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Homer E. Dowdy, government reporter for the Flint (Mich.) Journal, will be one of eight speakers at the University of Dayton's second annual conference on state and local government to be held on the campus Apr. 7.

More than 100 city, county, village and township officials and interested citizens from the Miami Valley area are expected at the one-day conference.

Dowdy, named in January by Flint's Jaycees as outstanding young man of the year, is the author of the Journal's weekly Sunday feature, "On the Metropolitan Horizon," in which he has discussed civic problems generally and especially as they affect the Flint area. He also has written a number of series on local government problems.

He will speak at the conference at a 9:20 a.m. session of "Fringe Area Problems and City Expansion."

Other speakers include William H. Book, executive vice president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce; Harold Waddel, deputy director of highways for right-of-way, Columbus; James Maloon, director of research and statistics, Ohio Department of Taxation; Dr. John C. Bollens, executive director, Dayton Metropolitan Community Studies; George B. Hutchinson, Armco Drainage and Metal Products, Middletown, and John D. Corcoran, associate director, Public Administration Service, Chicago.

Luncheon speaker will be Ohio Attorney General William B. Saxbe. State Rep. Charles W. Whalen will be conference chairman.

The program is sponsored by the University's Community Service Center.