

Creative idea contest mullied

By SUSAN L. SILK
OAKLAND COUNTY To get their part of the Bicentennial celebration moving, county commissioners are considering a creative idea contest.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Commissioners Bicentennial Executive Committee, Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy was asked to have fulltime staff draw up rules and regulations for the contest. County residents of all ages can submit what

they consider the most appropriate way for the county to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday in 1976. Committee members, Commissioners Donald C. Quinn, Jr. (R-13) and Lawrence Pernick, (D-20) and Commissioner Anne M. Holart, (R-14) roughed in project guidelines. They suggest a brief essay of about 250 words be sought from contest entrants.

Awarding a bicentennial commemorative medal or other honorary citation was mentioned.

tee's previously adopted move to pay \$10,000 for a feasibility study into the production of four plays to be performed in the Pontiac Stadium, by 50,000 area youngsters. Jim Mahar, a Clarkston public relations man, suggested that idea in January, shortly after the executive committee was formed. Mahar has since acknowledged that committee members were skeptical of his plan but recognized his relationships in the community could help them establish local government and school district contacts.

THE COMMITTEE approved payment of \$10,000 to Mahar for a 90-day study of whether his plan — 20,000 student singers, 20,000 student musicians and 10,000 area theatrical performers — could be made a reality and for him to establish a council.

In committee Tuesday, a second resolution was approved and sent to the full board, stating that due to a "lack of support" for the Mahar plan the committee suggested that "no further action be taken until other methods of celebration could be studied."

Annual road report to be distributed

Distribution of more than a quarter of a million copies of the Oakland County Road Commission's 1973 annual report to its "stockholders" — the people who depend on county roads — will cost the taxpayers more than \$13,000. The 264,000 copies of the report, costing about a nickel a piece, will be delivered to Oakland County homes later this month as inserts in area newspapers, according to William M. Richards, chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners. But even at a cost of \$13,200 this will be first time the annual report has been printed and distributed to anyone other than governmental officials.

In the past "rather elaborate, expensive reports" were produced in limited numbers for official bodies, Richards said.

THIS YEAR, "in order to reach most of our stockholders — the people who depend on county roads — with a report on our stew-

ardship over tax monies and our progress and prospects for providing and maintaining an adequate road system" mass circulation has been arranged, Richards said.

The report will indicate the road commission began 1973 with approximately \$3.5 million in funds carried over from the previous years.

The county road commission's total available funds for 1973 were \$25.8 million, including funds from the motor vehicle highway funds, federal highway administration and matching funds from county, township and special assessment districts.

Road commission expenditures for last year totaled approximately \$21 million, including the \$18 million spent for construction, maintenance and traffic services.

A surplus of \$4.7 million has been carried over from the 1973 budget into the 1974 funds, the report will state, according to a road commission spokesman.



AFTER AN IDEA was selected, perhaps by the executive committee, an advertising agency on a bid basis could be hired to implement the plan, Murphy suggested. This plan replaces the commit-



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LIT sets institute

The Lawrence Institute of Technology will present its sixth annual summer science institute in which 60 students will explore careers in physics, engineering, chemistry, mathematics and computer science.

Application should be made by May 15. The program begins June 17 and ends on July 26. Classes are held Monday through Friday.

An insight into the aspects of various scientific careers is provided in three ways: experiments and lectures of an advanced but easily comprehensible nature, lectures on campus by established authorities on a variety of topics and

field trips to research laboratories.

The students are in daily contact with members of the LIT faculty including Dr. Richard E. Marburger, vice-president for academic affairs, who serves as director of the summer science institute.

Other lecturers will be Zaven Margosian, dean of the school of arts and science; Dr. George Mach, chairman of the chemistry department, and Dr. Stephen Davis, dean of the school of engineering.

Interested students may obtain applications by telephoning Dr. Marburger or writing to him at the Lawrence Institute of Technology, 21000 W. Ten Mile, Southfield.

Top dogs to compete

More than 1700 canines and their owners are expected at the Oakland County Kennel Club 40th annual show to Sunday, May 19, in the W. Eight Mile Road Armory. More than 104 breeds of dogs will compete for ribbons and trophies from 8 a.m. until "the best dog is selected," between 5:30 and 6 p.m., Sunday, said Roy Lindros, program publicity director.

The annual event, a "who's who

in dogdom" is considered one of the biggest events of its kind in the country, Lindros said.

"Last year there were 1,300 competitors, and this year's expected turnout of 1,700 should make it the largest in the club's history," he said.

The armory is located at 15000 W. Eight Mile Road near the Lodge Expressway. An admission is charged.

Pernick seeks re-election

Oakland County Commissioner, Lawrence R. Pernick (D-District 20), has announced he will seek re-election as a county commissioner.

Pernick served as chairman of the board in 1972 and is currently county bloc chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). He also serves on the human resources, finance and local government committees and represents the board on the county commission on economic opportunity.

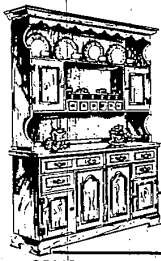
Pernick is also a board member of Oakland United Community Services and chairs a special committee on child-care services.

A resident of Southfield, Pernick and his wife, Ann have three children — Daniel, a student at Oakland University; Nathaniel and Margo who attend Southfield-Lathrup High School. Pernick, an insurance agent and counselor with Continental Underwriters, Inc., graduated from Wayne State University in 1953.

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