

THE SAN ANTONIO BAR JOINS THE WAR ON POVERTY

JANUARY MEETING STILL UNDER STUDY

Plans to combine the Informal Coffee Institute and the Bar's monthly luncheon are still being studied and it is anticipated that both committees will come up with a plan for the January meeting of the association.

ARTHUR TROILO, Chairman of the Informal Coffee Institute and SEGAL WHEATLEY, program chairman, have had a series of meetings and plan to make public their suggestions within the next few days.

A poll taken earlier in the year by Bar president, JOHN BANKS, revealed that a majority of the association's members favored doing away with monthly luncheons.

800 Pay Tribute To Justice Murray

A crowd estimated at 800, headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice ROBERT CALVERT, joined to pay tribute on December 7th to retiring Chief Justice WILLIAM O. MURRAY of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals.

Visitors attended the dinner from across the state, as well as members of the State Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, plus numerous district and county judges.

After all the accolades had been unrolled, Judge Murray took the mike to announce: "It's been a wonderful life . . . it's been hard work, but it's been pleasant, wonderful and gratifying."

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Program Draws Varied Comments

A far-reaching proposal to expand legal aid in San Antonio's poverty pockets at a total cost of \$432,922—with \$371,402 of it representing federal participation—was unveiled this month by the Bexar County Legal Aid Association and the San Antonio Bar Association.

The proposed program triggers a request for funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity for seven basic services to augment the existing services offered by the Bexar County Legal Aid Association.

The additional funding would allow a decentralized civil legal aid program with four neighborhood offices and "circuit-riding projects"; an extensive re-organization and expansion of the civil legal aid program; the addition of services in such matters as habeas corpus, release on personal recognizance, pre-trial proceedings, juvenile delinquency, and counsel for the indigent in corporation court; a preventive law and community education program; research; an expanded referral system in which private lawyers will volunteer or work for reduced compensation, and a provision for evaluation and review.

In applying for the federal funding the Bar association said the need is clearly demonstrated by the heavy case load of the present one-lawyer Bexar County Legal Aid Association presently headed by HILMER SCHMIDT.

A spot-check of attorneys, some of whom do not belong to the local Bar Association, who were asked to comment on the proposed program, drew strong comments in both directions. Most agreed that Federal "Legal-Care" was here to stay and that San

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