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MILLIE at MIKE'S

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MILLIE'S blond and neat little head was bent close to the top of the counter. She was staring critically at the object which the person addressing her had just laid there. She looked up at the man standing in front of her.

Yesterday was the first time that Millie had ever seen Don Frazer. He had made a breezy entrance into the small restaurant at noon and came directly to her counter.

"Hello, Cutie!" had been his first words.

It must be admitted that Millie had often been addressed thus.

"Beautiful mornin', ain't it?"

"Oh—it's all right," she drawled.

"Ye-ah. You're pretty cheerful, aincha? Gimme a deck of numps if you ain't too busy looking in that mirror," he said.

"Oh, I guess I got time for you," she drawled sarcastically.

"Yeah? Thanks."

She watched him with a smile on her lips as he moved away. She liked this man.

Don Frazer smiled. He knew that he was making a hit, and Millie appealed to him. Hash-house cashiers weren't beneath him. He thought that he could use Millie.

On his way out of the restaurant, Don stopped again at the girl's counter. Paying for his lunch, he started talking to her again: "I hope you didn't think I was too fresh," he said.

"Naw, I get used to that knd of talk in here."

"I betcha do. Say," he continued with fresh enthusiasm, "do you know that you got darn pretty hair?"

"Are you going to hand me that line?" she asked, drawing back with feigned coldness.

"Aw no—no," he protested, "you really have got pretty hair, and you're pretty, too."

"Say, you're not so slow, are you, big-boy?"

"Being slow wouldn't get me any place with you, would it?"

"Well, now, young man, just what do you mean?" she asked innocently.

Don had to wait for a while until Millie waited upon another customer. He watched her sharply. She was pretty and a little more intelligent looking than most girls of her type. He had to admire the freshness of her unpainted face and the simplicity of her dress. He began to have faint misgivings; perhaps she wouldn't be as easy as he thought. Lighting a cigarette, he puffed rapidly at it until she turned to him again: "Now, what was it that you meant?"

"I mean that I want to see a lot more of you," he answered.

"That ought to be easy; I'm here six hours every day."

"Do you want me to come around?"

"I didn't say that."

"I know you didn't, but—say, what are you doing tonight?"

"I can tell you better—tonight."

Watching him go through the door, she sighed. She was wondering if she would see him again, and, if she did, whether he would make a date with her. Millie wasn't in the habit of making dates with the restaurant's customers. Mike had warned her against it, and Mike knew; hadn't he run this little beanery for twenty-three years? But this Don was different; he had to be different; somebody had to take her out of this place. Millie didn't want to be a hash-house cashier all her life, and she had little chance of meeting men outside the restaurant.

During the evening she began to grow weary of watching for him. Customers came, ate, and went; yet there was no Don. She sighed and decided to forget about him when she heard his voice at her elbow. "Hi Millie!"

"Oh, hello, Don," she said, startled.

"I'm almost starved," he said. "Guess I'll grab a bite to eat now; see you right after."

Watching him as he ate his supper, Millie wondered about his nervousness; she wondered about other things, too, where he worked, and where he lived. She compared him with the few men she had known well; there weren't many of them; her brothers; her cousins; Mike, and two others, almost forgotten now, with whom she had gone to the movies and a few dances. Her father had told her that all men were devils; Mike had warned her about accepting dates with his customers; her brothers had told her that they would lick any man they saw her with before she married. Millie wondered how she was going to marry when she knew so few men.

Don finished his meal and walked over to Millie's counter. She noticed a harried expression on his face and it puzzled her.

"Millie," he said, looking about him nervously, "I'm sorry about tonight. I wanted to take you to a dance, but I can't make it now."

"Oh, that's all right, Don." But it wasn't all right. She had set her heart on spending the evening with him.

"I got a call," he said, passing her his meal-check and a ten-dollar bill from a well-filled bill-fold, "and I've got to take a train to Pittsburgh tonight. I suppose that sounds funny to you but—"

"No," she interrupted, her lips curling disdainfully, "it does not sound funny—it sounds phoney. And," looking up at him with hot moist eyes filled with pain, "this bill's phoney, too. Hey, Mike!"

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DEATHS

Mrs. Sarah C. Battis

Mrs. Sarah C. Battis, widow of the late Wm. T. Battis, died November 14th. 1934. aged 87 years. She is survived by two sons and one daughter, Hiram B. Battis, John W. Battis, Wilmington; Mrs. John W. Starkey, near Chestertown; in Queen Anne's; four great grandchildren.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel S. and Sarah Catherine Tarbutton, of Queen Anne's. Funeral Friday, November 16th, 1934, at 2 p. m., from the home of her dauter, Mrs. John W. Starkey. of near Chestertown, interment Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville.

Stonewall Jackson Coleman

Chestertown has lost another highly respected and much loved citizen in the death of Stonewall Jackson Coleman familiarily known as "Capt. Jack." A fall on November 1st aboard a boat at Kibler's Wharf brought on the illness which caused his death. He was taken to Baltimore Thursday and death came on Sunday. He was 71 years old. His trade was bricklayer and plasterer but for some years he was superintendent of buildings at Washington College under Dr. Cain. He was an ardent member of Christ M. P. Church and a regular attendant upon all its services.

Four children, Clifton Coleman, Chestertown; Mrs. Hilda B. Greenwood, Baltimore; Mrs.Howard Reed, Pomona; and James Coleman, Baltimore, survive as does one sister, Mrs. William Pennell, of Chester, Penna.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday morning from Christ M. P. Church with the rites of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of which he was a member.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Litsinger was the officiating minister. assisted by Rev. Mr. Hufnal, W. H. Good, undertaker.

Mrs. Esther Benton

Mrs. Esther Benton died Sunday, Nov. 11th, in Piney Neck, where she lived with her son, James Benton, after an illness of only a couple of days. She leaves also a daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Stevens, who lives next door and a son, Thomas Benton, of Rock Hall, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon being conducted by Rev. Conrad Hamer, of Rock Hall M. E. Church. Interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, W. H. Good, undertaker.

The pall bearers were Jas. Dowling, Jr., Thomas Benton, Jas. Benton, Geo. Elburn, Romie Taylor and Romie Crouch.

Jacob B. Downey

Jacob B. Downey, one of Rock Hall's best citizens, died at the home of his son, Jesse, Thursday, aged 76. He leaves the following children: Orin A., Jacob L., Newton C., Sterling O., Jesse B., Leslie T., and Mrs. Elsie M. Jacjuette; also fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held in Rock Hall M. E. Church at 2 p. m. Sunday, interment in Wesley Cemetery, Rev. Mr. Hamer officiating, and W. H. Good undertaker.

Alfred Denny Kersey

Alfred Denny Kersey, aged 65, died at Chester, Md., Sunday. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. John W. Comegys, a teacher in the Chestertown High School.

Robert E. Lee Kirby

Capt. Robert E. Lee Kirby, a well-known Quaker Neck waterman,died suddenly at noon Saturday, aged 69. He had been out oystering and was about to tie his boat to a stake when he collapsed and died within a few minutes. His friends saw him and soon recovered his body. Coroner Dr. H. L. Dodd did not deem an inquest necessary and gave a verdict of death due to heart distase, superinduced by over-exertion.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and the following children: Rev. Robert Lee Kirby, Westover; Chas. W. Kirby, Quaker Neck; Mrs. Flora M. Vansant, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Mrs. Mabel C. King, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Harry D. Kirby, Livingston, N. J. Two brothers, Calvin Newton Kirby and John Kirby, the former of Boonsboro. the latter of Annapolis, also survive as do two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Dennis and Mrs. Sadie McCartney, both of Baltimore.

Funeral service were held at Mowbray Chapel at noon Monday, interment in Chester Cemetery. The officiating ministers were: the Rev. Harry O. Hufnal; the Rev. W. L. McClintock and the Rev. Robert E. Green. The bearers were: Frank Stoops, Clarke Stoops, Wm. Dickerson, James Brown, Thomas White and George Carroll. Dodd and Usilton, undertakers.

Lemuel E. Beck

Lemuel E. Beck, aged 67, died Thursday morning at his home in Piney Neck. He has been a resident of that section for his entire lifetime. He leaves a wife, Sara Beck and five children: Mrs. Howard Creighton. Mrs. Riley Frazier, Mrs. Morris Downey, Mrs. Charles Kendall, and Herbert Beck.

Funeral secvices will be held at 2 p. m., from the home, with the Rev Donoway officiating. Interment at Ashley Cemetery. Bearers, Charles [illegible], Edwin Boulder, Romie Crouch, William Higgins, Jame: Higgins. John Frazier. Undertaker Marvin Williams.

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Five outstanding services make up the health-conservation program of the American Red Cross, according to the annual report just issued in Washington. These services are first aid and life saving, which together have trained more than a million persons; nursing, with an active enrollment of 36,133 registered nurses; Public Health Nursing, conducted by 750 nurses in 424 chapters last year; and Home Hygiene, which has taught more than 700,000 men and women simple ways of caring for the sick at home.

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Mrs. Fred T. Robinson spent the week-end the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Simpson, in Washington.

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Mrs. Ethel L. Fox, librarian at Washington College, entertained a number of faculty members and their wives at a house-warming at her new home on Mt. Vernon Place on Saturday evening.

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Jos. R. Lambert has been nursing a burned hand and arm the past week. He was burning brush and in pouring gasoline on the dying embers the blaze hit his hand and arm. It is healing nicely.

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George W. Baldwin mashed his thumb severely Saturday while installing an up-to-date show case in Geo. T. Cooper's store on High St.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roland Porter, of Millington, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby son, born on Sunday, Nov. 11.

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With their home attractively decorated in silver and autumn leaves, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spry, of McGinnes' Corner, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Saturday evening. A buffet luncheon consisting of chicken salad, Maryland beat biscuits, cheese, pickles, cake and coffee was served to many friends and relatives who came to extend greetings and best wishes. Numerous beautiful gifts were received including a sum of money all in silver.

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Harry Wagner and Ridgely Joiner are in Baltimore hospital for treatment.

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Bennie Willson and wife, of Boothwyn, Pa., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Willson, "Sunny Brook," Fairlee. Mr. Willson is a boss at the General Chemical Plant in Delaware County, Pa.

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Clarence Rodney and Mrs. Geo. N. Coleman visited the former's wife at a Baltimore hospital Saturday, the day she was operated upon for goiter after a stay of several weeks in which her general condition was improved.

Mrs. James W. Chapman, Jr., accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Wells and sister, of Baltimore, spent several days in town this week. They enjoyed the supper at Christ M. P. Church Tuesday evening.

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Frank Ford, of Chestertown and Kennedyville, is in St. Agnes Hospital for treatment.

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"Dr." Harry Fallowfield, of Baltimore, Dental College, was home for Armistice Day.

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Mrs. Howard B. Strong has been quite ill at her home on Queen St.

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"Uncle" Billy Wood is visiting his daughter in Kent and altho upon his eighties enjoyed a day's hunting for rabbits with Lester Carter and the Parsons boys. He is a good shot, too.

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Dr. Lewis B. Whiting and wife, of Baltimore, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Ford. Dr. Whiting is enjoying the hunting season having brought two bird dogs with him.

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George French, Robert Huey and Rollison Baxter visited the Masonic Home at Bonnyblink, Baltimore county, last Sunday to attend a special service. James W. Chapman, Esq., of Baltimore, had charge of the service and his son, Vannort Chapman, conducted the singing.

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Mrs. Charles F. Wheatley is confined to her home because of a sprained ankle received while in her yard on Mill street.

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Mrs. Walter V. Kulley, Jr., has been ill at her home on Washington avenue, for the past three days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Davis have been visiting their son and family in Wilmington.

Small Boy's Naive Excuse

A small boy with a bad sliver in his toe was taken to the doctor by his grandmother, who was recovering from a severe heart attack. While the doctor removed the sliver the little boy cried a great deal. On the way home he looked up at his grandmother and said, "I'm sorry I cried so hard, grandmother, 'cause I know a broken heart is worse than a sliver, but you're older than me."—Chicago Tribune.

Making an Impression

It was the first day of school, Elizabeth, the nine-year-old daughter, was all ready to start; very conscious of the fact that she was wearing one of her best dresses.

"Why are you wearing that dress?" daddy asked.

"Every one wears their best dress on the first day of school," she said.

"But, why?" persisted daddy.

"Well," she replied, "it's to make your new teacher think you're better than you are."

Ship's Christening

The custom of christening a ship when it is launched is a relic of the ancient libation which was practiced when ships were launched. The ancients consecrated the ship to the god whose image she bore. The action of blessing ships is alluded to by the monks of St. Denys. In July, 1418, the bishop of Bangor was sent to Southampton to bless the king's ship to insure successful voyages.

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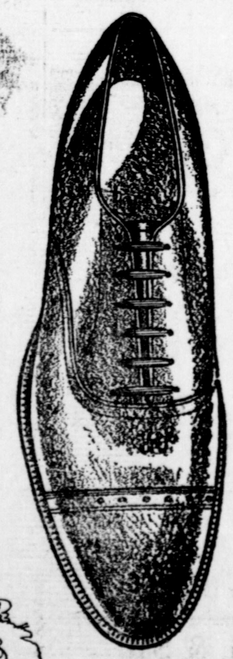
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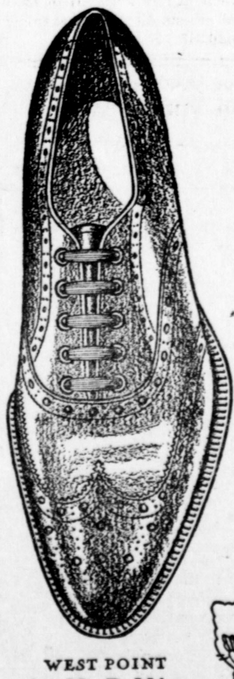
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