Jobs are up and inflation is down.
But instead of relaxing, Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy is determined to "maintain and enhance this economic recovery." And he's seeking bipartisan help in attracting businesses, creating new jobs and revitailizing older communities. Murphy also wants the county to help south Oakland cities pay their share of 1-696 freeway costs. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the county would contribute \$2.8 million to the cast-west road over eight years.

"WE ARE NOT Democrats against Republicans, men against women or commissioners against the executive," the Republican official told the county board during his State of the County speech Thurs-

day.
"We are all on one team; the county team," he

stressed.
"Our ideas will work if our efforts are united," said Murphy, in his 10th year as Oakland's first and only county executive.

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SPEAKING TO the largely Republican board, Murphy reported that the nation's economic health improved in 1935. He cited rising employment, low-relation and a remodeled Flasher Body plant proprovided the "hottest car on the market today — the "hottest car on the market today — the "The recovery is here, and the future looks bright," he added.

"By the year's end, you could drive down most Oakland County highways and see evidence of recovery. Rilang sized structures once again dotted the area's roadways."

While he expects economic conditions to continue to improve, Murphy said county government intends to do its part to maintain and enhance this recovery.

"OUR ECONOMIC development personnel tell us that more people than ever before are targeting Oakland County as a place to set up shop and do business.



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"We have evidence that the number of people deciding to expand their facilities here — instead of moving out of state — is increasing." Murphy said.

"Because is envision Oakhan County as a nationally known thriving business center, I want to be sure lims of out get discouraged by reels of red that the state of the

HE APPLAUDED efforts by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) to put a transportation tax on the ballot.

being of a cosmopolitan region of 4.5-million people, 'be said.
Murphy urges a vote on SEMTA's expansion
plan, which calls for more buses and light rail systems along Woodward and Van Dyke and a downwite is time to realize that we are at a red light
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the opportunity to vote on the lifeblood of the entire
transportation issue."

HE COUNTY EXECUTIVE said an expanding business base means increased pressure on roads. To offset future problems, he asked commissioners to sponsor a resolution helping local communities linance the crosstown 1-696 expressway.

He asked them to appropriate \$2.8 million spread over the next eight years. Murphy estimated south Oakland communities' total share of the freeway at \$3.5 million.

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Murphy explained that the multi-million-dollar freeway extension is "obviously too large a burden to put on the backs of the local municipalities, which will host this artery through the hearts of their towns.

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"It is also unfair to make a few pay the price for a benefit to the masses."

AMONG OTHER administration goals are:

• Helping local communities collect data which will aid law enforcement.

• Hiring an administrator to oversee the county jail.

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Reducing county use of Clinton Valley Center, a state mental health unit.

Screening county youngsters entering Fairlawn Center (Clinton Valley's children's facility) and offering family support services to parents of youngsters admitted there.

Improving housing conditions for low and moderate income citizens through single and multifamily residential rehabilitation programs.

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## GOP club hosts Dunn, Lousma

The 300 Club of the Republican Committee of Oakland County will hold an evening with U.S. Senate candidates Jim Dunn and Jack Lousma. The reception will take place 7-8 p.m. Wednesday in Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. Dunn is a self-made businessman whose company, Dunn and Fairmont, grew from a small housepainting business to a multi-million dollar homebuilding company.

In 1980, he was elected to a seat in the 6th Congressional District.

Jack Lousma became an astronaut for the MASA Space Center in 1986. He served as pilot for Skylab III and was commander of the third flight for the Columbia space shuttle. He resigned from NASA in December, returning to Ann Arbor.

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