in the State Senate, were asked the general question:

"Excluding the question of aid to non-public schools, how would you propose financing education in Michigan? What changes should be made in the state's educational system?"

The adversaries, whose district includes Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth, spoke last week at a panel at

Schoolcraft College sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Jaycees.

Said Kadish: "On the question of financing, we know that many school districts are on the verge of bankruptcy because people won't vote for any additional millage."

"THE STATE constitution makes it mandatory for a state equalized evaluation of 50 per cent of the true cash value on land or property for tax purposes. This is an automatic tax for homeowners since the values have only gone up in the past several years."

"I propose amending the state constitution to provide for a 16 mill limit and equal assessment for all. We all know that properties throughout the state are not assessed equally and I feel this should be eliminated."

"I would propose an amendment for a graduated income tax because I feel this is the only way we can adequately finance the state's education system," said Kadish, an insurance man.

PURSELL took up the point by stressing that the voters had already defeated a graduated

income tax proposal by a 2-1 vote.

"Costs of living have increased to the point where the schools will have to pay \$3 million more in salaries and the money will have to come from someplace. We will have to take a look at the whole 100 per cent of the property tax at its highest level and then make decisions."

"I would make five proposals. No. 1, place the State Board of Education under the governor, who would make all appointments. Two, place policy making at the local level."

"Three, reduce the intermediate school districts to a total of 34. Four, have the state assume all costs for the handicapped. Five, start pilot programs for young men at the elementary school level."

Pursell, a former teacher and real estate salesman, is a Wayne County commissioner.

IN THE question and answer period that followed, the queries and answers were:

Q: "Who created the wording for Proposition C?"
A-Pursell: "I can't actually say."

Kadish: "I'd say the ACLU and the Michigan Education Association."

Q: "What is your position on Proposition C?"

A-Pursell: "I will vote 'yes.' I am opposed to parochialism as such."

Kadish: "I will vote 'no.'"

Q: "Do either of you favor a lottery or legalized gambling?"

A-Pursell: "I am against a lottery."

Kadish: "We can't depend on lotteries or gambling to build up the state treasury."

Q: "Do you think gun control will lower the crime rate?"

A-Pursell: "I believe we have adequate gun laws, but we must have stricter enforcement."

Kadish: "I feel the increased crime rate is due to drugs and getting dope."



PAUL KADISH
Democrat



CARL PURSELL
Republican

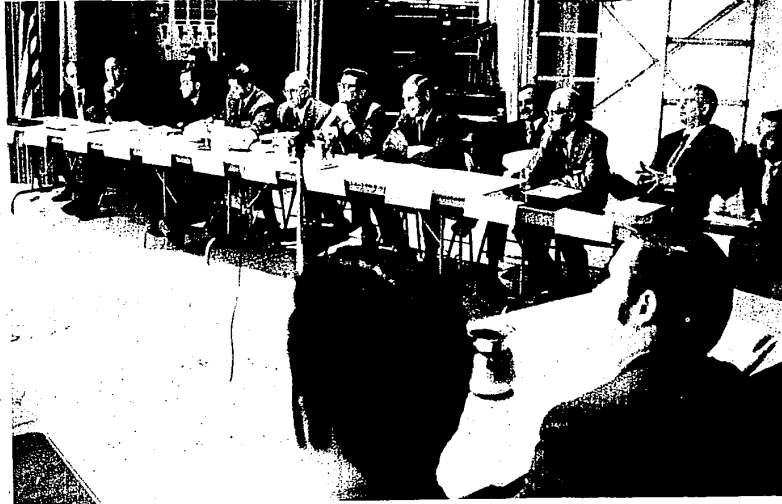
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Jack McDonald (R), 19th Congressional District; Robert Swanson (R) and Rep. Marvin Stempion (D), 35th House District; Rep. James Tierney (D), unchallenged in the 36th House District; Harvey Moeke (R) and John McCann (D), 26th Wayne County commissioner race.

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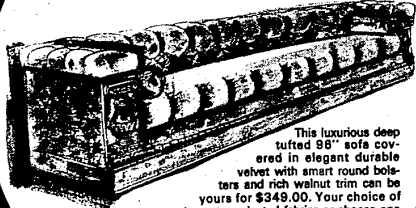
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As a tribute to both the man and his work, the Schoolcraft College Foundation has established the "Father Wojcik Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund."

Father Wojcik himself was active in the foundation, which has appropriated an initial \$1,000 to the fund in his honor.

DURING HIS last 22 years, Father Wojcik served as chaplain of the Maybury Sanatorium, the Detroit House of Correction and the Wayne County Child Development Center, all in the Plymouth-Northville area.

Earlier he served the Catholic Youth Organization as chaplain and as organizer and spiritual director of CYO boys camps. He also taught English at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit.

Father Wojcik was a graduate of St. Florian School in Hamtramck.

AT THE meeting during which the Father Wojcik Scholarship was established, two foundation members, Jan

Reef of Northville and Robert Caddie of Livonia, each contributed personal gifts to the fund.

Others may wish to join the

foundation in honoring Father Wojcik by contributing to the scholarship fund his life and work has inspired. Contributions should be sent to "Father Wojcik Fund," care of Russell Boganin, director of financial aids; Schoolcraft College; Livonia, Mich. 48151.

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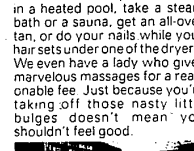
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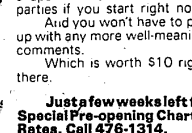
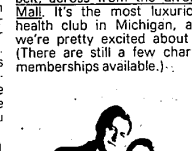
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