

This is the Law



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(For the N. C. Bar Association)

Law Day
May 1, by proclamation of our President, has become Law Day U. S. A.
This is a new kind of national "day" that has appeared on the American scene. It was

inaugurated in 1958 by a proclamation of President Eisenhower. The public response to it has been enthusiastic and widespread. No day of national observance has even grown so big, so quickly.

The Russians for years have been using May 1 to parade its military might, symbol of its philosophy of rule through force and fear. In the United States, May 1 now has become a day for a demonstration of a different sort.

It is a day for reaffirmation of faith in the rule of law in the daily lives of all Americans. It is a time for imparting to all citizens a deeper awareness of the part that our laws and courts play in sustaining the spiritual and social values we cherish most as a nation.

In the United States the law is superior to the government; the courts are designed to protect the rights and property of the individual against the power



BULL BY THE TAIL—It isn't that they have anything against taking the bull by the horns down Mexico way. It just isn't sporting. This rider has galloped up in back of the bull, lifted him off the ground by his tail, and thrown him to the sand. A "gentlemen's sport," the exercise developed from an ancient method of halting cattle stampedes by "grounding" the lead bulls.

of the State.
Under the totalitarian concept, the State stands above the law. What they call law amounts to merely a codification of the will of the dictators. There courts are no more than tools for crushing the rights of the individual and exalting the power of the State.

Americans can be proud of the fact that they have a legal system in which order is preserved and disputes are settled with reference to a body of principles, which are grounded on a recognition of the dignity of the individual.

Some think that the law restricts and restrains. As a result, they have no respect for the law. But freedom depends on reasonable restraint.

No matter what sacrifice specific rules of the law require of each of us, let us remember that the denials the Law imposes on us are nothing compared to the protection it offers

us. Our defiance of it in areas where it interferes with our convenience could easily lead to defiance of it in areas indispensable to our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Law gives the individual security that he could obtain in no other way; it protects the family and other groups organized for the advancement of common interests; it permits the growth of great cities and the development of vast enterprises. In other words, it is the cement that holds our free society together.

A system of law can exist only to the extent that people themselves support it. The average citizen may ask himself: What can I do to increase respect for law and order? Five simple things are suggested:

1. Accept jury duty when called, regardless of personal inconvenience.
2. Appear as a witness, give evidence and otherwise cooperate in the administration of justice.
3. Publicly compliment law enforcement officers and jurists when they render extraordinary service.
4. Respect and uphold all laws.
5. Teach your children to grow up with respect for law and order.

Twiddy Candidate For Board Public Works

George S. Twiddy on Monday filed his candidacy for the Board of Public Works in the Edenton Municipal election on Tuesday, May 2.

Mr. Twiddy adopted Edenton as his home 16 years ago, since which time he has been engaged in the insurance and real estate business.

He is a former member of the Edenton Zoning Commission and has taken an active part in community activities. He is familiar with the town's assessment program and being experienced in construction, cost of material and industrial program, feels that he is qualified to serve on the board.

Twiddy was a candidate for the board in the 1959 election, and was sixth in an eight-man race, trailing J. P. Ricks, Jr., by only two votes.

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pell, hostess.
Monday, May 8, 3:00 P. M.—Chowan Club at Chowan Community Building, Mrs. J. H. Asbell, hostess.

Monday, May 8, 8:00 P. M.—Yeopim Club at the home of Mrs. A. W. Jordan.

Tuesday, May 9, 8:00 P. M.—Beech Fork Club at the home of Mrs. Mona Hofler.

Wednesday, May 10, 3:00 P. M.—Wards Club at Wards Community Building, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard and Mrs. Gilbert Byrum, hostesses.

Monday, May 15, 8:00 P. M.—Enterprise Club at home of Mrs. E. E. Harrell.

Tuesday, May 16, 8:00 P. M.—Center Hill Club at home of Mrs. Emmett Jones.

Wednesday, May 17, 3:00 P. M.—Byrd Club at home of Mrs. W. E. Speight.

Tuesday, May 23, 8:00 P. M.—Rocky Hock Club at home of Mrs. Tommy Leary.

Thursday, May 25, 3:30 P. M.—Colonial Club, Ball Room, Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Club Calendar

Following is the Home Demonstration Club calendar for the month of May, 1961:

Monday, May 1, 2:30 P. M.—Advance Home Demonstration Club at Advance Community Building, Mrs. L. E. Francis, hostess.

Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 P. M.—Oak Grove Club at Oak Grove Community Building, Mrs. Preston Parks and Mrs. Cecil Nixon, hostesses.

Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 P. M.—Gum Pond Club at Rocky Hock Community Center, Mrs. Everett Wilson and Mrs. Herman Nixon, hostesses.

Thursday, May 4, 8:00 P. M.—Ryland Club, Mrs. Lloyd Chap-

Farm Bureau Tour Proves Very Helpful

A recent Farm Bureau tour of five states and covering about 2,500 miles was most interesting, according to Woodrow Lowe, president of Chowan County Farm Bureau and A. C. Griffin, who also represented Chowan County on the tour.

Home discussion meetings have worked very well in Michigan in deciding what is best for agriculture and to get results in the area of policy development.

The Ohio Farm Bureau has found a very successful way to implement its policies. When the situation demands, more than 2,000 people have contacted their legislator within a 48-hour

period.
A cooperative market for livestock and other farm products really works well for Farm Bureau members in Indiana.

In Kentucky the Women's Organization is active in membership and helps to develop Farm Bureau youth groups.

Tennessee has a strong and

active Farm Bureau organization throughout the state.

This week-long tour was the most extensive one ever promoted by North Carolina Farm Bureau and Mr. Lowe hopes the knowledge gained on this trip can be put to use to make Farm Bureau in North Carolina better able to serve the farm needs.

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