

Saint Mary's Beacon
COUNTY NEWS
Localwise and Otherwise.

Communications should reach us not later than Tuesday, in order to insure publication in current issue.

Attention is called to the new advertisements in this issue. Our merchants are beginning 1915 with attractive lines at remarkably low prices. Read these ads, and by patronizing these merchants help to promote the welfare of the county and your own interests.

Ice harvesting is nearly completed.

Mr. John B. Key, of Indian Town Farm, has over 60 lambs in his flock.

Gen. and Mrs. L. A. Wilmer visited relatives in Annapolis during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Smoot, visiting relatives in Leonardtown, visited last week.

Miss Eloise Moore, of Washington, is the guest of relatives in Leonardtown.

More than \$20,000,000 was expended last year in the fight against tuberculosis.

Mr. Frank Fagan, of Washington, visited friends in Leonardtown during the holidays.

Mr. Wm. A. Fenwick spent a few days during the holidays with relatives in Washington.

Mr. Frank Fenwick, S. J., of Georgetown University, recently spent a few days in the county.

Miss Naomi Herber, of Newport, Charles county, visited relatives in Leonardtown during the holidays.

We regret to learn that Mr. Samuel Wallace, of Leonardtown, is suffering with an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Eleanor Loker, of Leonardtown, has been awarded the scholarship at St. Mary's Female Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. N. Sterling, of Cape Charles, visited relatives in Leonardtown during the holidays.

During the holidays Mr. George Hasselworth lost a valuable cow. In some way while eating she was choked to death.

Miss Lottie May Fenwick, of Washington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fenwick, at Hotel St. Mary's.

The Belgian relief ship with Maryland's contributions to the sufferers is scheduled to leave Baltimore, not later than Thursday.

Mrs. G. J. Flury and daughter, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Flury's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Fenwick, at Hotel St. Mary's.

The Statute law passed by the last legislature exempting from taxation furniture and household effects to the value of \$500 is now in effect.

Moving pictures will be resumed at the Town Hall on Sunday, January 17th and will continue on each Sunday thereafter until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaffney, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Gaffney's parents, Judge and Mrs. B. Harris Camaller, for Christmas.

During the recent freeze the local skaters have made good use of their opportunities. The ice has been fine and has afforded a great deal of pleasure.

Attention is called to the request of Loker & de Waa, that all tickets being held in the raffle of the dinner set at that store be immediately returned. See ad.

That St. Mary's county produces a very high grade of cattle was amply demonstrated recently, when the A1 grade was shipped from Leonardtown wharf.

Captain Webster Foxwell, of the "Salsbury," accompanied by his wife is at home for a brief stay. Capt. Foxwell has just returned from Savannah in his fine four-masted ship.

Fathers Casey and Cunningham have taken up their residence permanently at the Catholic Rectory, Chapel Hill. We hope they will honor their old home town by an occasional call.

The masquerade ball at Chaptico during the holidays was of unusual magnificence. A large crowd enjoyed the affair and pronounced it one of the finest ever participated in for a very long time.

An enthusiastic gathering assembled at Leonardtown on Saturday last, where plans were discussed for the handling on a large scale of the Agricultural and other exhibits of the Annual Fair.

Father Moakley, so well known here and generally throughout the county, is detained in a hospital in Baltimore, having fallen on the ice and broken his arm shortly before Christmas.

There will be a supper and dance at Sacred Heart Hall, Bushwood, on Wednesday evening, January 13, beginning at 7:30. Admission to dance, 50c; supper, 75c. Proceeds for the new chapel and residence at Choptico.

Misses Teresa Herbert, Ethel Joy, Philo Morgan, Jean Loker, Messrs. B. H. Camaller, Jr., H. C. Camaller, Morsell Loker, and J. P. Greenwell, Jr., who spent the holidays with their respective parents, have returned to their schools and colleges.

Messrs. Quirk Meredith and Harry Olsen spent Christmas at the home of Mr. A. G. Sanner, of Smith's Creek. These two gentlemen own a remarkably speedy launch, the "Green Bird," and made the return run to Solomon's on the Sunday following in four hours.

Deep regret is felt by the many friends of Rev. Father Moakley, S. J., who recently sustained a painful fracture. Father Moakley was scheduled to assist at the Christmas services at St. Aloysius Church, but was prevented by his accident.

A State-wide conference of tuberculosis will be held in the State House, Annapolis, Friday evening, Jan. 22, and Saturday morning, Jan. 23. This promises to be one of the most significant incidents in the long fight against the white plague in this State.

Rev. Jos. A. Sullivan, S. J., of Woodstock, assisted at the Christmas celebration at St. Aloysius Church. Father Sullivan has a magnificent voice and it was largely due to his assistance that the music at the various services was of so excellent a character.

Henry Demont, of Valley Lee, recently sustained a serious injury while operating a saw mill belonging to Mr. J. T. Phillips, when his right arm was caught by the saw and mangled to such an extent that the arm had to be amputated at the elbow. Dr. C. A. Brown performed the operation. Mr. Demont is reported as doing as well as can be expected.

Domestic Drama
At Valley Lee

The Heart of a Hero—Cast of Characters—The Fine Acting—Revelations and Dances.

One of the most pleasant entertainments St. Mary's County has had in a long, long while was given on Monday, December 28th, in the Parish Hall of St. George's Church, Valley Lee. It was a Domestic Drama in four acts, entitled "The Heart of a Hero."

The hard rains of the day, the continued damp drizzle in the evenings and the heavy slushy roads could not hold back the large unexpected gathering which had been yearning to see the young actors and actresses in their first appearance on the stage.

It was not a one hero, one heroine, and a poor cast play. All of the young men and women were well suited to their parts, and all of them acted their parts so well as to delight the eager spectators. Two or three times the curtains should have rolled up again to meet the continued applause; but the amateur players were a little too shy, modest or excited to remain.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
Gilbert Westover, Owner of Mammoth Mills..... Louis Redman
Seth Marlow, to sell and honor true, Marlow..... Benjie Denton
Clarence Denton, An Enemy in Disguise..... Alexander Sheehan
Arnold Payne, From the City..... Paul Cecil
Cyrus Rodkin, A lone widower..... Robert, Office Boy at the Mill..... Theodore Dent
Caroline Westover, the Squire's Sister..... Elizabeth Edmonds
Salina, his daughter, in love with Seth Marlow..... Ethel Cecil
Ellie Sloan, a Village Belle..... Mazie Love
Em, not much of anybody..... Eve Ridgell

Perhaps the best of all the actors, mostly from having a witty, humorous and human nature part, was Mr. Alan Cecil, in the part of Cyrus Rodkin. Cyrus was the impersonation of a lone widowed farmer, with his large red bandana flung around his neck, his thick gray hair, his checkered-patched overalls, and above all, his strikingly rustic slow twanging tone.

Next in importance was Miss Ethel Cecil acting in the part of Salina, the daughter of Squire Westover, the well-to-do owner of Mammoth Mills. Salina first appeared in a hunting dress fresh from a fall from a runaway horse, after that as the refined and delicate young mistress of the great mansion. Throughout the play Salina was lively, interesting, attractive and well worth the little efforts to the villagers.

Miss Ethel Cecil was the leading spirit in the organization and management of the play. Her cleverly acted part shone her ability and worth as a leader.

Characters of shorter parts, yet of hardly less value, were Miss Mazie Love, as Tillie Sloan, the Village Belle, who was all that and more in winning acting, good made-up, and frequent changing costume; and Miss Elizabeth Edmonds, as Caroline Westover, the Squire's Sister, a typical country lady of quality to be wooed and won by the best.

Miss Eva Ridgell was remarkable in the part of Em, "Not much of anybody." She was certainly that and yet that because she played her part to perfection. From the applause one would almost have thought she was everybody. How on earth she ever knew how a half-witted person is supposed to act we cannot imagine. But Miss Ridgell surely did know just what to say and do.

The male characters, naturally a little more shy and reserved than the others, caught the real spirit of the play only with the glaze of the footlights. Mr. Louis Redman, the owner of Mammoth Mills, was as calm, cool and collected as could have been wished. Mr. Benjie Denton, as Seth Marlow, "To Sell and Honor True," we were sure was all but worthy of the lady he won. Mr. Alex. Sheehan took the part of Clarence Denton, an enemy in disguise, and, despite his kind, good nature, he played well the part of a villain. Mr. Paul Cecil, as Arnold Payne, from the city, was dute and sport enough to have won Miss Love. Even Theodore Dent, as Robert, the Office and Messenger Boy of the mill, played his part like a live wire runner in the mill.

The real momentary pause in the whole performance came in the last act. The stage was filling up with happy couples, excitement of love making was intense, all knew and wanted to speak their next words, when each one seemed to feel he was saying too much, stage-fright came on and then no one could say anything at all. Fortunately, a welcome prompting whisper came from behind the scene to aid them. From then on all went finely.

Among the other attractions of the evening were the music from St. Nicholas' Parish, and the recitations by Miss Aileen and her brother, Mr. Charles Ridgell. Miss Aileen in her recitation alone showed extraordinary talent. We had no idea that a child of eight years could show such grace, such talent and such thorough appreciation of her part. Their second selection was a dialogue sung in verses of wit. All the village is alive with that one today.

If you ever want good music hire the same four or five musicians. They were very busy between the acts, and more than all after the play, when the floor had been cleared for dance the dances of the good old times, cheered by delightful refreshments.

A large share in the success of the evening is due, of course, to Father Matthews' unflagging interest in the work. His encouragement gave the play; his kindness the hall; his cheerful spirit its enjoyment, and his words of advice its crowning success.

Anyone who stayed at home Monday night because of the rain missed one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the year. If there are to be anymore entertainments of this kind at St. George's Hall they should be advertised far and wide.

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Returning from the Capital City, Wednesday night, the automobile of Mr. Harry Lové, of Colton's caught fire. In the car besides Mr. Lové, were, Cody Woodburn, Frank Williams, Cecil Gibson, Son Man Owens and Miss Blackstone, they all jumped from the car, and Mr. Woodburn deposited his 185 pounds of avoirdupois in the largest tree he could find. About one hour after Mr. Lové extinguished the fire and resumed his trip. He overtook Messrs. Gibson and McWilliams, headed for the Seventh district, at a 3 minute clip, muddy, weary and foot-sore. They all finally reached home in safety.

Mr. Earnest Quade, of White Neck, while wrestling with a friend, had his right leg broken.

Mr. Con Morris, of the Bessie Jones, slipped off Bushwood wharf, fell into the Lottie Thomas' hole and broke his left arm, besides sustaining a cut forehead and several bruises.