

# Exec picks 16 for growth panel

Sixteen new representatives have been appointed to the Oakland County Community Growth Alliance by county executive Daniel T. Murphy.

CGA is a 41-member group advising the county's economic development division. Its members represent businesses, communities, chambers of commerce, private industry councils, labor, utilities, railroads and education — "an important group to further business interests in our community," Murphy said.

Philip Meagher, a new appointee representing the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, was elected chairman. JoAnn Soronen of the Farmington-Farmington Hills chamber is vice chairman.

Other new appointees include: Kenneth Strobel, Troy chamber;

Dorothy McIntosh, West Bloomfield chamber; Richard Sorenson, Greater Rochester chamber; Thaddeus Smith, Basic Rubber & Plastics Co.; Wailed Lake, Jerry Kowalski, Samuelson Development Co., Birmingham; Patrick Lambert, Greater Pontiac Consortium; Kathryn Kennedy, private industry council.

Howard Johnson, city of Troy; Edward Fisch, Waterford Township; Wynn Berry, Commerce Township; Mitch Bobowski, city of Hazel Park; William Barlow III, Wixom; Jay Shah, county economic development; Madison Heights; Marva Goldsmith, Detroit Edison, Birmingham; Roger Drucke, Consumers Power Co., Royal Oak; and Laura Stern, Michigan Bell, Detroit.

# '89: year of recycling, older cities

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Recycling trash and rejuvenating Oakland's southern tier of cities are County Executive Daniel T. Murphy's top priorities for 1989 and the years ahead.

An "optimistic and excited" Murphy also held out a handshake for more harmonious relations with the Board of Commissioners, where his fellow Republicans hold a 20-7 edge.

In remarks prepared for his 15th State of the County address this morning, Murphy also pointed to achievements of the past year — a countywide 9-1-1 emergency telephone system, suburban control of their own public transportation, a start on programs for the homeless and the near completion of a 488-bed jail.

"OUR MOST pressing issue in Oakland County is disposing of solid waste," he said recalling the 15 years of slow study.



Daniel T. Murphy revitalizes south end

Praising board chairman Roy Rewold, R-Rochester Hills, and Washington, consultant Larry Fox,

Murphy said work actually will begin this year on bringing an end of landfilling.

"First, our waste will be recycled to the extent possible, including composting of yard waste."

"Then the balance will be incinerated in a trash-to-energy program."

"Finally, the disposable ash and certain unburnables will be disposed of in a sanitary landfill."

"DURING THIS month, we will be accepting proposals from vendors interested in operating the recycling centers which should be up and running sometime in 1991," Murphy said of the package \$1 billion project.

He said a landfill siting committee will make a site recommendation to county officials by summer.

"Along with the incinerator, the landfill — which will be used primarily to bury ash from the incinerator — will be operating by 1993."

"Even quicker than that, the composting facility is expected to be run-

ning by early fall."

CONSTRUCTION has ballooned from the \$250 million level in 1982 to a current \$1.5 billion, he said.

"Our unemployment rate now stands at 5.4 percent, down from 15.9 seven years ago. Looking ahead to 1989, we project a 4 percent increase in new jobs, putting 24,000 more people to work than we did last year."

"By 1990 we expect the pace to quicken in the Oakland Technology Park. This single development alone is expected to give 52,000 people jobs and bring in \$3 billion worth of new business investment before the turn of the century."

"In addition, we expect the completion of I-696 in south Oakland will bring more business down there."

Murphy promised efforts to revitalize Oakland's older cities — Pontiac, the county seat, and those on southern border, through which the missing I-696 link will flow.

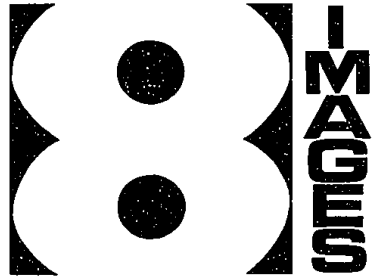
## Keane new chamber head

William Keane, superintendent of the Oakland Intermediate School District, is the new board chairman of the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce, Pontiac.

Keane received the gavel in an installation ceremony at the group's recent annual meeting in Troy.

Elected to the chamber's board

are: Pamela Berklich, chairman-elect, of Manpower Temporary Services; and these vice chairmen — attorney Keith Murphy of West Bloomfield; John Scott, Detroit Ball Bearing Co.; Diane Christensen, C&F Benefits Group; Ken Bouwman, Sears.



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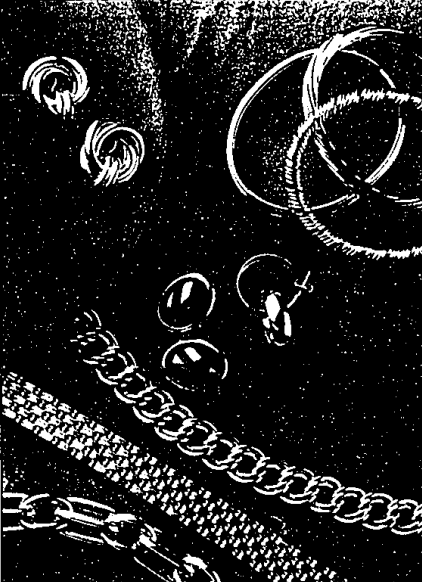
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