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COMMENT FROM OVER THE SHOULDER

What an impressive ceremony our opening rites and salute to the flag has become to this Club.

We have heard many comments regarding the impressiveness of this ceremony and our President, Frank is to be congratulated on this innovation.

Now comes "Bill" Harper with some interesting information regarding the National Anthem, "THE STARS SPANGLED BANNER."

"Americans have been singing 'The Star Spangled Banner' for 125 years, but in spite of the fact that Congress has made it the official National Anthem, it is still the song nobody—or almost nobody—knows."

A recent pool by American Institute of Public Opinion shows one in eight knows all three verses; four out of eight know some of it; one in three did not know that "Star Spangled Banner" is the national anthem. Other songs mistakenly nominated were: "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Dixie," "Battle Hymn of

the Republic."

To which group do you belong?

Here also is a sketch of the author and the cause of writing the words. After reading the occasion, one can more readily understand the motives of the words which for the benefit of all are herewith reprinted.

Francis Scott Key, an American lawyer and poet, was born in Frederick County, Md., August 1, 1779; died in Washington, D. C., January 11, 1843. When the British troops invaded Washington in 1814, they seized and held as prisoner Dr. William Beanes, and Key, who was then District Attorney for the District of Columbia, was sent by President Madison with a flag of truce to the British General Ross to negotiate for his release. The mission was successful, but he was detained by the British commander, who had prepared to attack Baltimore. The engagement began with the bombardment of Fort McHenry, near the city, and was witnessed by Key. Under the tension of patriotism and anxiety for the fate of the fort, Key wrote the ever-since popular National Song, "The Star Spangled

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Banner." The song was at once published and sung to the tune of "Anacreon in Heaven," and became popular throughout the country.

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

Written in Baltimore in 1814

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming;

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there;

Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the midst of the deep

Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;

'Tis the star-spangled banner, oh! long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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Oh; thus be it e'er when freemen
shall stand
Between their loved homes and the
war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the
heav'n-secued land
Praise the pow'r that bath made
and preserv'd us a nation;
Then conquer we must when our
cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is
our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in
triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave.



The meeting next week will be devoted to information regarding the proposed city-county merger and will have speakers representing both sides of the question.

There has been much newspaper information on this subject and now we are to have it direct from those who have made a careful study of this situation and will give us no doubt food for thought as both sides will have their arguments as to why they are right.

Mr. Lisle K. Williams, secretary of the San Diego City County Government League will present his side, telling why the merger would be beneficial to the community and Mr. Fred Kunzel, a local attorney, who is also a director in the San Diego Chamber of Commerce will tell of its disadvantages.

The talks will not be in the nature of a debate but will merely be informative talks and no action by

the Club can be taken.

It is certain that this first hand information will be very valuable for future action by the individual and we are looking forward to a good meeting.



Socialized medicine received its dues in the hands of Dr. S. J. McClendon, M.D., who spoke on this subject, showing its very great disadvantages and recommended instead a localized method of health insurance sponsored by the State Medical Association.

Information given by the speaker regarding the use and abuse in other countries was of interest and it is sincerely hoped that we in this "free" country will not be regimented into any kind of compulsory methods whether in medicine religion or other heretofore free gifts of a free American people.

Thank you, Dr. McClendon for this interesting talk.



Announcement is made that the Constitution Committee of which Frank Lowe, E. G. Merrill jr., and William E. Harper are members will close their work on the "Study of the Constitution" on April 30, at the Organ Pavillion.

This civic committee has been doing a lot in the way of public addresses at various schools days and night to give enlightenment to the citizens regarding this all important

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subject of our Constitution.

These men, together with many other citizens have been talking at various gatherings and even now, through the co-operation of the Superintendent of Public Schools, have completed a series of talks to the school children.

The culmination of the work will be in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States and the Park Board has granted the use of the Organ Pavilion for April 30, for this occasion.

More information will be given at a later date and members are urged to bear the date and occasion in mind.



Members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Clayton Dible for the blue cornflower button hole bouquets which were donated by the Exclusive Florists. Everybody looked dressed up and we thank you, Clayton.

WHERE TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY

Brawley, Planters Hotel, 12:10.
Oceanside, El Rey Cafe, 12:10.
San Diego, San Diego Club, 12:10.

WEDNESDAY

Calexico, De Anza Hotel, 12:10.
Ocean Beach, Thursday Club, 12:15.
National City, Kiwanis Club House, 12:10.

THURSDAY

Yuma, Arizona, Masonic Temple, 12:10.
Escondido, Hotel Charlotta, 12:15.
East San Diego, Masonic Hall, 12:10.

FRIDAY

El Centro, Barbara Worth Hotel, 12:15.
La Jolla, La Valencia Hotel, 12:10.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1939

SAN DIEGO CLUB

12:10 Noon

Pro and Con Talk on San Diego
City-County Consolidation

PRO

Lisle K. Williams, Secretary
San Diego City-County Govern-
ment League

CON

Fred Kunzel, Attorney
Director San Diego Chamber of
Commerce.

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