

# The QUIRKY QUILL

I have never been a nut on the issue of patriotism, and thing we were referred to as One Hundred Per Cent Americanism has frequently made me a little ashamed of the inclination of the average American to blow-off his love of country in public and talk sometimes a little too loudly about his red-bloodedness and his precious freedom.

Yet, feeling as I do, I have seldom been moved as I was on Wednesday night when that remarkable high school band from Kings Mountain rose to its feet as a man and broke into the "Star Spangled Banner."

Somehow it had been a long time since I had heard The Star Spangled Banner, and I think I can truthfully say that I have never heard it played with so much enthusiasm, so much feeling, as it was by those boys and girls from Kings Mountain.

Suddenly, for no apparent reason, I was moved almost to tears by the sight of some eighty young Americans standing erect in resplendent uniforms, playing our National Anthem with such vigor and sincerity that it was easy to see they meant every note of it.

It was a marvelous sight and a marvelous experience.

For there are few places left on earth in which boys and girls may stand up and play a tune that breathes freedom and equal opportunity. Very few indeed.

For in many lands today the ruling powers are drafting for military service the young people as well as the able bodied men. Boys and girls of the same age as those Kings Mountain musicians are drilling in military camps, in work camps, train-

ing for service in the field, in the air, on the sea, in hospitals and camps . . . preparing themselves, under compulsion from above, for active service in the war which all the world hopes and prays will never come, yet which may be an actuality with the coming of any dawn.

I felt somehow as I listened to the Star Spangled Banner that we should play it and sing it more often. We should hear it frequently and under its sweeping, its almost terrible significance. For its radiates the essence of the spirit of democracy. It was born of democracy, and it is a part, a vital part of American life.

I thought of those boys and girls playing in the band, and I thought of the people who were listening. All citizens of a free country, the least as important, in the eyes of our government, as the greatest. All citizens, filled with the spirit of equality and liberty.

And when I thought of boys and girls and grown-ups in other lands . . . many of them living in deadly fear of every tomorrow; many of them suffering economic and even physical torture because of greed and concentration of power and disregard for the value and the feeling of

As I have said, I have never been so fanatic in the matter of patriotism. I have probably been even a little lax at times in my own patriotic duty. But I realize that we need patriotism in America now as we never needed it before. A quiet, determined kind of patriotism, however, without much of the grandstand show that is used in time of national emergency.

It was the day after I had heard the Kings Mountain band that my telephone rang and a young woman gave me this message:

"I happened to notice," she said "that during the parade yesterday not a single man near me bothered to take off his hat when the flag went by."

"I am not," she went on, voicing my own feeling exactly, "a fanatic on the subject of patriotism. But I feel that we should try to revive that respect for the colors we once felt, or at least showed, when the occasion warranted it."

"I was a little surprised when I began to notice that none of the men were taking off their hats, although the colors came by an several different occasions. I wish you would say something about it in the paper. I believe it is worthy of attention."

I agreed, most heartily. It is very important that we remember and diligently practice such things as respect for the flag and for our governmental leaders.

We should be quick to doff our hats when the flag is passing by. And we should thank God that we are privileged to look on marching high school bands rather than on marching troops in helmets of steel. —B. E. A., Gastonia Gazette.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM AT ZION CHURCH

"Lites Highway" will be presented at the Zion Colored Methodist Church Thursday night. A singing program will precede the special feature. A charge of 10c will be the admission price.

There were 1186 prisoners in 77 North Carolina county jails on April 1, 1939.

## FUN FOR THE VISITOR TO NEW YORK FAIR



NEW YORK—The 280-acre Amusement Center, shown in this section of a drawing by Artist H. M. Pettit, will be devoted exclusively to thrills and rib tickling. There will be a jungland, enchanted forest, "old New York" village, a Penguin Island with live

penguins, a Wild West show and other features. Outstanding in entertainment will be a million-dollar Aquascope featuring Eleanor Holm (inset), Olympic and stage star, to be presented in the 10,000-seat Marine Amphitheater.

### Society News

(Cont'd from society page)

Renfrow of Mooresboro; Mrs. Carye Isley of Burlington; Miss Alonnia Deam, Mrs. Howard Houser, and Mrs. J. E. Allen, all of Cherryville; Miss Kate Whitworth of Waco Mrs. James Ivor McCoolum of Charlotte.

An attractive and delicious salad and sweet course was served with the bridal motif observed.

### Personals

Miss Peggy Marie Moore, of Salisbury, is a visitor in Kings Mountain.

Miss Lettie Bungardner is spending the summer in Erwin, Tenn.

Miss Alleen White has returned from a trip to New York City where she visited the World's Fair.

Mr. W. L. Plonk returned last week from a visit to the New York World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr., and Miss Nellie Gault left Sunday for a ten days stay in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kiser of Charlotte spent the week end with relatives in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Plonk of Concord spent the week-end with relatives in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Robert Morrison of Hickory has been a guest of relatives in Kings Mountain.

Dr. R. E. Fox of Raleigh has been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler, Paul, Jr., and Miss Pauline Neisler are in New York City this week.

Mrs. Garland Still and children of Winston-Salem are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mauney.

Mrs. A. J. McGill and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGill, of Dallas, Texas, spent last Friday with relatives in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smathers and Miss Fairy Grace Patterson of Charlotte were visitors in Kings Mountain Sunday.

Mr. O. W. Myers returned Monday night from Knoxville, Tenn., where he went on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Chief of Police Jimmy Burns and family will leave tonight for Norfolk where they will spend their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stallworth returned from their honeymoon Tuesday night and are now at home in the Cooper Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neisler and Miss Betty Lee Neisler have been in New York City for several days where they are visiting the World Fair.

Rev. E. W. Fox, pastor of Central Methodist Church was carried to a Charlotte Hospital yesterday for treatment. The exact nature of Mr.

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Cases reported in the U. S. in 1938!  
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Fox's illness was not known.

Mrs. C. W. Harper, O. O. Jackson, M. H. Biser, Bill Howard and Mrs. Jesse Kiser of Charlotte, spent several days in Asheville this week.

Ed Smith of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has been on a visit to his relatives in Kings Mountain and his father, North Smith who is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Fox and guest, Dr. R. E. Fox of Raleigh, went to Siler City Sunday afternoon to attend funeral services for a kinsman.

Messrs Harold Huncutt and Joe Lee Woodward returned Wednesday night from a two day fishing trip at Bridge-water, where they were the guests of a Charlotte Mill Supply firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGill and children left today for their home in Dallas, Texas, after a visit to relatives here. They were accompanied by Miss Gladys Russell of Salisbury who will visit friends and relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeter and two daughters left Sunday for a two weeks trip to New York City. While there they will visit the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Hamrick and family are in New York City where they went especially to attend North Carolina Day at the World's Fair. Ladd Hamrick, Jr., was a representative to the Fair.

In New York the Mauney "took in" the World's Fair, and they had the Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and two children, Peggie and Gene, have returned from a trip thru the New England States and Canada. While pleasure of seeing the King and Queen in Quebec, Canada.

N. C. State institutions were caring for 7476 mental patients in April, 1939.

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For GEM and Fast Ready Razors

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**TODAY — THURSDAY**  
Double Feature Program  
Lucille Ball in  
"Beauty For The Asking"  
Tom Keene in  
"GLORY TRAIL"  
Jackie Cooper in  
"Scouts To The Rescue No. 5"  
—Only 10c—

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
Double Feature Program  
Fred Scott in  
"OLD MONTANA"  
Lee Tracy in  
"FIXER DUGAN"  
Comedy — Cartoon  
Red Barry No. 12  
10c and 15c

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
Janet Gaynor Fredric March  
in  
"A STAR IS BORN"  
All in Gorgeous Technicolor  
Comedy — News  
10c and 15c

**Dixie Theatre**  
Thursday and Friday  
"LADY VANISHES"  
Margaret Lockwood—Michael Redgrave  
Saturday  
"BLACKWELL'S ISLAND"  
John Garfield—Rosemary Lane  
"PAIS OF THE SADDLE"  
The Three Mesquiteers  
CASH NITE  
Monday and Tuesday  
"THE LADIES' FROM KENTUCKY"  
George Raft, Ellen Drew, Hugh Herbert  
Wednesday—Bargain Day—15c  
"SUDDEN MONEY"  
Charles Ruggles—Marjorie Rambeau  
"LONE WOLF SPY HUNT"  
Warren Williams—Ida Lupino  
New Serial—"FLYING (G-MEN)"  
James Craig—Lorna Gray

**Week-End SPECIALS**  
Just Arrived—New Shipment  
**Ruffled Curtains**  
2 1-6 yard lengths. Extra specially priced at only—  
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OTHERS FROM 48c to \$1.98  
Large Assortment of 80 Square **PRINTS**  
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