Alva C. Baird and E. James Stephens to speak at 1960 Institute on Taxation and Estate Planning

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Two tax experts from opposite sides of the continent will speak at the Institute on Taxation and Estate Planning at Montana State University Dec. 9 and 10, Prof. Lester R. Rusoff, director, announced.

Alva C. Baird, attorney from Los Angeles, Calif., and E. James Stephens, chartered life underwriter from Springfield, Mass., will appear on the institute program, which is sponsored annually by the MSU Law School.

Stephens will deal with tax planning opportunities for the small businessman. Baird will take up problems in the payment of a deficiency in tax prior to an assessment or a demand for such deficiency and the right of an attorney to make such payment without disclosing the client's identity.

Stephens is director of training and advanced underwriting for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. He holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration. He was certified a chartered life underwriter in 1955.

Baird is a native of Stevensville and a graduate of the MSU Law School. He was deputy county attorney in Missoula from 1923 to 1925. He has been in private practice in California since 1943. He was in charge of trial attorneys in 10 states as Pacific Division counsel for the Internal Revenue Service from 1938 to 1943. He was on the staff of the 1954 tax institute at MSU and the 1948 and 1950 tax institutes at the University of Southern California.

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