

Feb 24-1916
 Saint Mary's Beacon
 COUNTY NEWS
 Localwise and Otherwise.

Louis B. Stone.
 Louis B. Stone, in his 71st year, died at his residence, Brampton, on St. Clements Bay, Saturday morning, February 19th, after an illness of four weeks. His remains were buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery Monday morning in his regular mass and funeral ceremonies being celebrated by Rev. Michael Hogan, S. J., of Bowie, Md., assisted by Fathers Mulvaney and Cunningham, S. J. He is survived by a widow and two children.
 After a life of ill health and suffering, death came to him calmly, peacefully, beautifully, without struggle or pain, in the presence of his devoted wife and children. May he rest in peace.

News From the Seventeen.
 Dr. Dent has been confined in his room for the last week, threatened with pneumonia.
 Messrs. Jimmie Gibson, Johnnie Riley, and Marion Gibson, have just recovered from the grip.
 The families of Mr. Truman Slinguff and Capt. Jimmie Dinger have been down with the grip.
 Mr. Frank Hayden is at home from the hospital and is able to knock about again.
 Mr. Geo. Hill is improving very rapidly.
 Mr. J. P. Greenwell and son, accompanied by Messrs. Claude Gay and J. H. Russell, paid our section a flying visit on Monday last.
 Mr. Thomas Morris has invented a fish net ringer for the purpose of taring nets. He has applied for a patent.
 If you want the correct time don't fail to set your clock by Capt. Ben Green's new dinner bell.—always correct.
 The Bushwood Valley hounds caught the fox they liberated last Saturday, after a four-mile chase through Church Swamp. Eighty four men, including ladies, men and boys, participated in the sport. There were several falls, but no one hurt. Mr. Harrison Freeman got the brush.
 Little Miss Jeanette Wible fell on the kitchen floor and burned her hands very badly. Miss Louise Dent rendered first aid.
 Mrs. Daisy D. Wible has a brown Leghorn hen that lays an egg with a "D" engraved on its large end. The remarkable hen has laid these eggs since the New Year. Mrs. Wible is saving them to set and expects to hatch chickens that can say the alphabet.
 Gabriel was suffering from shock last week, caused by receiving such pretty valentines and could not report to the BEACON. GABRIEL.

How Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough.
 "Some time ago I had a very bad cough," writes Lewis F. Davis, Blackwater, Del. "My brother McCade Davis gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After taking this I bought a half a dozen bottles of it but only used one of them as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." Obtainable everywhere.—adv.

Hollywood Notes.
 We learn, with much regret, of the illness of Mrs. Charles Wise, who is suffering from an attack of appendicitis, which the doctors hope to sever and avert an operation.
 Enoch Bowles, son of Mrs. Alice Bowles, is critically ill of remittent fever. This is the second one in the family since the late Mrs. A. G. Bowles, and it is feared she will die. They have our sincere sympathy.
 Nearly every member of the family of Mr. Benj. F. Wilkinson has been ill recently with the grippe. We are glad to know that they are all better at this writing.
 Mr. Robert Hayden has been quite under the weather for several days, suffering from severe cold or grippes. We trust he will soon be alright again.
 Quite a misfortune befell Lou Stevens, colored, of this vicinity, last Monday afternoon, when she had both hands frozen as she was coming home from Leonardtown, where she had gone to take the bus to Washington. Having missed the bus, she was nearly exhausted and frozen too when she returned to Hollywood, walking both ways. It is not thought she will lose any of her fingers.
 Mrs. John Greenwell, of Rosedale, is dangerously ill of pneumonia. We are eager to hear at an early date of her condition being improved.
 Others on the sick list are Mrs. Louis Garner, Mrs. and Mrs. Corneilus N. Lewis, and a child of Mr. Bud Evans, which has whooping cough and pneumonia. May they all have a speedy recovery.
 A small gathering of friends were entertained at cards on night of 14th by Miss Louise Wilkinson. Among those present were Mrs. Marie and Louise Hayden, Mary and Martha Garner, Amanda Wilkinson, Messrs. Alvin Hayden, John Drury and others.
 Mrs. Vivian Herman, of near Chaptico, accompanied by her little daughter, Virginia, paid a brief visit recently to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Yates, of St. John's.
 Mr. Tabore Tippitt, who is employed in Washington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tippitt, of Blacklistons.
 The stork presented Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wible with a bouncing baby boy on Friday last.
 Mr. Billie Brewer, who left here about a week ago to attack the surplus work of Washington, D. C., has wiped said surplus clean off the map of the District of Columbia, and has returned home in order to give it a chance to get its second wind and get back in the ring again.
 We were hasty in our conclusions. But meant to tell no lies; So to our foxhunting confraternity We make haste to apologize.
 Heavens! I've surely bagged a fox. He was a mammoth old gray, With speed and wind to burn; Yet but twenty men and fifty hounds Soon you'll "done" him to a turn. When you call on Mr. Roger Hayden, He points with a chuckle of pride To the side of the house, securely named To the poor old foxes' hide. Now we're no friend to Mr. Fox, Make no mistake about that; But we feel it's rather small to boast Where it takes two dogs to kill a rat. This our first effort at rhyme, We submit with trepidation, To the critical eye of honest "Gabe" As we crave his approbation. JAY.

Sylvia.
 The St. Anthony's Choral Club has almost finished its preparations for the Operetta of Sylvia which will be produced at the Leonardtown Hall on Friday March 3rd, at 7.30 p. m.
 Though it is modestly called an operetta it might well be called an opera as it consists of two entire acts and contains a goodly number of solos and choruses. It has been performed all over the United States and in England and has gained a well deserved popularity. The dialogue is sprightly, the music lively and melodious, the plot amusing. Dancing will follow the performance. Admission 50 cts., children 25 cts. Proceeds for the Church Fund.

The Ball.
 Had it not been for the youthfulness of the faces at the Colonial Ball on Tuesday night, the anniversary of the "Father of his Country," one might have thought that not the shades of the immortal George and Martha and our colonial ancestors had been conjured from the dim and distant past, but rather that those picturesque lords and ladies themselves had come to life again and were back to make merry once more amid a profusion of lights and patriotic State and National colors in the ball room of the Hotel St. Mary's, and were adjusting their steps, more accustomed to the stately and graceful dances of 1776, to the more rapid and exhilarating music and movements of 1916. It was one of those brilliant affairs, that we read about in chronicles and novels that deal with the colonial period, though not all of the participants had the opportunity to make the same elaborate preparations and appear in costume. We were pleased to note many of our friends from our sister county, Charles, and from distant parts of St. Mary's, north, east and west, who had come down had much to do with limiting the attendance from the hundreds in that section.
 The St. Mary's Academy Alumnae are certainly to be congratulated on this success. They were wise in providing the game of Five Hundred for the overflow crowd, as both the ball room and parlors were completely filled when dancing and playing were in progress.
 A substantial luncheon was served at the intermission before midnight, and the hour of two had passed when Crowder's Band changed the music of the last number on the program to the "Strains of Maryland, My Maryland" and "Home, Sweet Home." The gentlemen's prize for the best costume was awarded to Mr. R. B. Brown, (George Washington) and the lady's prize to Miss Marguerite Abell, (Martha Washington).
 The Five Hundred prizes were awarded as follows: Gentlemen's first prize, Mr. Roy Guyther; ladies' first prize, Mrs. Bernard Guy.

SOIL FERTILITY AND ITS EARNING CAPACITY.
 The most important and most neglected factor in our system of agriculture is that of soil fertility and its maintenance.
 For three centuries the Southern Maryland farmer has drawn the support of his people from the fertility contained in our virgin soil, with universal soil depletion as a result. Depleted soil fertility means low yields per acre and high cost of production in many cases, the cost of production equals or exceeds the market price. With this condition the earning capacity of our soil for crop production is destroyed.
 The real value of our farm lands depend upon its productive power or its capacity to earn a profit upon the investment; also upon the durability of its productive power. Other factors contributing to its value should not be ignored, but from a business standpoint they are of minor importance. These are condition of roads, distance from school, church, markets, the social and sanitary condition, natural scenery, etc.
 But the factor that pays the taxes and other expenses is soil fertility, which mainly controls its earning capacity. The up-building and maintenance of the soil (fertility) is the key to our progress. Labor and capital are wasted in the cultivation of a poor soil. With the increase and permanent maintenance of soil fertility there is permanent protection for capital invested in land, either purchase money or farm loan. When one borrows money on such security as building, the lender often requires that a portion of the loan be invested in fire insurance. It might well be required that a portion of farm loans be used in a way to insure the protection, fertility and earning capacity of the soil.
 The greatest problem that confronts our people is to bring about the adaptation of systems of farming that will permanently maintain the productive power of our soils. The adoption of these systems will require the earnest support of the educated and influential people in every vocation in life in our country.
 Our farmers need accurate information of which there are abundant sources, not theories, or ideas of an individual.
 The universal and successful application of the principles of the people to operate in their application, for the great problem of uniform standard production can only be solved by cooperation, through community organizations. Let me suggest that if one wants to be a real benefactor to his community, get his neighbors together in a local club, take up the problem of increasing production per acre, decide upon the system best suited to your locality, secure the adoption of this system upon the whole or part of their farms and see how soon they begin to prosper. The combined wisdom of all exceeds that of any individual. Dr. Knapp says the question of markets can only be solved by co-operative production. This enables us to put products of a more uniform and higher standard, commanding a higher price at less cost. This reduces the cost of production and increases the earning capacity of our soils and makes possible the maintenance of soil fertility.
 G. F. WATSON, JR., COUNTY AGENT.

The Road Bill.

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 381 of the Acts of 1903, entitled, "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 100 to 109, both inclusive, of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "St. Mary County," subtitle "Roads," as amended by Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1904, and to add certain new sections thereto, to be known as Sections 103A, 103B, 103C, and 103D, and to repeal Sections 1 and 2 of Article 25 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "County Commissioners," and all other laws in so far as said sections and laws may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and to create a commission for St. Mary's County to be known as the "County Roads Commission;" and to provide also the method by which said commission is to be continued, and to confer upon same full powers to construct, improve and maintain the public roads and bridges in St. Mary's County; and to further provide the ways and means, and for a bond issue for the construction, improvement and maintenance thereof, and for the expenses of said commission in the execution of its powers and duties.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 381 of the Acts of 1903, entitled, "An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 100 to 109, both inclusive, of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "St. Mary County," subtitle "Roads," as amended by Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1904, and to add certain new sections thereto, to be known as Sections 103A, 103B, 103C, and 103D, and to repeal Sections 1 and 2 of Article 25 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "County Commissioners," and all other laws in so far as said sections and laws may be inconsistent with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. A commission for St. Mary's County is hereby created to be known as the "County Roads Commission," said commission is to consist of three members, who shall be residents and citizens of St. Mary's County, and whose term of office shall be for six years each. The persons herein designated as members of said commission shall meet on the first Monday of June, 1916 or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall organize by electing a chairman who shall be a member of the "County Roads Commission." The following persons shall be members of and constitute said commission for six years beginning from the first Monday in June, 1916, or from the day upon which they take the oath of office, which oath shall be the one prescribed by Article 1, Section 6, of the Constitution of the State.

The members of said commission, herein named, shall serve until their successors shall have qualified; and in the event of a vacancy occurring from death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, in the commission as at present constituted, said vacancy shall be filled by the other members of said commission for the remainder of the term of said vacancy. After the expiration of the terms of the members of the County Roads Commission herein named, or those appointed to fill vacancies as herein provided, the Governor shall appoint three competent persons, residents and citizens of St. Mary's County, as members of said commission and ever six years thereafter shall name the member of said commission. The members of said commission shall, before they receive any moneys as herein provided, give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the faithful performance of the duties herein imposed. Said bond to be approved by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, or any Judge thereof, and they may be removed from office for misconduct or incompetency in the usual way provided by law. The Chairman of said commission shall preside over its meetings and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by this Act or as may be assigned to him by the commission. He shall receive as compensation for his services a salary of Eight Hundred Dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly installments. The other members of said commission shall receive as compensation for their services a salary of Three Hundred and One-Half per day, for attendance upon meetings of said board. As soon as the members of said commission shall have organized they shall elect a secretary who may not be a member of said commission, at their discretion and shall fix salary of same, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by said commission and shall be removable at its pleasure; he shall give bond for the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the faithful performance of his duty, which bond shall be approved by said commission.

All the records of said commission shall be public records, and the commission shall publish annually in at least one paper published in St. Mary's County, a detailed statement of all of the expenditures made and liabilities incurred during the twelve months preceding and such other facts concerning the amount of work done by the commission, etc., as said commission may deem proper. The "County Roads Commission" created under this Act, shall after its organization, appoint some sober and competent person to be "County Road Engineer," who shall have sufficient knowledge of civil engineering and road building to enable him to accurately make surveys and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repairs and construction of the public roads and bridges in St. Mary's County, and for the proper construction of all necessary road work. The salary of said county road engineer shall be not more than Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly installments; and he shall serve at the pleasure of said "County Roads Commission." He shall give bond for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him for an amount fixed by said commission and to be approved by said commission.

SECTION 3. The "County Roads Commission" created under this Act, is hereby authorized and empowered to control and regulate the public roads and bridges in St. Mary's County, excepting such portions of said roads and bridges as have been constructed or may hereafter be constructed by the State Roads Commission, and to purchase, in such manner and on such terms as said commission may deem best, all useful implements, tools, appliances, supplies, machinery, materials, working agencies and teams to be used upon the public roads and bridges, or the said commission may let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, any part of or all of the work contemplated by this Act.

When it is deemed advisable in carrying out the provisions of this Act, by the County Roads Commission, it is hereby authorized to acquire for St. Mary's County, by agreement, gift, grant, purchase or condemnation proceedings as prescribed by Section 291 to 296 inclusive of Article 25 of the Code of 1904, of the Public General Laws of Maryland, any private property or rights of drainage for public use whether belonging to private individuals or to corporations. The said County Roads Commission is further authorized to employ such legal counsel as it may deem necessary and to fix compensation for same.

SECTION 4. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to assign a suitable office in the court house at Leonardtown, Maryland, to the County Roads Commission for the exclusive use of said commission; and in the event of failure of the County Commissioners of said county to provide same, the County Roads Commission is hereby authorized to maintain an office at the place herein designated in this section; said office shall be open from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., unless otherwise designated by the County Roads Commission. The records of said commission shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of St. Mary's County during these hours. The County Roads Commission is hereby authorized to maintain an office at the place herein designated in this section; said office shall be open from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., unless otherwise designated by the County Roads Commission. The records of said commission shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of St. Mary's County during these hours. The County Roads Commission is hereby authorized to maintain an office at the place herein designated in this section; said office shall be open from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., unless otherwise designated by the County Roads Commission. The records of said commission shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of St. Mary's County during these hours.

SECTION 5. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in St. Mary's County to an extent beyond that contemplated by the County Roads Commission, they may make application to said commission stating the extent and character of the improvement and the probable cost thereof, and the said commission shall thereupon order the county road engineer to examine the location and purpose set forth in the petition, and he shall report thereon to said commission giving an estimate of the cost of such improvement, and if the commission believes that the public interest will be promoted thereby, they shall direct the expenditure of amount not to exceed one-half of the total said estimate, to be paid out of the moneys held by said commission to be expended on the public roads and bridges in St. Mary's County, in accordance with

the provisions of this Act; provided that the petitioners for such improvement shall agree to contribute in cash or labor an amount not less than one-half of said estimate, all of said money to be expended under the direction of the County Roads Commission.

SECTION 6. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized, required and directed to turn over to the County Roads Commission, created by this Act, within fifteen (15) days after said commission shall have organized in accordance with the provisions of this Act, all the implements, machinery, tools and appliances, and all kinds now owned by St. Mary's County and used for working on the public roads and bridges of said county, and further to turn over to said County Roads Commission all moneys now in their hands or that will come into their hands by virtue of all statutes or sections thereof in existence prior to the passage of this Act; and which by all prior Statutes or sections thereof the said County Commissioners were authorized to expend on the public roads and bridges of St. Mary's County.

SECTION 7. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall, and they are hereby authorized, required and directed, in their levy for 1917 and annually thereafter, to levy a sum of money not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), nor more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be turned over by the County Treasurer when collected by him to the County Roads Commission to be used by said commission as follows:

A portion sufficient to create a sinking fund to redeem the bonded indebtedness hereinafter provided for and to pay the interest thereon, shall be reserved by said commission and by them deposited in equal and exact proportion as near as it is possible to divide same, in the savings departments of the First National Bank of St. Mary's, Leonardtown, Md., The Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, Leonardtown, Md., and the National Bank of Mechanicsville, Mechanicsville, Md., the said three banks being all the banks now doing a general banking business in St. Mary's County; and the said sinking fund shall draw interest at the usual rate per annum of not less than three and one-half per cent, per annum paid by said banking institutions on savings accounts, the remainder of said amount hereinafter provided for and directed to be levied by said County Commissioners; to be expended by the County Roads Commission for the maintenance and repair of the public roads and bridges in said county.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of providing for said expenditures for the construction, improvement and maintenance of said public roads and bridges in said county, a loan is hereby created, to be called "The County Road Loan," to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000); the said loan to bear date as follows: twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series A Jan 1, 1916; twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series B Jan. 1, 1917; twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series C Jan. 1, 1918; twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series D Jan. 1, 1919; twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series E Jan. 1, 1920; twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be known as series F Jan. 1, 1921, and shall bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the said County Roads Commission or a majority of them, not to exceed five per cent, per annum, payable on the first day of July and the first day of January in each year; and the said loan and every part thereof and the interest payable thereon, shall be and remain exempt from State, County and municipal taxation; and the principal amount of said loan shall be payable twenty (20) years from the date of said respective series, but shall be redeemable at the pleasure of said County Roads Commission after fifteen (15) years from the date of issue.

SECTION 9. The "County Roads Commission" or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to have prepared proper certificates of indebtedness of St. Mary's County, in good and sufficient number and form, to aggregate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) as evidence of the said loan; such certificates shall bear date as provided in Section 8 of this Act, and shall not be issued in less sums than one hundred dollars (\$100) or multiples thereof, each of said certificates to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the said "County Roads Commission" and shall bear interest not to exceed five per cent, per annum payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July in each year.

SECTION 10. In order to provide for the selling of the certificates of indebtedness aforesaid, to be issued

under the provision of this Act, the "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them are hereby directed to advertise once a week for three successive weeks in the county papers and at least one paper published in the City of Baltimore, that they will receive bids at such place or places as may be named in said respective advertisements, for bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued under the provisions of this Act, under such regulations as may be made in the discretion of the "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them, and the accrued interest between the date of bonds or certificates of indebtedness and the time of sale and delivery of and payment for said bonds or certificates, shall be adjusted with the purchaser thereof under such regulations as may be made in the discretion of the "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them; and upon the day mentioned in said advertisement as the day for opening the bids for the proposals thereby called for they shall receive such sealed proposals for the purchase of as many of said certificates of indebtedness as may be designated in said advertisement; and on the opening of such sealed bids, as many of said certificates of indebtedness as have been so bid for shall be awarded by said "County Roads Commission" or a majority of them, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash; if the prices bid are inadequate, in the judgment of the "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them, and when two or more bidders have made the same bid, and such bid is the highest and by the highest responsible bidder in excess of the whole amount of the certificates so offered for sale, such certificates of indebtedness shall be awarded such highest responsible bidder bidding the same price in a ratable proportion; and if any of said certificates so offered for sale are not bid for, or if an insufficient price be bid for them, they may subsequently be disposed of under the direction of the said "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them, at private sale upon the best terms they can obtain for them provided, they shall not be sold at private sale for less than par and accrued interest.

SECTION 11. The actual cash proceeds to be derived from the sale of the certificates of indebtedness to be sold under the provisions of this Act, shall be used by the County Roads Commission of St. Mary's County for the purposes hereinafter, in this Act, set forth.

SECTION 12. Inasmuch as the purposes contemplated by this Act may not necessitate the sale, at any one time or in any one year, of the total amount of the certificates of indebtedness as provided for in Section 8 of this Act, the said "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them, may issue advertisements from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, for such parts of said loan, authorized in any one year, as may to the said "County Roads Commission," or a majority of them, seem most wise and advantageous.

SECTION 13. And be it enacted, That the term "commission" wherever used in this Act shall be construed to mean a majority of the members of the "County Roads Commission" of St. Mary's County, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. And be it enacted, That Sections 1 and 2 of Article 25 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "County Commissioners," in so far as they relate to St. Mary's County, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1916.

EDITOR OF THE ST. MARY'S BEACON:
 DEAR SIR:—I have read with pleasure your editorial on the proposed bond issue. You have so ably stated the objectionable features connected with it that there is but little for me to say. The question of bonding the county for so large a sum is of vast importance to the taxpayers, and too momentous to be determined by an individual few. With all due respect to the author of this bill I think he should have consulted the taxpayers before presenting it to the Legislature. They are the ones most interested in this matter; they have a right to decide whether or not bonds should be issued in St. Mary's County, as they will have to bear the burden of increased taxation should this bill become a law, and are certainly entitled to some consideration. So far as I can learn the bill is objectionable to a majority of the taxpayers, and there is one feature connected with it particularly repugnant, and that is, the unnecessary expense of the appointment of road commissioners; the County Commissioners can perform as in the past, all of the duties that would be required of the proposed road commissioners without additional cost. They are in a better position from practical experience to appoint the necessary road supervisors who will be needed in the respective districts, and by so doing, at least \$200 a year would be saved and applied to the roads, instead of going into the pockets of men who in all probability for want of experience, would incur loss about the construction of roads than the supervisors whom they would be expected to supervise. We have already got many unnecessary committees, of which should be abolished. If the bill were amended, take, for instance, the State Tax Commission. What has it accomplished to the present? Nothing. It has cost us many thousands of dollars in expenses. The County Roads Commission, with all the

satellites connected with it, drawing pay and nothing to do. Two or three men could perform all the duties connected with the office. If our Legislature would endeavor to do away with the superannuated committees with many officers, and reduce the salaries of officials who are overpaid, they would win the gratitude of their constituents, who would show their appreciation in the future. The people do not forget.

Yours truly,
 GILLES P. DEWE,
 Beavue, Feb. 23, 1916.

(COMMUNICATED)
Hospital For Southern Maryland.
 The large audience of ladies and gentlemen of the county who came to the Hospital meeting at LaPlata on Saturday, February twenty, was very gratifying to those who are working for a hospital for Charles County, to be known as the Southern Maryland Emergency Hospital.
 It is proposed in the bill drawn up by Senator John F. Mudd and read by Mr. Stone Zosy, and endorsed by the Charles County Delegates, to render aid to St. Mary's and Prince George's Counties as it is needed to take care of their sick.

These three counties appropriate generously to most of all the hospitals in Baltimore and to those in Washington, which entitles them a certain number of free beds, yet it is very difficult to get patients in the beds being filled with patients from the cities and other counties.
 We need a hospital to take care of our sick, who are breadwinners of the children of breadwinners. They well-to-do and the rich can always take care of their sick, and their money will unlock any hospital or sanitarium for them, or bring skilled surgeons, specialists and nurses to them with all the comforts that an invalid requires.
 The sick that mean to take care of first, are the people who are closest to our lives—doing our domestic work nursing our little children, personal services and laundry work. Our clothes often go for a week at a time into a small crowded house where there is typhoid fever or tuberculosis or measles, chicken-pox, whooping cough, grippe or throat trouble that run from tonsillitis to untroped cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever.
 In an alling, sick person could go to a local hospital for any of the above named diseases, or pneumonia, broken limbs or sprains or deep artery cuts, with no expense for transportation and get good medical attention and nursing immediately, and be in touch with their friends—things would be accomplished—preventing the sick and protecting the community.
 A sick person, who is not properly cared for, is a MENACE. He will be the means of spreading the disease from which he is suffering, as well as the inhumanity of not caring for a fellow sufferer.
 The more serious cases that need advanced treatment, or X-ray or surgical work could be sent to the larger hospitals where the best facilities are always at hand.

Respectfully,
 MARY C. MANN-PETERSON

Daily Thought.
 If God gave you gaiety and cheer of spirit, lift up the careworn by it. Wherever you go shine and sing. In every household there is drudgery. In every household there is sorrow.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Do You Find Fault With Everybody?
 An irritable, fault-finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have been permanently benefited by Chamberlain's Tablets after years of suffering. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Store House for Rent.
 Store House for rent after last of May, with privilege of buying balance of stock on hand at below cost. This is not the best, but one of the best stands in the Seventh District. Apply to—
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Trustee's Sale
 OF
Valuable Real Estate
 IN
 St. Mary's County, Md.
 No. 1244 N. E.

Under and virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, sitting in Equity, and dated the 6th day of February, 1916, the undersigned, as trustee, will sell by public auction, at the Court House, in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Md., on Tuesday, March 7, 1916, at the hour of half past one o'clock in the afternoon, all that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the Sixth Election District, called and known as
"West Fields Middle Ground With Addition,"
"The Costigan Land,"
 or "**Part of West Fields**" containing
85 Acres, More or Less,
 and being the same land of which the late R. Cattarine Downes died, seized and possessed.
 The property is in a fine state of cultivation and is improved by a well constructed fence, and necessary out-buildings, good barn, etc., all of which are in good repair and well cared for.
 TERMS OF SALE: As prescribed by decree—the full cash on the day of sale, this being the business day, or in cash, or in installments, at the option of the purchaser, the deferred payment to bear interest and to be secured by the satisfaction of the Trustee.