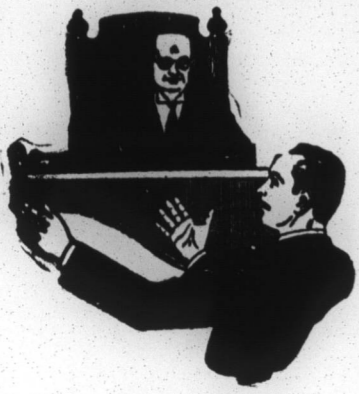


# This is the Law



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### Administrative Law

The average person thinks of law as falling into one of two categories: legislative action or court action. He knows generally that the legislature passes laws, the executive branch of the government administers these laws, and the judicial branch of the government hears cases in which it is alleged that these laws have been broken. Much of this idea about the law is not familiar to the non-lawyer, who follows most legislative proceedings only through the press and radio. He may go through life without once suing or being sued, or being cited to appear as a defendant in a criminal action.

But the citizen comes face to face with the administration of the law a hundred times a day. These "administrations" are attempts to make effective the policies dictated by the legislature, and involve decisions, by administrative bodies, that have the force and effect of law. A citizen's rights are determined by such administrative groups to the same extent that a court of law would determine his rights, but without the many legal safeguards provided in the law court.

### Major Legal Field

This activity has expanded in America—and in North Carolina—to the extent that administrative law is one of the major fields in legal practice today. Countless attorneys devote their entire careers to practice before only one administrative body, such as the Federal Communications Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The development of American civilization has made necessary this enormous expansion of administrative law. Our life is geared, more and more, to administrative decisions in fields formerly regarded as purely legal. The lawyer and the non-lawyer alike would, for example, regard as absurd the necessity of bringing a formal lawsuit whenever the Wildlife Resources Commission set an opening date for

fishing season or the Highway Commission decided to widen a state highway.

Sometimes hardships arise in the fields of administrative law. In most cases, the citizen is protected by the right of appeal to the courts, as in matters before the Utilities Commission. In other cases, there is little the individual can do after a decision is made, provided the administrative official or agency has been "reasonable."

### Protection

How can the average taxpayer protect himself? He can and does join various organizations to present his views to the administrative agency. He enlists the aid of his legislator in many cases, and he writes to the newspapers in an effort to arouse public opinion.

But the greatest help the individual can get in such matters is from his attorney. Many students of administrative law believe that the greatest assistance a lawyer can give his client lies in this field.

Yet this assertion runs against the feeling of many men, who reason that they are going "into court" in a matter before an administrative body and consequently do not need an attorney.

The competent lawyer, however, will be familiar with the procedures of any agency before which he appears. He will know when his client's rights are being trampled. He understands the rules of evidence, and knows what evidence will be considered relevant by the particular administrative body hearing his client's case. He knows how to prepare his client's petition in order to have an administrative decision reviewed by the courts of law, if that should be necessary. And his training and experience tells him when an appeal would be proper.

### Types of Cases

The cost of telephone calls, the granting of radio licenses, the suspension of beer and wine licenses, the evaluation of property for tax purposes, the location of highways, the size of oyster dredges allowed by law, the passage of municipal ordinances—all these decisions and thousands more are in the field of administrative law, and determine your rights. Your attorney can advise you of steps to be taken and the probable results of any dispute with even greater certainty that he can advise you of the probable outcome of a lawsuit.

In short, the counsel of a competent attorney is just as desirable in administrative law matters as in a law court action. Next week, specific instances of the help given individuals through such counsel will be presented in this column.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bulls announce the birth of a 7-pound, 8-ounce son, Frederick Dudley, Jr., born April 17, in the St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Bulls is the former Miss Janet Faye Jernigan.



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## 60 - SECOND SERMONS

—By—  
FRED DODGE

TEXT: "Silence is good for an ignorant man. If he knew this he would not be ignorant."—Saadi.

Bob Burns tells this story about his "cousin Wilfred."

"He was 11 years old before he said so much as a word. One day he was settin' on a fence, watchin' his father plow. A bull broke into the field and made straight for Wilfred's Pa. All of a sudden, Wilfred's mouth opened and he yelled, 'Hey! Pa! Hey! Look out for the bull!'"

"Soon as his Pa got out of the field he went straight for Wilfred and said



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"Wilfred, you shore done me a right smart favor that time. But how come you're speaking all of a sudden? You ain't never said nothin' afore."

"Well, Pa," was Wilfred's reply, "I jest ain't never had nothin' to say before."

There is much to be said for speaking only when we have something worth saying. Most of us appear eager to show our ignorance, when a few minutes silence would make us wiser. We tell ourselves, time after time, that we must hold our tongues. Suddenly we are at it again, with unhappy results. However, we can imagine that the forest would be a dreary place if the birds sang only when they were in danger.

Department of Conservation and Development, which includes the Division of State Parks under Parks Superintendent Thomas W. Morse, predicted that total attendance this year at the State parks will eclipse that of last year when it was 1,224,237.

Checked attendance at the parks during the first four months of this year, Morse said, was 258,254.

"Reports from park personnel," Douglas said, "indicate that a growing number of visitors to our State parks are using them instead of just visiting them. This is a healthy sign. We want to encourage all citizens to use our park facilities more and more."

### Visitors To Parks Of State Are Increasing

Full facilities, including swimming and bathing, will be made available to the general public at all State parks for the duration of the summer season.

Director Ben E. Douglas of the State

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to all services.

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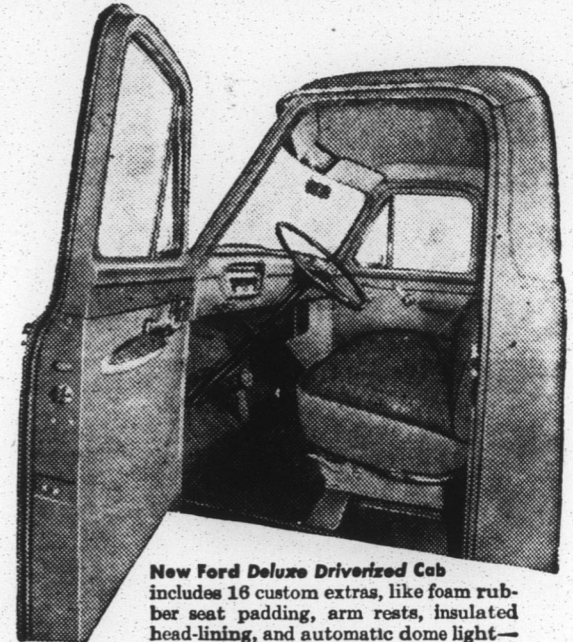
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