The Curbstone Diplomat

By
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Mr. M. Chapman gave Kent County's leading metropolis a break last Saturday afternoon and a bad break at that.

It seems that M. Chapman's business is looking for suckers, that is suckers in a big way. He employs all the tactics of a good fisherman. Just like the boys down at Rock Hall that catch Rock Fish by chumming; so did Chappy chum by throwing out free pencils and then when he hooked his fish, he used lots of patience and in the end he landed Mr. Fish in a big way.

Here is how it happened.

Last Saturday afternoon in the lower park, a car drove up and the driver alighted and with some trick devise he rigged up a platform on the rear of his car. With him was a colored man, with a red hankerchief tied around his head. The two of them then mounted this platform. A crowd quickly gathered around them. The setting resembled a patent medicine show.

The man we will call Bill, as that is what he called himself, then started throwing out pencils for the crowd to scramble for. After about two handfuls he stopped and asked all the children under sixteen years of age to go down the park a little further and he would throw them some pencils. Bill was as good as his word, for when he had the youngsters out of the way he threw them plenty of pencils. Bill was a sporty fishermen he did not want to catch fish under size so he got them out of the way.

When he finished throwing out the pencils, he pulled out several envelops each of which contained needles of all sizes. Bill explained the wonderful value of these and asked how many would like to have one of the packages. Many hands went up and Bill started tossing out the packages very lavishly, remarking that he never saw so many dirty hands in his life.

When the needles were gone, Bill sat himself down as he thought it was about time to win his way into the hearts of the people. Bill had good ears and had caught some uncomplimentary remarks directed against him, so the first thing he did was to humiliate and humble those making the remarks. This he did in a way that showed he was experienced in handling crowds. With the crowd under control Bill asked the question. Has anybody here heard me say anything about selling? Out of the crowd came the feeble answer No! "Allright" says Bill. Then continuing he explained that he was merely doing a little advertising work and he hoped those that had the pencils and the needles would speak a good word for them. "Also" he said "I have a limited number of other things to advertise also."

Then Bill pulled out some bottles of perfume and asked how many would like a bottle. Many hands went up and Bill said it was to many and he would have to figure out a way to distribute them." Bill's idea was for them to pay, as he thought in this way he could thin them out. So they paid Bill and took the perfume. Bill asked them "Are you satisfied with your purchase," and they said "yes". Next came some salt shakers and Bill asked "how many wanted them? As usual a bunch of hands went up. Each deal would take a lot of time as Bill had a lot of bull to sling. Too many wanted the salt shakers also, so Bill decided to let them pay a dollar. However Bill was tricky and knew when to give the fish more line, so Bill refunded the money on the perfume before collecting for the salt shakers. On the salt shakers Bill was ablie to get eighteen. The treasury now held eighteen dollars. Bill asked them to speak a good word for the salt shakers as it was an advertising proposition. All of course expected to get their money back. Bill explained that those who bought the salt shakers would have first preference in the other articles.

Next came fountain pens. "How many want a fountain pen?" yelled Bill", many hands went up. "Too many" said Bill. "This pen," was a mighty fine pen. Something new and the manufacturers want to advertise it. These pens seemed to set the crowd wild. So when he asked a dollar for them, too many hands went up. So Bill handed out this line. How many have five dollars? By letting the people have them that have five dollars I will get them among a class that can give the pen good advertising. The wise boys in the rear were noticing the money for the saltshakers had not been returned. Several gave five dollars for the fountain pens. Bill asked them, "Are you satisfied with your purchase." They answered, "Yes." "Give them a good name as you have a bargain." said Bill.

Now Bill thought it was about time for them forget he had the money. So he took a plain piece of paper and rolled it up and wanted to know how many would give him ten dollars for the piece of paper. Two instantly bought. One expressed his desire but only had six dollars. Bill loaned him four and then a student seeking a higher education, asked him if he would take a check. Bill said "Make the check out to cash." Bill gave them the plain piece of paper and they paid him the cash. Again he asked them "Are you satisfied," and they replied "yes." "Now" says Bill "there is no law in this country that compells me to refund you this money. I made a bargain and you agreed to it, but if I did keep the money, I would not be able to sleep. It would hurt my conience." So Bill refunded them their money. The one that borrowed the four dollars from Bill, only got six back. The money for the salt shakers and pens had not been refunded.

Bill next produced watches and he was nearly mobbed by three of them wanting to give him ten dollars for them. Bill explained they were good watches and he wanted to advertise them. He had Elgin, Waltham and Hampton. My how he could make Hampton sound like Hamilton. These watches, continued Bill, might vary a second or two in two or three days, but if they do just take them to the jeweler that sells them and he will regulate them for nothing. Bill disposed of the Hampton watches for ten dollars each. Next Bill gave free of charge a string of beads to his friends. No money refunded for the salt shakers, pens or watches. At this point the show ended very abruptly with Bill telling the crowd that it would continue at 7.30 that night, folding up his platform and driving off. The show however did not continue and Bill has not been seen since.

The ones that bought were of course dissappointed that their money was not refunded. Some one induced them to take the goods to a jeweler.

The jeweler looked a pen and watch over. "The pen" the jeweler said "never would retail at any reliable store for more than seventy-five cents. "This make watch" continued the jeweler "has not been made for seven or eight years, the company has gone out of business." All of a sudden a puzzled expression came on the jeweler's face. "Why" exclaimed the jeweler "this watche's main-spring is broken." How much is the watch worth asked one of the group? Why I would not think it could be worth more than a couple of dollars replied the jeweler.

Then some of the spectators of "the big steal," started figuring up how much money Bill had cleaned up. The estimate is that Bill took in about a hundred and thirty dollars and left about fifteen dollars worth of goods.

Bill came to town Saturday and got a permit from the Mayor and then went to the clerk and got a license. This cost him two dollars. His colored assistant, Willie Murray, of Chestertown, got two dollars and a half for wearing the red handkerchief. Bill cleaned up over a hundred dollars for two hours work. The name Bill gave for the license was M. Chapman. No address is required. An observer however noticed that his automobile license number was Maryland 121-275.

A change in system of issuing licenses in town will probably change as there is so much complaint about the present method.

DEFENDS THE EASTERN SHORE

THE JEWISH TIMES, A WEEKLY MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN BALTIMORE COMES TO THE DEFENCE OF THE SHORE

Mr. Louis S. Ashman, contributing editor says.

"We have never known two or more wrongs to make a single right. The Salisbury lynching and certain incidents of the Lee case are highly regrettable and condemnable. But the repeated effort to paint the residents of our Eastern Shore as a backward, cruel and blood-thirsty people is no less reprehensible.

A Brutal Murder

"Lee (the colored man) had deliberately slain a whole family in their innocent sleep, and on his person and in his room were found the belongings of his victims. A fiendish criminal had mercilessly destroyed an entire family of esteemed and beloved neighbors, including two little children.

"Sensing the outranged feeling of these neighbors the Sheriff of Worcester County removed Lee to the Baltimore City Jail for safe keeping, and the legally constituted authorities of the county quickly and properly proceeded to bring Lee to public trial. As Lee lacked financial means, the Court appointed a capable and courageous member of the Bar to defend him.

Impudent Intruders

"At this stage an alleged New York labor organization injected itself into the defense of Lee.

"Worcester County possesses numerable citizens who would not convict the meanest criminal in the world except on convincing evidence. And the intelligence and fairness of the judges of this circuit is second to none of our state.

"Nevertheless, this uninvited organization came to Lee's defense on the flippant suggestion that Lee could not receive a legal and fair trial in the county that he chose for his fiendish crime or in any of the other Eastern Shore counties.

"Mob" Attacks Attoreny

"Later, after a series of uncalled-for public insinuations and delays, this organization sent its Baltimore attorney to Worcester county together with a non-resident female agent bearing a loaded gun; allegedly as a bodyguard for the attorney.

"All these happenings certainly and naturally did not tend to appease the citizenry of the Eastern Shore. A small number of their population made the first mistake and assaulted this attorney when he left their Court, following his motion that the Lee trial be removed to Baltimore City.

Lee's Conviction

"This unlawful "mob" a... gave this organization the public... opportunity to issue more ... and inflamatory statements and to cause further delays and the final transfer of the Lee case to Baltimore County; where he was fairly and promptly convicted and sentenced to hang.

Murder And Lynching

"When the Lee trial location controversy and its attending delays were at its height, another colored man cruelly shot in the back and murdered and aged and defenseless white man in Salisbury. A son of the victim soon arrived and shot and seriously wounded his father's assailant, who was removed to a local hospital. Thereafter an enraged and infuriated white "mob" publicly dragged, hung and burned the negro.

Public Responsibility

"The responsible public leaders and authorities of a civilized and organized community are bound to condemn and presecute such frenzied and unlawful conduct, without regard to the aggravating causes. The aggravating circumstances can be considered in the sentence of the Court.

"But a noted section of the Eastern Shore press and public justly stressed the aggravating circumstances that incited the "mob" attack, and unjustly failed to condemn the wrongs of the "mob."

Balanced Criticism

"This attitude further aroused public opinion throughout the nation and brought about both balanced and unbalanced expressions about our Eastern Shore residents.

"The balanced statements are those that condemn any lynching as an inexcusable crime against our Courts, our administration of public justice and civilization itself.

Unbalanced Criticism

"The unbalanced statements are to be found among the expressions and insinuations which charged that the people of the Eastern Shore are generally less law abiding, or less intelligent, or less kind than those of other sections of our state or nation.

Eastern Shore Residents

"We have visited the Eastern Shore on hundreds of occasions and have spent many days and even weeks in close association with every element of its population. A number of the members of our family have for many years resided and still reside on the Eastern Shore.

"Our broad experience convinces us that the general intelligence and sense of kindness of the people of the Eastern Shore are readily equal to that of the people of any other section of our State.

Wrong Or Right

"Those who charge or insinuate otherwise, because of the reviewed occurrences, are heaping a wrong upon a wrong to sustain a right—the right to insist that lynching is a gross public wrong that should be condemned and punished."

SCOUTS HOLD HONOR COURT

THREE TROUPS MEET AT BETTERTON

Boy Scouts from Centreville, Chesterton and Betterton, with their parents attended the First District Court of Honor held in the auditorium of the Betterton Elementary School last Friday evening. The main address was delivered by Dr. M. Burton Meyer, Chairman, S. W. District Board of Review, and Troop Committee man of Troop 25, Wilmington, Delaware. He described the Scout Movement as a highly significant contribution to the social well-being of our country.

In order to determine what the community thought of Scouting several people were called on to make brief comments. Mrs. Archie Crew, mother of two Scouts, one of whom is an Eagle Honor Scout, made an inspiring comment on "Scouting and the Home." Rev. J. B. Hopkins emphasized the moral values of "Scouting and the Church." Miss Sophie Miller, teacher for over thirty years, explained the value of "Scouting and the School." Then "Sonny" Thomas, nine year old youth, pledged the support of the "Scouts of Tomorrow" to carry on the splendid work of the "Scouts of Today."

Mr. Howard B. Owens, Deputy Commissioner, of the Kent and Queen Anne County District, presided at the meeting, with the asistance of Mr. Earl Coffin, Troop Service Director, of the Wilmington Area Council.

The musical portion of the program was provided by the Betterton Orchestra under the capable leadership of Mrs. James Curry.

The final feature of the program was the presentation of a pageant depicting the evolution of Scouting, which was presented by Scouts of the Chestertown and Betterton Troops. This pageant was directed by Eagle Scout Charles E. Dole, of Chestertown.

Those receiving awards were as follows: Gold Eagle Palm—Allan H. Bonwill, Assistant Scoutmaster of the Betteron Troop.

Eagle badges to Scouts Galen Clark and Hanson Smith, of the Betterton Troop, and to Scoutmaster Rigby Valliant, of the Centreville Troop.

Star Scout awarded to James L. Owens, of the Betterton Troop.

Merit Badges to Scouts Charles E. Dole, William D. Derringer, and Robert D. Hoopes, Jr., of the Chestertown Troop, and to Scouts Lewis Hanson Smith, Edward Hepbron, Jr., Galen Clark and Assistant Scoutmaster Allan ...onwill, of the Betterton ...

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HEALTH NOTES

INDISPENSABLES

"When dollars are scarce, as they are with most people at present, and every penny has to be used to advantage, cut down on other things, but don't cut down on milk, in planning your expenditures for food," is the advice of Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, to mothers of young children and to housekeepers in general.

"Remember," Dr. Riley said, "that milk is the one indispensable food for young and old, in fact for all ages. This does not mean that it contains all essential food elements. To have a diet that contains all elements necessary for growth, energy, maintenance and repair of body tissues and structure, other foods have to be used as well as milk. But by itself, milk contains more of the necessary food elements than any other single article of diet. Accordingly, it is good economy to spend a large share of the daily allowance for food, on milk.

"The reason health officers advise the use of generous quantities of milk in the diet, is because milk is what is known as a 'protective' food. More than any other article of diet, milk helps to build up resistance to disease. It is an absolute necessity in the diet of young children because it supplies in easily digestible form every element the growing child needs—lime for the bones and teeth, carbohydrates and fat for bodily warmth and energy, body building materials for building and repairing the child's flesh and muscles, and also because it contains certain vitamins—those substances which have a growth promoting or protecting effect upon the whole system.

"A diet that is adequate for all the needs of the body must include in addition to milk, certain vegetables and fruits which also belong to the 'protective' class and which supply in addition to other essential elements certain necessary mineral salts; energy producing foods such as breads, cereals, sugars and fats; body building foods—such as cereals, beans, peas, eggs, cheese, meat or fish.

"Every growing child should have a quart of milk a day, and the adult a pint or more daily, supplemented by the necessary quantities of the other essential foods. If it is not possible to buy the full amount of milk, at least one pint of milk should be provided for each child and at least half a pint daily, for each adult.

"Nutrition workers who have made a special study of food values, advise the following division of every dollar spent for food:

"One-fourth, 25 cents, for milk, either fresh, unskimmed or evaporated. Condensed milk will not answer the purpose.

"One-fourth, 25 cents, for vegetables, such as canned tomatoes, cabbage, potatoes, greens or other vegetables or fruits.

"One-fifth, 20 cents, for cereals, oatmeal, wheat cereal, corn meal, flour, rice or macaroni; bread; dried beans or peas.

"One-fifth, 20 cents, for fats and sugars, lard, salt pork, butter, margarine, vegetable oil; cane molasses, sorgo syrups, sugar, corn syrup.

"The rest, 15 cents, for other foods, eggs, meat, fish, cheese, salt, baking powder, tea, coffee, cocoa."

MILLINGTON

Mrs. George Higman, of Milford, Del., was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Alenda Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and little son, Bobby, of Still Pond, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Marvel.

Miss Margaret Moore is visiting her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Lofferty in Elizabeth, N. J.

Misses Frances Turner and Louise Jones are guests of Mrs. Edward Covell, of Centreville.

Mrs. J. E. Woodall is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Abell, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Elmer Cats, of Clayton, visited friends in town Saturday.

Miss Helen Vansant is visiting her brother, Mr. Albert Vansant near town.

Mrs. Dora Green is the guest of friends in Marcus Hook, Pa., this week.

Mrs. Nan Taylor, of Middletown, Del., spent Saturday with friend in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Duling and son, Hilton, of Chester, Pa., were Sunday guests of relatives in town.

Mrs. Eva Marvel visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Everett, of near Chesterville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons, also Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and family, of Wilmington, were Sunday guests of Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Annie Poore.

Mr. Charlie Clough, of Prices, visited Mrs. Eva Marvel on Monday last.

Miss Arlene Gale, of Washington College, Chestertown, was the guest last Tuesday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale.

Mrs. A. J. Lockerman spent several days last week with relatives in New Castle, Del., and while there attended the funeral of her nephew, Mr. Harry P. Ahern.

Mr. Victor Stevens, of Baltimore, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevens, near town.

The monthly meeting of the Queen Esther Circle, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Mildred Neal, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burris moved this week from their farm near No. 10 into their home on South Crane St., recently vacated by Mr. Jennings Blackiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vansant, of near town, are the proud parents of a fine daughter, Janet, born Tuesday, February 16.

Mrs. Merritt Brice and Miss Edna Strong visited relatives at Rock Hall recently.

Mrs. I. Hollins was the guest last week of relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Millard Porter, of Wilmington, spent the past week end with his mother, Mrs. Eva Marvel.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held on Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Miss Leona Phillips who is in training at the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington has been quite sick for about three weeks at the Wilmington General hospital. She is much improved we are glad to say and is now convalescing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips.

KENNEDYVILLE

Edward Weer and William Rinehart are visiting in Washington, D. C.

Service as usual in the M. P. Church next Sunday,

Service in Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Mr. Howard Johnston, of Baltimore, is home for Washington's Birthday.

Mrs. Bedwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Nickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Copper, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pearl Walls and family.

Mr. Vernon Hill is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock.

Miss Emma Shafer spent a part of last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill and Miss Nola spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Bedwell in Chestertown.

Miss Daisy Ford and friend and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jester and child, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. Rachiel Hill and Miss Gladys Archibald spent Sunday with relatives in Crumpton.

Katherine Fogwell, of Galena, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. James Weer.

Mr. Richard Haggerty and Miss Lula Van Dyke are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlock Jacobson and children, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Willis.

Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Hague, of Lankford, spent the week end with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Willis.

Mrs. Katie Crew, of near Chestertown, spent a part of this week with her sister, Miss Lula Van Dyke.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins entertained the Ladies Aid Society Friday evening.

Don't forget the play in the school building next Tuesday evening which is to be given by Wesley Chapel for the benefit of the Ladie's Aid Society of the Kennedyville M. P. Church.

The Sewing Club met at the home of Miss Blanche Redmile Thursday afternoon.

HANDY DOSE

Eight-year-old (reading magazine): "What's a literary aspirant, Margie?"

Margie (slightly older): "I guesss it's what an author takes when he has a headache."



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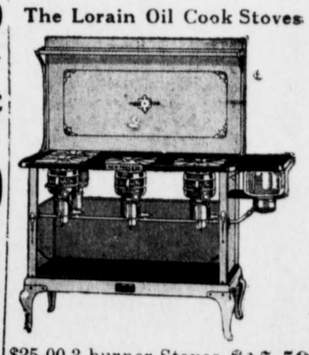
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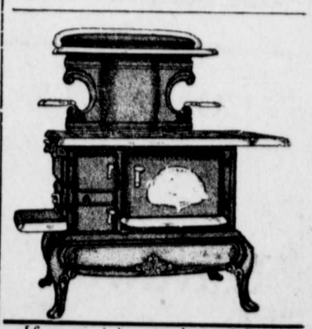
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