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On May 1, our Association, in collaboration with the State Bar and local associations, participated in “Law Day U. S. A.” The program, initiated by the American Bar Association, focused public attention on the role law has played in the development of our nation and in the daily life of each citizen. The governor of our state and the mayors of various cities issued proclamations declaring May 1 as “Law Day U. S. A.” Our newspapers by editorials and news releases directed attention to the observance. Television and radio stations throughout the state broadcast special programs featured by prominent local lawyers. In addition, some local bar associations, courts, colleges, schools and civic clubs had appropriate ceremonies. It is felt that this, the first “Law Day U. S. A.” was a successful effort to increase the public’s appreciation of the rights and privileges enjoyed under our system of laws and courts.

Now, a word about our annual meeting on August 29-30: we are concentrating on the program for that meeting. High on the agenda will be the consideration and discussion of the revision of Article VII of our Constitution relating to the Judiciary. The recent creation of the Commission on Constitutional Review, of which Honorable H. A. Holt is chairman, gives the bar of this state a golden opportunity, yea a challenge, to do something to improve our archaic judicial system.

It is our hope that the morning sessions of the annual meeting will be of such interest to our members as to make their attendance worthwhile from a professional as well as a social and recreational point of view. You will receive more information about the program well in advance of the meeting. In the meantime, we hope you will make your plans to be at White Sulphur on Friday and Saturday, August 29 and 30th.

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