

YOU KNOW ME
By
Al, Himself

There are some very nice persons in this section of the country. One doesn't always have to get in a jam to know that, but when one does, it seems to bring out the best in everyone.

Last Friday night Squire Davis and I went down to the West Side Armory to see the boxing matches. My wife and our daughter continued on to Wilkes-Barre to hear Donald Dame at Irem Temple. It was arranged that my wife would stop and get me and my friend when the fights were over and we would continue home to the lake. When my wife passed the armory, the fights weren't over, so she took our daughter home and came back for us. When she returned the crowd was just emerging from the drill shed and the Kingston police were impatiently whistling for us to get in the car and on our way. If I had only done what I always have done in the past—got in the driver's seat and taken the wheel! Of course, I might have hit the man later as my wife did, but who knows? Possibly the few seconds delay taken to change drivers would have prevented our car having that date with fate. Maybe we and the man would not have been on the crossing at the same time. Maybe! Maybe! Maybe! But no, looking back at everything that happened, it just seemed as if the police were anxious to get us off so we couldn't fail to be at the crossing at the right time. Officers were so nice to us later that we know it's not true, but it seems fate was grimly telling us to "get on!"

As we were crossing the railroad that divides Kingston and Luzerne, the man loomed up from nowhere at our right. None of us saw him until we felt the bump. We weren't going fast. Of course everyone claims that after the accident, but we really weren't. The crossing was wet and rough with frozen snow. There was a big snowpile to our right. My wife slowed down for the crossing as there was a car ahead of us which she saw rocking up and down over the uneven pave. We felt the bump and saw the man's arm in the air and that is all. My wife stopped, I jumped out and ran back, shouting to my wife to pull up past the snow pile and get to the curb. I just got back in time to wave the next car around the man's head and I stood there waving and waving until the ambulance came. The man died ten minutes after reaching the hospital, but before he expired, a priest gave him the last rites. The good father came from nowhere. He was so kind, praying for my wife and me. I never even asked his name. The police were the grandest and nic-

est men we ever met. The only other experience I ever had with police was when they were gruffly telling me to get my car out of some place in a hurry. There was no hurry now. What was time now? We had all the time in the world, but couldn't use any of it to help the man lying there.

The police took me back to the scene of the accident where I got in the car and took my wife and friend to the Luzerne Police Station. One policeman stayed with us there while the second officer went out and got a Squire out of bed so we could give bail and go home. It took the Squire an hour to get there and while we were waiting our guard consoled my wife and me. Never again will I think a cop officious.

That's all there is to tell. We know no more. I am writing this because so many of our friends have called or written, offering sympathy. We appreciate and thank them. We wish we could tell them how it happened. Maybe later when we have time to think more we will know more about it, but right now our thoughts and sympathy are with the man that died while the priest and I were praying.

A. G. K.

SWEET VALLEY

Miss Blanche Mosier of Kunkle road was returned to Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia on Saturday in the Bronson ambulance.

Rev. Ira Button and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith attended to business in Nanticoke last week.

More than 600 people attended the opening of the Sweet Valley Frock Company last Thursday evening. The new factory was attractively decorated with floral pieces from fifteen different local business firms. Entertainment was furnished and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kulp and daughter, Patty spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bronson.

The Joseph Natt home has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Edgehill of Muhlenburg.

Mrs. Florence Foote and daughter of Idetown visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Post on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sutton and mother, Mrs. Louise Sutton of Kingston called on Rev. and Mrs. Ira Button on Sunday.

Garfield Sutton has purchased a fine new Ford station wagon.

Warner Moss has left for Home-

stead, Florida to work. He will join Willard Sutliff there.

Mr. and Mrs. David Culver of Carverton visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holcomb and Miss Iona on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bittenbender of Plymouth visited the latter's father and sister, Frank Edwards and Miss Keziah last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deets of Philadelphia arrived Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Wesley. They brought four year old Lois, who had been their guest for three months, back home.

IDETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George Garinger and sons, Paul, Mark, Thomas of Johnson City, New York, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Garringer Harold Dymond of Meridan, Connecticut spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dymond of West Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welsh. Others who spent Sunday at the Welsh home were Mr. Floyd Neely and sons, Ray and Ralph of Wilkes Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kitchen had as guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and son Forrest of Beach Haven and June Miller of Berwick, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Smith of Alderson.

Mrs. Charles Fiske of Sweet Valley is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swan.

Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John Jennings is a patient at the General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pilger of Rochester, New York, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hilbert of Forty Fort spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hilbert. Mrs. Hilbert is recovering after three weeks' illness.

Mary Claire McKenna spent the weekend with Betty Rebennack of Meeker.

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