

# Pursell Considers Challenging Chairman

By DENIS PAJOT

Carl Pursell, Wayne County supervisor for Plymouth and Livonia, is being touted to seek the board chairmanship for his second year.

If he does, he will be up against a formidable black-Polish coalition as interested in retaining Albert Zak of Hamtramck as they were of seating him this year.

The 26-member board is slated to reorganize in its Jan. 5 meeting with nominations and elections of officers.

PURSELL, ALTHOUGH personally popular in county affairs, probably won't have a

chance to unseat him. It would be a gambit to attract one of the 14 votes that lined up with Zak originally.

A three-candidate first ballot could, conceivably, split the votes so none had a majority, thus exposing supervisors willing to go against Zak. Once exposed, all might fall to the third runner if Pursell bowed out on a second ballot.

Who might the third runner be?

SPECULATION IS that Robert E. Fitz Patrick of Detroit is the first choice of most anti-Zak commissioners.

Fitz Patrick engineered the compromise pay plan that

helped point up severe criticisms of Zak which many board members have voiced, guardedly.

He could help forestall a first ballot decision long enough to show these cool to wards Zak that there is a true

chance to unseat him. It would be a gambit to attract one of the 14 votes that lined up with Zak originally.

A three-candidate first ballot could, conceivably, split the votes so none had a majority, thus exposing supervisors willing to go against Zak. Once exposed, all might fall to the third runner if Pursell bowed out on a second ballot.

Who might the third runner be?

SPECULATION IS that Robert E. Fitz Patrick of Detroit is the first choice of most anti-Zak commissioners.

Fitz Patrick engineered the compromise pay plan that

cooled some of the public heat caused by the board's first official decision.

Pursell revealed just before Christmas that he's concerned enough to make the plunge but he hadn't made a decision.

"It looks like Zak is the only candidate. If that holds up, I may be a candidate," said Pursell. "I'll let you know when I make a decision."

Asked to explain, he said, "I'm not against Zak, but there's leadership needed in the county that he's not providing."

"THERE HASN'T" been enough progress in the county

this first year, and it's my opinion there won't be in the next year under Zak either."

For instance, said Pursell, "He's offered no constructive alternatives to the present urban problems."

"The chairman is in a position to be suggesting major guidelines for reform of the county, which I think should start with creating a true chief executive."

"It's paramount now. Some commissioners are beginning to believe they are in effect administrators. I think we should appoint or elect an executive director to handle administration."

"I think," said the out-

county member who has shown interest in state, regional, county and local affairs, "that our chairman is not aware of the problems of Detroit. He's not aware of problems in the suburban area. He's offered no program for constructive debate even."

ZAK HAS OFFERED a "unique" kind of approach, said Pursell. "He appoints other board members in positions in which they're interested. They in turn provide individual leadership in some favored field."

"We're all going in our own individual directions. We end up with a piecemeal program.

We've been doing that for the last 100 years."

New leadership is a paramount need if county government is to do a job, according to Pursell, who believes some problems are unintended because neither the county, the state, nor local municipalities have a defined role for them.

Leadership is needed to bring federal, state, local and regional officials together, define goals, set priorities and develop programs, said Pursell. Unless this is done, he believes, the county remains an agency that merely reacts to emergencies, rather than contributing actual solutions.

HE IS ESPECIALLY concerned that the federal and state governments and the City of Detroit are considering measures affecting rapid transit system while the county board has not even

debated the subject.

"We should get together with legislators from Wayne County and congressmen, too, to help press for their support on this issue."

Pursell is holding his first public office. A real estate salesman he was previous operating president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for the State Senate. Is a county representative to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and is a candidate for a seat on the board of the Southeastern Metropolitan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

# Wibby's At Goal Unaware Of Why

By W.W. EDGAR

Seated behind the big desk in the front office of the Metropolitan National Bank in Farmington, James Wibby who took over as president earlier this month said that he finally had reached his goal.

With a boyish grin he traced his steps from graduation from Wayne State University in 1948 up through the ranks in the Manufacturers' National Bank of Detroit to the role of director of the personnel department and finally to the president's chair in a small suburban bank.

I didn't always have the urge to become bank president," he said. "But about 1965, when I was made head of the installment banking department at Manufacturers, I



JAMES E. WIBBY Metro President

As I see it, there will be no change in policy. Our loan portfolio is in good shape, and we have the regular ratio of 60% of our deposits."

He thought for a moment and then continued -

"I'm now in much the same position as you fellows were when you came back to town after gaining experience on big metropolitan dailies. You made some changes. Well, that's what I'm going to try to do here - put some big time practices into small city banking."

WIBBY ADMITTED that it would be strange for a time. "Don't forget" he said, "I had at least 35 people under me in the personnel department at Manufacturers, and there were times when I had many more than that around the area. Now I will have only 25. So it is going to be different."

Insofar as policy is concerned, he pointed out that the bank is to continue to be a well run local bank with emphasis on the retail market.

"We're not planning to bid for any part of a Ford Motor Co. account or anything like that," he said. "If we are capitalized at \$800,000 and aren't in a position for the big industries."

If that was the original goal of the bank and you intend to keep it that way, why was there a sudden change in presidents? Wibby was asked.

"THERE MUST HAVE been a clash somewhere along the line," he said, "but I have not the least idea what it was or who was involved."

"I do know that Louis LaVigne is well thought of and admired in banking circles, and I know that our Board headed by Tom Duke, is an aggressive board. So, there could have been a clash. There usually is when aggressive parties meet. But I was not informed of such a clash—or even if there was one."

The opening was here when I got here, and I was given the job of continuing the policy."

Asked what he thought the future held for the bank, he answered -

"We are growing. But we'll always put the emphasis on the retail business. If and when competition returns to the mortgage loan division, we should prosper and thrive as a small bank."



ERIC PIERRARD, 3, of Livonia, pets Pietro the llama at Wonderland Center's winter zoo at Plymouth and Middlebelt. Pietro is just one of the many animals in the winter zoo. Also displayed are cheetah, baboon, sheep, deer and even Chinese pheasants. The zoo is under the Big Top and the hours of display are from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. This display will run through Jan. 3, and admission is free.

## J.A. Week Chief Named

Hugh M. Redhead, president of the Detroit-based advertising agency of Campbell-Ewald Co., has been named chairman of January's Junior Achievement Week in the organization's southeastern Michigan district.

Included in the J.A. Week activities are several ceremonies saluting J.A. at a noon luncheon meeting Jan. 26 at the Economic Club of Detroit; the president's banquet on Jan. 27, an affair honoring the teenage chiefs of the 450 J.A. companies; the high school press corps luncheon on Jan. 28; the educators' recognition luncheon, honoring high school principals, on Jan. 29; and the salute to Junior Achievement in the suburban areas on January 30.

More than 7,500 students are participating in the six-county southeastern Michigan J.A. program this year, establishing and managing their own small corporations with the help of advisors from local businesses.

★ Manager Trainee ★

A subsidiary of ITT is searching for a career-minded high school grad or equivalent to engage in a two-year training program designed to qualify applicant for

MANAGEMENT

Liberal starting salary, group insurance and hospital plan, paid vacation, profit sharing and thrift savings plan.

INTERVIEWS FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
LACK FORD RD., COMFORTVILLE

Phone 261-0200 **ITT** RETNA Garden City  
2884 Ford Road TRAINING PROGRAM V.A. APPROVED

**PINE**

LUMBER CO., DIV.  
12222 Inkster Road

CLOSED  
Tues., Dec. 30  
at 12 noon  
and all day  
Wed., Dec. 31  
See you  
Next Year!

**PUBLIC NOTICE!**

For Personal Property  
**TAX REASONS**

**CADILLAC** Television and  
Appliance Co.

Will Sell All Merchandise On Our  
Floors and In Our Warehouses at . . .

**DEALER  
INVOICE  
COST!**

All merchandise is Nationally Advertised and fully guaranteed and will be sold at our cost to reduce our inventory before the January 1 tax deadline!

Inventory Consists of -

- 317 TELEVISION SETS
- 72 STEREO COMBINATIONS
- 81 RADIOS
- 32 FREEZERS
- 227 REFRIGERATORS
- 129 WASHERS and DRYERS
- 73 GAS RANGES
- 81 ELECTRIC RANGES

SPECIAL PRICES  
ON ALL  
**FLOOR MODELS**  
Make Us An Offer!

OPEN THIS SUNDAY 12-6 p.m.

**CADILLAC**  
TELEVISION & APPLIANCE CO.

PHONE 838-5280  
**16900 W. McNICHOLS**  
Between GREENFIELD and SOUTHFIELD

OPEN DAILY 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

FOR YOUR SHOPPING  
**CONVENIENCE**

**KROGER  
OPEN  
SUNDAY  
10 to 5  
a.m. p.m.**

**RODENT REMEDY**

by MARVIN KEMP

Not every homeowner remembers to clean out the gutters periodically, and often times this causes clogged downspouts. It is not necessary to replace the downspout. If the downspout is made in sections, try to separate and attack them individually. If the entire length of the downspout is in only one small section, rather than the entire length, some type of long, thin rod could be of great help. Once you get the sections separated, remembering to check your gutters will save you a great deal of aggravation and maybe some money.

Save yourself a great deal of aggravation by taking care of small repairs before they become big ones. Find the supplies you want at **AMERICAN HARDWARE & SUPPLY**, 31245 West Eight Mile Road, 476-6240, 537-2645. Quality materials and quality tools for any home maintenance, building or remodeling jobs. All of us at American Hardware wish you and your families a very Happy New Year!

**HELPFUL HINT:** If casement storm windows don't fit snug all around, replace the insulation strips.

**American  
Hardware & Supply Company**

31245 W. Eight Mile Road  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

The safe way  
to double  
\$12.50

**\$**

New  
Guaranteed  
Growth Bonds  
double  
your money

The new bonds make great gifts, too. They can be registered in another person's name without any "red tape". And they're a gift that grows in value ... guaranteed to double in value.

Get your money growing. Send coupon, or ask about new Guaranteed Growth Savings Bonds at any Livonia National Bank Office.

LIVONIA NATIONAL BANK  
GUARANTEED GROWTH BOND APPLICATION  
Gentlemen: Please process my order for the following Guaranteed Growth Bonds. My check (or money order) is enclosed.

FACE VALUE	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$500	\$1,000	\$5,000
COST	\$12.50	\$25	\$50	\$250	\$500	\$2,500

Name of Giftee: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials only, \$ by no. of bonds)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

By daily compounding the 5% annual rate, the new bonds double their value in 13 years, 316 days. That means you can buy a \$25.00 bond for \$12.50, a \$50.00 bond for \$25.00, etc. Other maturity value denominations include \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

If you need to cash in one of the new bonds, you can cash it without notice on any three month anniversary of its issue date, or for ten days thereafter. You still get the full 5% interest.

Open Mon. thru Sat. 'til 4:30 P.M. ... 'til 6:00 P.M. Fri.

**LIVONIA NATIONAL BANK**

7 Offices to Serve You / Phone 421-8200 / Member F.D.I.C.