

## State Bar Recommends Uniform Lawyer Fees

To encourage uniformity in legal fees throughout the state and to enable lawyers, in the face of growing office and home maintenance costs, to obtain proper compensation for their professional time and efforts, the State Bar of Michigan has, for the first time, approved a suggested statewide minimum fee schedule.

In making the announcement on behalf of the board of commissioners, Nathan E. Goodnow of Detroit, president of the State Bar, pointed out that this is a suggested minimum fee schedule and not mandatory.

In certain of the larger cities of the state, local bar associations have long maintained their own minimum fee schedules. The new statewide schedule will be issued shortly to the 72 bar associations in the state for review and consideration.

"The new state schedule," said Goodnow, "is in no way intended to prejudice the rights of local bar associations to create any modifications, additions or deletions which they deem necessary to meet specific local problems."

"AFTER ALL, they are closer to their own situations and will know best. However, we are hopeful that it will be adopted throughout the state so that fees will be uniform in all communities."

The State Bar president also noted that costs for legal services set forth in the schedule are minimums—not maximums.

He explained that the importance of the particular legal service, the difficulties to be encountered, the special skill or experience required, the contingency or the certainty of compensation and many other factors influence the fee.

"THE ECONOMIC situation of the lawyer," said Goodnow, "has long been a matter of concern to the leaders of the bar."

"The growing complexities of life and the increasing public re-

ognition that the rights of the individual require more professional protection, have more than ever turned the spotlight on the economic security of the lawyer.

In the interests of the future of the American way of life, the economic security of the lawyer must be assured. This statewide minimum fee schedule, we believe, is a step in that direction."

Both the economic survey of the bar of the state conducted last year and the extensive study of legal fees this year were the work of the committee on professional economics of the State Bar.

In developing the new minimum fee recommendations during the course of an eight-month study, the committee worked with some 40 other committees and sections, each specializing in specific phases of the law and at the same time representing all areas of the state.

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The first Democratic 19th Congressional District dinner will be held Oct. 5 at Pine Knob Resort near Clarkston.

Proceeds from the dinner will be contributed to the campaign fund of the Democratic congressional candidate.

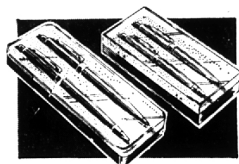
A national speaker will address 500 Democrats expected to attend the 7 p.m. event.

TICKETS ARE 10 dollars each or 15 dollars per couple and may be obtained from ticket chairman Charles Saxstrom, or Democratic headquarters, 17 Water Street, Pontiac.

The 19th district is composed of the townships of West Bloomfield, Brandon, Commerce, Farmington, Groveland, Highland, Holly, Independence, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Orion, Oxford, Redford, Rose, Springfield, Waterford and White Lake.

It includes the cities and villages of Clarkston, Farmington, Holly, Keego Harbor, the part of Lake Angeles which lies in Waterford township, Lake Orion, Livonia, Milford, Northville, Novi, Orchard Lake, Ortonville, Oxford, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and Woodcrest Farms.

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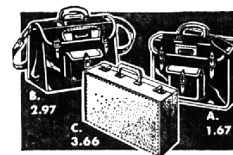
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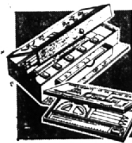
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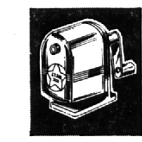
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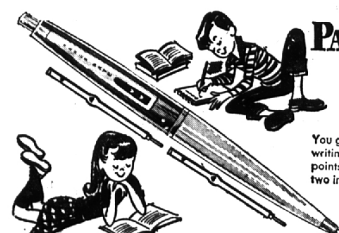
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