

# Saint Mary's Beacon

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## LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND. Thursday Morning, Nov. 18, 1915. Making the Farm Pay In Southern Maryland.

Agent in Charge of Demonstration Work Tells of What Has And What is to Be Done For Improvement.

[From the Advertiser-Republican of October 14, 1915].

The following article, written by G. H. Alford, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who is that department's agent in charge of the Farm Demonstration Agency Work for the whole State, is of particular interest to the farmers of Southern Maryland.

Discussing the subject of making Southern Maryland farms pay, Mr. Alford says:  
 "The real vital problem before people of Southern Maryland at this time is to work out a safe and sane system of farming—one that will include crops to enrich instead of wear out the land and plenty of good live stock to consume these crops and make manure to still further enrich the land—a system of farming that will grow the necessary corn, oats, vegetables, fruits of all kinds, forage crops, hay, poultry, hogs, horses, cattle and other live stock for home use and to sell.

"The too exclusive culture of tobacco and other soil-robbing crops has exhausted the humus, the life-giving principle in the soils, and the washing of the clean cultivated fields has gone on to such an extent that thousands of acres of fertile soils have been made non-productive. The one-crop system makes it necessary to send the money obtained for tobacco to other sections to pay for bacon and lard, hay, corn, dairy products and horses; causes over-production, forcing the price down so that there is but little more than a bare living for tobacco farmers, and compels them to dump all the tobacco on the market in a short time, also bringing the price down.

"I do not wish to be understood as advocating diversification of crops to the extent of developing a scarcity of tobacco. I do not advise the farmers of Southern Maryland to supplant tobacco as the main cash crop, but rather urge them to supplement it with thoroughly good, permanent pastures, legumes, grazing and forage crops, good gardens, good orchards and good live stock. The sensible thing for each farmer to do is to reduce his acreage in tobacco, practice a system of rotation, including leguminous crops, and raise hogs, poultry, horses and other live stock. He can plant fewer acres in tobacco, lime, fertilizer and cultivate better, and obtain much larger yields per acre. Some of the acreage may be thoroughly sodded to grasses and clovers or planted in legumes, corn, oats and vetch and other crops. Under these improved methods the soil will increase rapidly in fertility, a much better price will be obtained for the tobacco and the money will be kept at home.

"An experience of 25 years convinces me that only occasionally will a man continue to succeed who fails to give some kind of live stock a prominent place in his farm operations. This is practically true anywhere, but doubly so here and for many reasons. First, a large part of the land is naturally deficient in plant food elements, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, and the manure from farm animals is essential in building up and maintaining soil fertility. Nitrogen is too costly to buy in its combined forms, and in order to get it economically through legumes, we must have live stock to consume these and return the manure to the soil. The soils in this section are so responsive to fertilizers and manures that it is easily possible to make them produce maximum crops. Besides these advantages of live stock the farmer could, by having all the poultry, hogs, sheep, cattle and horses that the farm will support, utilize the grasses and clovers that should be growing on lands now uncultivated in this section, thereby rendering profitable much of the land that is too rolling to cultivate economically.

"The growing of tobacco and other crops that impoverish the soil and the attempt to keep up its productivity by the use of commercial fertilizers must give way to a new system of farming, practicing a rotation of crops, including legumes. The crops grown will be largely fed to good live stock, the manure carefully saved and applied to the soil and the necessary lime and commercial fertilizer judiciously applied. "Probably the greatest need in Southern Maryland at present is for

more grass, more legumes and more live stock. Surely those who assist in creating conditions that will enable farmers to grow two good animals in the place of one scrub are as great benefactors as those who cause two blades of grass to grow where one grew before.

"No section offers more advantages for dairying than a large part of Southern Maryland, all things considered. Where conditions favor the production of milk and cream, they also favor the growth and marketing of truck crops, the two lines going well together. Of course, in neighborhoods too far from the railroads for shipping milk or truck crops, poultry, hogs, sheep and cattle should be the leaders for live stock lines. However, good roads and auto trucks enable the farmer to market dairy and truck products at distant points. The aim in growing most of the crops should be to feed them to live stock and not to sell them direct from the farm. In other words, market the farm crops on four legs instead of on four wheels.

"The credit system is probably the greatest curse of that part of Maryland. The too exclusive culture of tobacco established the credit system. As long as the farmers raised feed for man and beast there was little necessity for the credit system. Good gardens, orchards, poultry, dairy cows, hogs, sheep, forage crops, pasture and meadows will practically abolish the credit system. This will mean prosperity, and life on the farm will be free, unfettered by the bonds of promissory obligations.

"The problems of Southern Maryland are not special; they are basic or fundamental. Its salvation is to put all of the lands to work growing crops that will do well—not one crop a year and leave the lands idle half the time—but two or three crops a year, keeping them busy every month. If the farmers will do this, and this alone, using leguminous crops as largely as possible and buying as much phosphoric acid and lime as they need or can afford, there will be no lack of food for the people or sufficient money to meet all their needs. Hundreds of farmers have suffered because they have grown tobacco to such an extent as to have no time, energy or money left to grow anything else.

"My message, if I have one, is as old as agricultural knowledge, and is simply to keep all lands busy all the time. Leguminous crops, in addition to tobacco in intelligent rotation, will add humus and nitrogen to the soil. These crops may be sold or fed to live stock, and these sold or disposed of in any way practical. Such a system of farming will not fail—cannot fail—because it is founded on sound principles and proved good practice. "I am reliably informed that the Southern Maryland farmers are sending millions of dollars to other sections of the country for pork products. No man can give a sensible reason for growing low-priced tobacco to pay for bacon and lard instead of growing some legumes or cheap forage crops to raise hogs. Pasture grasses and forage crops that will grow healthy, vigorous hogs of quality must good ever, remain the basic factor in successful pork production in this section.

"A certain amount of grain is needed to grow hogs with the greatest profit, but should be used only to supplement the feed which the hogs harvest for themselves in the pastures and fields.

"Ten years ago the annual home-produced egg allowance per capita was 207, but the value of each egg had advanced to 1.7 cents, so our egg supply for the year cost each of us \$3.40. That conditions have not changed since the taking of this report is evidenced by the fact that the price of eggs remains practically the same and the home supply is still unequal to the demand.

"Statistics gathered in many States show that for the money invested poultry yields greater returns than even the dairy cow. When other crops fail the hen still continues to pay the grocery bill. Farmers should keep as many hens as they can take care of.

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## New Advertisements.

**Supper!**  
 There will be a SUPPER for the benefit of Christ Church, Chapline, at Chapline Hall, THURSDAY, NOV. 25, 1915, 6 p. m. Dancing. 11-18-2t. p. —Committee.

**For Sale!**  
 —1 large black Horse, old but sound, price \$16; 1 second hand Dayton-Wagon, cost \$125; price \$40. R. J. STARKWEATHER, Hillville, Md., P. O. Hollywood, Md. 11-18-lm.

**AUCTION SALE**  
 I will sell at my farm known as "Green Hills," in the Third Election District of St. Mary's County, on SATURDAY, November 27, 1915, commencing at 10 A. M., the following:  
 1 Oak Cart, 1 Buggy, Hogs, Poultry, Feather Beds, General Household and Kitchen Furniture, Farming Implements of all kinds, etc., etc.  
 Terms—Cash.  
 Mrs. Wm. FRANK YATES. 11-18-2t.

**SUPPER—DANCE**  
 The ladies of All Saints' Parish will hold their annual Thanksgiving Supper and Dance at the new Parish Hall, near Oakley, on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1915. The supper will be up to the usual high standard. There will also be attractive Fancy, Confectionery and Ice Cream Table.  
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 I will sell at my farm in Medley's Neck, on Friday, Nov. 26, 1915  
 1 pair Mules, a bunch of Lord Bingen Cols, 1 four year old, 1 three years old; 3 Yearlings, 1 Suckling, 1 standard bred Mare, with foal by Bingen; 1 Yoke Oxen, 1 lot Farming Implements.  
 Terms of sale—CASH, or note satisfactory to the seller. F. J. COMBS. 11-18-2t.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
 Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, set September 15, 1915.  
**ORDERED BY THE COURT,** That H. H. Horn Coppage and Dudley W. Coppage, Executors of Wm. J. Coppage, late of St. Mary's County, deceased, give notice required by law to the creditors to exhibit their claims, and that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon.  
 HENRY COMBS, Register of Wills.  
 True copy. Test: HENRY COMBS, Register of Wills for St. Mary's County.

**Notice!**  
 All persons are warned not to trespass with dog or gun on the farm known as "Boroughs' Farm." The law will be enforced against all offenders.  
 THOMAS H. COLONA, 11-4-lm. Hutersville, Md.

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## Announcement!

There will be a Supper for the benefit of Ebenezer M. E. Church, held at the parsonage at Cedar Point, on Wednesday, Nov. 17, beginning at 8 p. m. We extend a cordial invitation to our friends to enjoy the supper as well as a social evening with us. 11-18-2t.

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**Ratification Nisi.**  
 Eugene Henderson and Queenie Henderson, his wife, John W. Henderson and others. In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland. No. 1235 N. E.

It is hereby ordered this 9th day of November, 1915, that the Auditor's Report and Account made and filed in the above entitled case, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the First Monday in December, 1915; provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's Beacon, once a week for three successive weeks prior to said First Monday in December, 1915.  
 ENOCH B. ABELL, Clerk. True Copy. Test: ENOCH B. ABELL, Clerk. 11-11-3t.

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 Published charts of the natural oyster bars of St. Mary's county are filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county.  
 Notice is hereby given that all protests against the granting of said leases must be filed in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's county, on or before the 15th day of January, 1916.  
 Applicant: Address: J. Goddard Matingly, Baltimore, Md. Not exceeding 30 acres.  
 Located in Patuxent River, on the westerly side thereof, between Treat Hall Wharf and triangulation station "Collins," adjacent to the land of Miss E. S. Thomas, in the waters of St. Mary's County, as shown on Published Chart No. 19. [11-18-4t.]

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