

County forms economic group

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy has announced the formation of a Council of Economic Advisors to assist county leadership in decision-making on the economic well being of the county.

A prime purpose of the council will be to help plan ways for the county to recover from the current recession, which has driven unemployment above 12 percent countywide and above 20 percent in some areas.

"The Council of Economic Advisors will provide economic analysis and advice to the county executive and board of commissioners," Murphy said "and will help us formulate public policies aimed at promoting maximum employment."

"The council will also help us devise policies that will reduce cyclical instability and encourage productivity within a framework of equal opportunity and sensitivity to environmental, energy and land use considerations."

MURPHY SAID the council will initially have six major functions:

1. To define program direction and suggest membership for any other review bodies that may be required by state and federal economic development programs.
2. To recommend action programs focusing on county economic problems to the county executive and board of commissioners.
3. To recommend policy direction for the Department of Planning and Physical Development related to the solution of problems.
4. To suggest action programs to private enterprise.
5. To share in internal coordination of county economic-related policy.
6. To provide information and guidance in the form of an Annual Economic Report and research monographs.

MEMBERS OF THE Council of Economic Advisors are Edward E. Berk, president, Pontiac State Bank; Dr. Elizabeth Botas, chairman, Department of Economics and Management, Oakland University; Howard L. Green, president, Howard L. Green and Associates, Inc.; William R. Henry, president, National Bank of Southfield; Van D. Logan, chief of the Labor Market Analysis Section, Michigan Employment Security Commission; George Matilewa, Civic Affairs Division, Detroit Edison Co.; Tibor F. Nagy, manager, Research Division, General Motors Transportation Systems; and Dr. Wilbur R. Thompson, professor, Department of Economics, Wayne State University.

Students win merit honors

Ten area students have been named winners of National Merit \$1,000 scholarships in the 20th annual competition. Each winner was chosen in open competition with all other students in the state who attained finalist standing in the 1975 merit program.

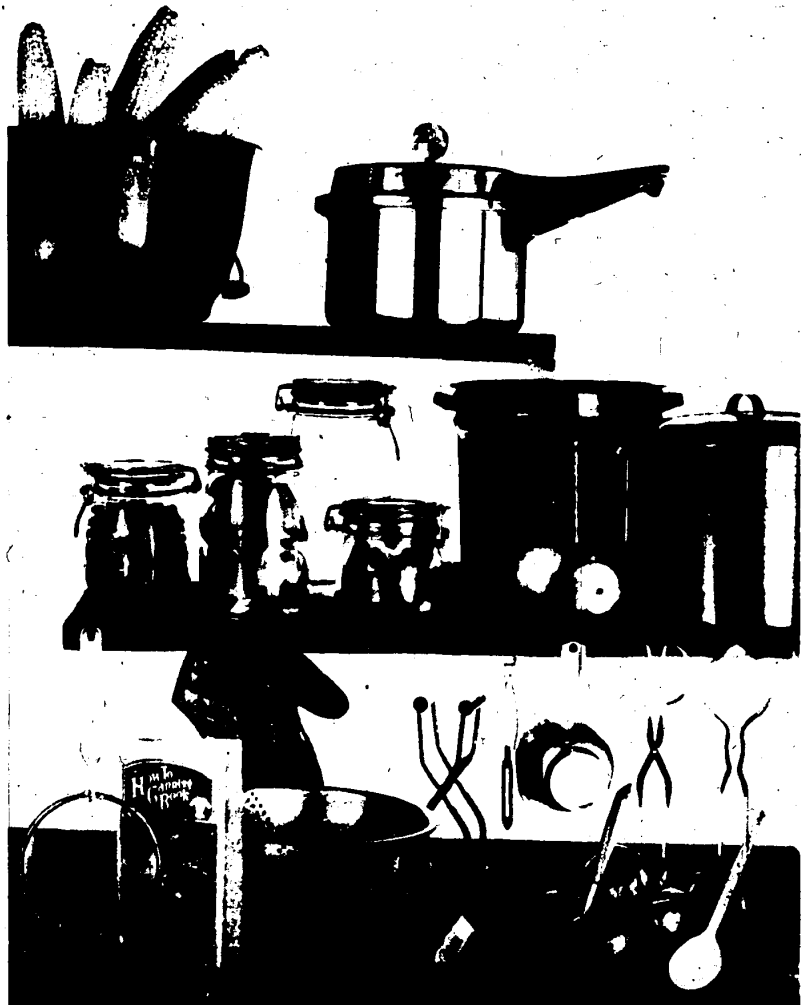
Area winners, their home town and their high school are as follows: David S. Brown, Birmingham, Cranbrook School; Martha Butler, Birmingham, Kingswood School, and Jonathan Kurtzman, Birmingham, Cranbrook School.

Others are Edward Lasker, Birmingham, Groves High School; Marcia Grabow, Bloomfield Hills, Lahser High School; Thatcher Root, Bloomfield Hills, Lahser High School; Anthony Saplika, Detroit, Detroit Country Day School; Robert Vriart, Farmington, Harris High School; Bruce Sawhill, Rochester, Rochester Adams High School, and Kenneth Rice, Southfield, Catholic Central High School.

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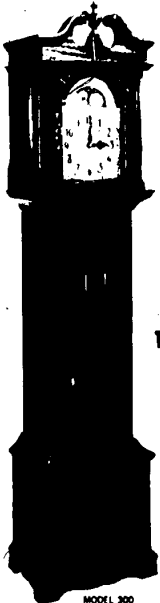
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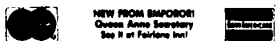
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