

County News
Localwise and Otherwise

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Mrs. Phillie Abell, of Leonardtown, is spending the winter with relatives in Washington.

Because of their late receipt, we are forced to hold over several mortuary tributes until our next issue.

Governor-elect Emerson C. Harrington has appointed Mr. Thos. W. Simmons, of Cambridge, as Secretary of State.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of St. Mary's will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1916.

We have received a letter to Santa Claus which we will publish in our next issue and then forward to the good old gentleman.

Capt. James H. Bull, of the Second district, has sold his farm to Mr. R. Pembroke McKay for \$2,000. The Captain has returned to his old home in Accomack, Va.

Because of a breakdown on the Southern Maryland Branch of the railroad, the mail was delayed in reaching Leonardtown until 9 p. m. on Thursday last.

The newly elected officers of the county were sworn in Monday week last, except Mr. Thompson, County Commissioner, who qualified on last Tuesday.

There will be an important meeting of the Third District Farmers' Club at the Court House, Leonardtown, on Saturday, Dec. 18. All are urged to attend.

Mr. Charles H. Guyther, of the Second district, has sold his farm to Mr. Benjamin Springer for \$12,000. Mr. Guyther will remain on the place until January 1, 1917.

Wanted - Correspondents to write for the BEACON in the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth districts, commencing with the issue of January 6, 1916.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Clinton Dyer, of Washington. Mr. Dyer has many friends in St. Mary's, who trust that his recovery will be speedy.

Don't forget the annual supper for the benefit of St. Michael's Church, which will be held on Monday, December 27. Supper will be served from 5 to 9 p. m.

The article, "Suggestions for the Control of Insect Pests and Plant Diseases," which was published in a recent issue, is re-published on our fourth page by request.

To make the table pretty for the evening meal, leave the shades off the candles. Use white candles in glass sticks. Wipe with a moist cloth and dip the candles in diamond dust.

Several gentlemen from Park Hall, motored to Baltimore, during the past week to visit Mr. Buddie Cox, of "Wineyard," who was recently operated on at one of the hospitals.

Mr. Geo. B. Foote, of Montana, is a guest at Hotel St. Mary's. Mr. Foote is so impressed with this section of our fair State that he contemplates purchasing a home here.

The work of grading the streets of Leonardtown is being pushed, and when completed the job will reflect great credit on the contractor, as well as prove a great convenience to the public.

We regret to learn that Mr. Calvert Raley, of St. Inigo's, recently sustained a fractured arm. Mr. Raley was cranking his car and a back-fire caused the sudden wrench that was responsible for the accident.

There will be an important meeting of the Alumnae committee at St. Mary's Academy on Saturday, December 18, at 10 a. m., to arrange for the big mid-winter supper to be given in Leonardtown the first week in January.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Harden, of Washington, D. C., has announced the marriage of her daughter, Estelle Magdalene, to Lieutenant Joseph Y. Dreisostok, U. S. N., on Nov. 25. Mrs. Harden is a former resident of this county.

Mrs. Lizzie Cox, of Park Hall, who has been in Baltimore for the past three weeks, to be at the bedside of her son, Mr. Joseph Cox, who is being treated at St. Joseph's Hospital, returned to her home per Monday's steamer.

The St. Mary's County Fair Association will hold an important meeting Saturday, the 18th, at the Court House at 2:30 p. m. It is of importance to have a large attendance. All persons of the county are invited to be present.

On Friday night, November 26, Ex-Sheriff H. C. Dent had his horse blanket and lap robe stolen off his horse at Piney Point. The goods were found the same night, but the offender has so far evaded the officers.

The death of Father Gardiner, S. J., which occurred on Friday morning last at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was the source of much regret to the many friends of his family who reside in St. Mary's. Father Gardiner was a prominent member of the Jesuit Society, and was a native of this county. He leaves surviving him a brother and two sisters. May he rest in peace!

Hopewell, boom town of Virginia, was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday last. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000. Hopewell was founded by the Da. Potomac Powder Company not many months ago, and had a population of something over 25,000.

On Monday night last fire destroyed the stable-barn on Mr. E. E. Birch's farm, "Yotland." Mr. Birch's loss is considerable, as five valuable horses were burned to death, besides a quantity of provender and hay. There was some little insurance, but not sufficient to cover the loss. We extend to him our sincere sympathy.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will offer for sale at 2 p. m., on Friday, December 31, at the Court House door, municipal bonds in the denominations of \$100 and \$500. These bonds, in the aggregate, amount to \$5,000, and bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum, payable on the first of July and January of each year, and are redeemable in 15 years. As the corporation of Leonardtown has no bonded debt, these bonds should be very attractive to prospective investors, as they are exempt from municipal and county taxation.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday last Mr. Peter H. Thompson, newly elected Commissioner, qualified, and the Board was organized by the re-election of Mr. John L. Hilton, President; Mr. Jos. I. Gough, Clerk, and Mr. A. F. King, Attorney. The showing made by the old board is an enviable one, and the re-election of the President and Clerk is a well deserved reward for valued service rendered the taxpayers. We trust that the new board will have a successful term and will continue the progressive program of its predecessor with the same economy.

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News from the Seventh. Dan Cupid appears to be active as ever in this part of the county. Several young couples have been married recently and several more are contemplating this step in the near future.

Miss Lottie Dingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dingle, and Mr. S. Lee Knott, both of Bushwood, were married at Bushwood Manor, Sunday evening at 2:30. After a brief reception at the bride's home, the young couple boarded steamer for Washington, D. C., where they will make their home in the future. Our congratulations. May theirs be a happy lot.

Mr. Bernard F. Wible, of Hollywood, paid this section a brief visit Sunday.

Mr. Buddy Gibson's horse ran away Saturday night, turning his wagon over, throwing Mr. Gibson out and dragging him considerable distance, lacerating his face and hands very badly.

Mr. Peter Farrell has moved from Broomefield to Colton's Point. Mr. Farrell was a good neighbor and a fine farmer. We very much regret his departure.

Mr. Harold Herbert and Miss Gaynelle Wible, of Capitol Hill, spent Sunday at St. Thomas, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Herbert.

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Roll of Honor. Roll of honor of St. Mary's Academy for month of November, 1915. First Senior—Jennie Greenwell, Mary Wallace Greenwell, Sallie Greenwell, Louise Norris, Eleanor Hutchins, Mary Maguire, Helen Magorin. Second Senior—Edna Combs, Richey Ching, Helene Greenwell, Mary McCully, Anita Camaleri. Third Senior—Elizabeth B. Matthews, Marguerite Hebb, Helen Swann, Virginia Fagan, Mary Brent Hamilton, Helen Hancock, Carrie Mae Cawood, Grace Greenwell, Marie Wheeler, Beatrice Goldsborough, Estelle Drury. Fourth Senior—Della Jenkins, Kathleen Cecil, Marie Mattingly, Virginia Boykin, Gladys Johnson, Roberts Goldsborough, Estelle Eckstein. Eighth Grade—Madeline Russell, Elizabeth Duke, Thelma Pecosk, Margaret Wathen, Sophie Mattingly, Agnes Miles, Lucy D. Tippett, Missie Goode, Margaret Hobbs. Seventh Grade—Catharine Greenwell, Ethel Graves, Helen Byrne, Janet Duke, Ruth King, Viola Jenkins, Helen Graves, Mary Springer, Eleanor Freeman. Sixth Grade—Marjorie Waters, Gaynelle Hayden. Fifth Grade—Hope Greenwell, Rebecca Millison, Amelia Mattingly, Ellen Wade, Ester Fortesque. Fourth Grade—Kenneth Jenkins, Maria Greenwell, Charity Greenwell, Eleanor Greenwell, Addie Russell, M. Catherine Mattingly, Evangeline Garner, Catherine Norris, Adelaide King, Goldie Deckerling, Gordon Myers. Primary Department—Lenzie Loker, Alex. Loker, Frances Loker, Margaret Loker; Lillian Duke, Willie Greenwell, Mable Mattingly, Frank Mattingly, Charles Norris, John O'Brien, Elizabeth O'Brien, Alfred Russell, Edward Sterling, John Sterling, Edna Sterling Edith Wade, Ernestine Payne.

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Christmas, a charming entertainment of Christmas anthems, poems and original stories brought the week to a happy and successful close.

The following program of Saturday night was much enjoyed, the audience giving loud applause as each budding author completed her story:

Under the Holly Tree, Dec. 11. I—It Came Upon a Midnight Clear—Seminary Choir. II—Mary, Shepherdess—Poem read by Ruth Wible. III—The Little Old Woman—Story by Elizabeth Dale. IV—The Realization of a Soldier's Dream—Story by Marie Manning. V—Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem—Seminary Choir. VI—The Road to Bethlehem—Poem recited by Frances Nicols. VII—A Debutante's Diary—Story by Ruth Burroughs. VIII—Her Perfect Day—Story by Ruth Burroughs. IX—Adeste Fidelis—Seminary Choir.

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Table with columns: Resources, Liabilities, and various financial items. Total Resources: \$98,817.9. Total Liabilities: \$98,817.9.

Capital Stock paid in: \$50,000.00. Undivided profits: \$1,000.00. Reserve for depreciation: \$1,000.00. Reserve for contingencies: \$1,000.00. Reserve for taxes: \$1,000.00. Reserve for interest: \$1,000.00. Reserve for other: \$1,000.00. Total: \$55,000.00.

State of Maryland, County of St. Mary's, ss: I, J. STELLING, Cashier, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness my hand and the seal of the bank at Leonardtown, Md., this 10th day of November, 1915.

J. STELLING, Cashier. Harry M. Jones, Notary Public.

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