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Some 1,000 persons are to be contacted here.

Above 30 interviewers, selected in cooperation with the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority, and other local agencies, will make the home visits. All will have identification.

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Judge Thomas' remarks at the 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Mahoning County Courthouse, will officially open the Fall Term of the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas.

Following that, Judge Thomas, who was appointed to the Federal Court bench by Lyndon Johnson in 1966, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room at Youngstown State University. The Bicentennial Luncheon is at 12:15 p.m. and is jointly sponsored by the YSU Bicentennial Committee and members of the Mahoning County Bench and Bar (judges and members of the Mahoning County Bar Association).

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey of Poland, president of YSU, Attorney James C. Evans, president of the Mahoning County Bar Association, and Judge Peter C. Economus, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, will participate in the program.

Luncheon reservations are \$7.50 and can be made at the YSU Political Science Office, DeBartolo Hall, 742-3436, or at the Mahoning County Bar Association Office in the courthouse, 746-2933. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Sept. 19.

Judge Thomas, who earned his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Ohio State University, was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1935. He began his distinguished career as a trial attorney with Cleveland law firms and has since served on many committees of the U.S. Judicial Conferences. He currently resides in Chagrin Falls.

Members of the University-sponsored Bicentennial Committee planning appropriate commemoration of the historic events are: Judge Economus; Attorney James E. Mitchell senior partner in the law firm of Mitchell, Mitchell and Reed; Attorney Mary Beth Houser, partner in the law firm of Newman, Olson and Kerr; Dr. Frederick J. Blue of Austintown, YSU professor of History; and as chairman, YSU professor of Political Science, Larry E. Esterly of Poland.

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