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State-wide Lawyer Reference Plan to Be Launched

LANSING—The lawyers of Michigan will inaugurate a lawyer reference service and a statewide legal aid program at a meeting to be held in East Lansing this Saturday, according to Carl H. Smith, Bay City, president of the State Bar of Michigan.

Sponsored by the State Bar, the lawyer reference plan, Smith said, calls for its establishment by local bar associations.

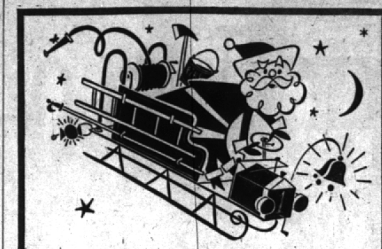
It is a means by which a member of the general public can be referred to a competent and reliable lawyer who for a fixed, moderate fee will be willing to give a consultation on a legal problem and then render additional legal service for a moderate fee if further legal service seems desirable and necessary.

The second project, a statewide legal aid program, will make legal advice available to those who may not be able to pay part or all of the cost of a lawyer's services.

Experiment Has Worked
Smith pointed out that Michigan has tried the lawyer reference plan experimentally in Grand Rapids and that its success has encouraged the statewide development of the idea.

Legal aid is based on the concept that "it is a fundamental duty of the bar to see to it that all persons requiring legal advice are able to obtain it, regardless of their economic status," according to Smith.

Speaking on the lawyer reference plan will be Walter V. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank C. Durbin, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; and Senator John B. Martin, Jr., Grand Rapids. Legal aid discussants include Arthur E. Schoepfer, Boston, Massachusetts; Julius L. Allison, Chicago, Illinois; Louis C. Miriam, and Anthony P. Marchese, Detroit; Laurence D. Smith, Grand Rapids; and George H. Bradt, Flint.



Don't Let Santa Be A Fireman

Keep Christmas merry by preventing fire in your home.

Follow these safety rules

1. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Use electric lights.
2. See that lighting sets and cords are in good condition. Look for U.L. label on lighting sets.
3. Never use cotton or other flammable decorations on or around the tree.
4. Place tree in coolest part of room; never near fireplaces or radiators.

Remember

- Christmas trees are flammable!

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

Next 3 Months Most Dangerous for Home Fires

The next three months are the most dangerous of the year for home fires, the Birmingham fire department warns.

According to figures of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, more fires occur in December, January and February than at any other season, chiefly because of heating hazards. During these cold months furnaces, heaters and stoves are likely to be overworked and may not be adequately cleaned and repaired.

Now is the time to protect your home against winter fires before any real trouble has a chance to start. Inspect your chimneys and flues where many home fires break out. They should be cleaned and all cracks and holes, where heat or sparks may escape, repaired.

DON'T "FORCE" FURNACES
The fire department especially wants to warn householders never to "force" furnaces and heaters if they aren't giving enough heat. There may be something mechanically wrong with the heating equipment or it may need cleaning. Forcing or overloading a furnace may cause a fire.

Be sure combustible rubbish, newspapers and old magazines aren't allowed to collect around the stove, or any other heating device. One-third of all home fires start in the cellar, so keep it as clean from combustible material as possible.

Use a metal container with a cover on it for hot ashes.

RULES FOR SAFETY

A few other rules for winter fire safety at home are:

1. Place portable heaters where they won't be knocked over easily. See that they aren't placed against woodwork, curtains, beds, or chairs.

2. If you're having difficulty starting a fire in a stove or furnace, use several sheets of newspaper twisted together. But never throw kerosene or gasoline into a stove to "quicken" a fire. Kerosene, when heated, can explode almost as violently as gasoline, setting fire to the house.

3. Don't overload electric circuits by plugging in too many heaters or other electric appliances on one circuit; inspect your electric cords. If any are frayed, have them replaced.

4. Keep a metal screen in front of the fireplace so that sparks won't fly onto clothes, furniture or rugs.



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B'ham City Assessor Appears on Program

ANN ARBOR—Municipal tax assessors of Michigan today wind up a three-day short course at the University of Michigan.

Speakers at the Tuesday session included Elmer W. Haack, Birmingham city assessor.

All meetings of the short course were held in the Michigan Union. The course has been arranged by the University Extension Service and Bureau of Government.

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