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"The Stars and Stripes Forever."

"Me und Gott" seem to have lost each other.

Free Russia! A dream of decades come true.

The "overt act" has emerged from its covert.

This promises to be another momentous April in American history.

Good unionism is a good thing. Bad unionism is not to be tolerated in America.

Patriotism is abroad in the land. Even the railroad magnates have proved they feel it.

There was too much Lee-way for the Ship of State to strike on the rocks of unionism.

Christ, Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius now are worshipped in the camps of the Allies.

President Wilson hasn't been stampeded into war, but the Kaiser knows the power of a hob-nailed boot.

For the first time since the Tripolitan corsairs were disposed of, armed American merchantmen plow the seas.

Good-bye, Mr. White. You leave us with our regrets, but take with you our very best wishes in your new work.

The world is off its balance. It must wallow deeper in the gory mire of Mars before the pendulum swings the other way.

President Wilson has advanced the date for the special session of Congress. Meeting April 2, it will be told promptly of Germany's misdeeds and high misdemeanors.

Governor Harrington is preparing Maryland for war. With the struggle upon us and the need of a reserve corps imminent, the Governor is to be commended for his action.

Everett F. White has made a fine record as county agricultural demonstrator. His shoes will be hard to fill successfully, but if there is a man in Queen Annes who can measure up he should have the post.

## U. S. PREPARING FOR WAR.

With Governor Harrington making preparations for Maryland's participation in war measures, President Wilson and his aides also are speeding up the nation's preparations to combat Germany and her allies on land and sea.

"Teddy" Roosevelt is rampant for active service and, throughout the length and breadth of the country, there are evidences that the war fever is spreading.

## WHY CIVILIZATION ADVANCES.

No truer words ever were penned, or typewritten, than the following, which appeared recently in the editorial columns of The Saturday Evening Post under the caption of "The New Utopia." The leader said:—

"President Wilson's address to the Senate in January was damned with faint praise—or, just damned. To many distinguished preachers, politicians and business men his proposals were 'Utopian;' 'beautiful ideals;' 'desirable, of course, but not practical.' To one of our historians they were 'asinine.'

"There was a time in the history of this nation when we made ideals come true by believing in them. America was discovered, settled and preserved by faith in such 'beautiful ideals' as are embodied in the Declaration of Independence, which in its day was quite as Utopian as President Wilson's proposals. Nothing is so practical as an ideal in which men believe."

And the staid, conservative Saturday Evening Post might have added that all the advancement, enlightenment and accomplishment of civilization and Christianity have been made possible by the spurs of IDEALS.

## A LITTLE SERMON TO THE DISCONTENTED.

The fat woman wants to get thin; the thin woman longs to gain fat.

The farmer looks forward to the time when he can afford to quit hard work and move to town to take life easy; the city man hopes for the time when he can retire to the quiet of the country.

A multimillionaire declares that the rich are not as well off as the poor, who have not such heavy responsibilities to worry them. And every poor man believes exactly the opposite.

It is a deep question? No, hardly skin-deep. The commonplace truth is that nearly every one of us is more or less dissatisfied with his lot and jealously thinks the other fellow has the best of it. The world always seems just a little brighter and better most anywhere than on the spot you occupy just now.

It is because we are incurably restless and dissatisfied. And it is well that we are. If the rich were content they would keep all their money; but they spend and spend, seeking happiness, and that's how the rest of us get a chance at it. Most of us work and work, to get some money to be happy with, and that's how the world's work gets done.

We of this country are said to be the most discontented people on earth. Maybe that is why we are the most energetic and progressive. If we were contented, advancement would cease.—The Christian Herald.

# WEEKLY LOCAL NEWS OF THE LOCAL STORES

BY DOLLY LEE

Outside my window one morning this week I heard the mellow welcome "Good morning" of a big robin redbreast. Across a hedge I heard the answering call from his mate. Then the sun came swimming up through fleecy clouds that scattered before his melting smiles. A hundred birds—martins, sparrows—fluttered a greeting and twittered of—Spring.

After this long siege of cold, disagreeable, rainy, freezy weather, it is a real delight to know that Spring is actually here and with it all those things that make this season dear.

The publishers of The Centreville Observer have employed me to write a weekly letter telling of seasonable things in the Centreville stores. Each week I will, therefore, try to give the women of the county an idea of what may be found in the splendid business houses of Centreville.

It is useless, perhaps, to remind my women friends that corsets have always been the foundation of a really good figure. Tonight and next Monday night correct fitting of corsets will be shown in motion pictures at the Centreville Opera House. Next week Miss Y. Towey, of the Gossard Corset Company, will be at Green's Department Store personally demonstrating correct fitting. Every woman should take advantage of this opportunity to learn something more about the very necessary art of correct dressing. And it doesn't cost a penny.

It's not such a long, long way from correct dressing to correct living. I have never seen any earthly use in bedecking our bodies with finery and leaving our homes to suffer from inattention. In visiting at several homes this week I noticed that the walls looked fresh, neat and clean and I inquired what was done to make them appear so. I was advised that the walls were covered with Alabastine, purchased from Holland & Thompson's drug store. I interviewed Mr. Holland of this firm, and he explained some of the virtues of Alabastine. He told me that many of the best homes were discarding paper entirely. I believe now that Alabastine is the practical wall-covering. It is better than paper and cheaper than paint. In view of the fact that Spring is here, with its house cleaning work, housewives should investigate Alabastine.

I am sure, though, that women who keeping their houses neat and clean, are interested in the new spring styles. Coats are especially pretty this spring. The prevailing colors will be mustard-brown, gold and a new shade of green. They are very chic and I found a pretty assortment at The Shop. A complete line of silk waists and men's and boys' clothing is also displayed. Mr. Owens L. Phillips, manager of The Shop, extended every courtesy in showing me the new styles and they were entirely pleasing.

Woman's attire, of course, is not complete without neat, dressy low cuts or shoes. I found a delightful assortment of these at Mr. E. E. Kennard's. Mr. Kennard's line embraces everything in furnishings for men, but he also stocks a large number of the new styles shown for women. He also has the new spring coats in the latest colors and styles. I found the articles reasonably priced and prompt and careful service is given by Mr. Kennard and his assistants.

"The high cost of living keeps me from buying many of the things I would like to have" is what a woman friend of mine told me the other day. I then told her of a decision our family reached. Gardens are sometimes overlooked or neglected. Ours has been. So we decided to make it produce more. Brother went to Sunset Pharmacy and there found a splendid assortment of seeds. He learned something I did not know before. The seed man from whom Sunset Pharmacy purchases seeds, make a specialty of handling only tested seed. This makes germination sure. I am positive that we will have a fine garden this year.

Once or twice I have visited the Variety store of W. L. Clough, Water street. But I had never made a thorough inspection until this week. To say that I was amazed by the variety is putting it mildly. Hundreds of useful articles are to be found there and they are most reasonably priced. A large line of pictures is shown, and he has a nice display of ribbons and Easter goods.

### I Was In A Dilemma.

The other afternoon a few friends called. At first I was puzzled about some little tit-bit to serve. I happened to remember, though, that in the morning I had purchased some of those delightful little cakes at Eaton's Bakery. They filled the bill to perfection. In telling Mr. Eaton of the incident, he advised me that he specialized in preparing cakes for weddings and parties and also makes innumerable other delicacies. The best of it all is that there is never any worry about failures. The cakes are always good.

I must not fail to tell of another thing that struck me forcibly as I visited the local stores. That one thing was the splendid kitchen cabinets shown by H. W. Chambers. These cabinets must be a real delight to any housewife. There are dozens of handy little compartments in which various articles may be kept, and, instead of rushing pell mell about the house in preparing a cake or dinner, everything is directly in front of the cook. It saves thousands of steps and is surely something no kitchen is complete without.

Returning again to thoughts of the home, I am reminded of the visit to the store of the Eddins Furniture Company. Mr. Eddins explained to me the use of the famous Chinamel. This is useful for floors and furniture. It should come in handy now, when preparations are being made for spring house-cleaning. Their assortment of furniture is good and their repair department can make an old piece of furniture fairly glisten with newness.

The other evening I had the pleasure of hearing one of the famous Columbia Grafanolas. I was invited to a cozy corner in the store of F. H. Feddeman and there heard the latest records on one of those sturdy, masterful Grafanolas. The strong, rich tones inspire one with the thought that they are in the real presence of the great creators of wonderful music. These machines are a delight to any home and many Queen Annes countians are becoming possessors of them. The new records are published the 20th of each month, and Mr. Feddeman told me that he had just received his assortment.

It was impossible to visit all the local stores this week, but I am confident that I will have an abundance of news for next week. Spring is here and new goods are being received by local merchants daily. I will have other news to tell you next week.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.
Monday, March 26th, 1917
MARYLAND DAY

being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed. Notes maturing on that day must be arranged for.

NELSON J. BROWN,
Cashier.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.
Monday, March 26th 1917
MARYLAND DAY

being a legal holiday the Stevensville Bank of Maryland will be closed. Notes maturing on that day must be arranged for.

G. O. CALLAWAY, Cashier.

Protect yourself, get your Ford now.

WRIGHT & LOWE.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's County letters of administration on the personal estate of

HOSEA H. BOYCE,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned

On or before the 24th day of October, 1917,

otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand the 20th day of March in the year 1917.

LLOYD T. BOYCE,
M2s4 Administrator of Hosea H. Boyce.

Important—See us at once about a Ford car so as to assure prompt delivery.

WRIGHT & LOWE.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c

Extra—Something big in air about Fords—See us at once.

WRIGHT & LOWE.

## 3 PER. CENT. MONEY

By exercising foresight and making arrangements a few months ahead, the public can borrow money in any sum from $100 to $10,000 from the Cooperative League of America at three per cent annual interest. The League is a national organization operating under a declaration of trust with its trustees and all its agents under bond. It is not necessary that the prospective borrower shall own property when application for a loan is made, but all moneys loaned by the League are secured by first mortgage on real estate. Loans will be made to buy or build a home, improve city or country real estate, to buy a farm, to pay off a mortgage, or to turn a loan privilege into cash. These loans are paid off by the borrower in small amounts monthly over a period of from eleven to twelve years.

Details will be sent on written request, or a representative will call.

Address,
BROWN & ARMSTRONG,
District Agents.
P. O. Box 277, Centreville, Md.

## NOTICE TO Delinquent Taxpayers

The County Treasurer of Queen Annes county hereby gives notice that under the terms of the State Tax Law passed at the last legislature, he is compelled to make settlement of all State Taxes by May 1st, 1917, and that under the terms of the Treasurer Law for Queen Annes county he is compelled to make settlement of County Taxes by June 1st, 1917.

You are, therefore, notified that all unpaid taxes must be settled not later than April 1st, 1917, otherwise the property upon which the unpaid taxes are due will be advertised for sale.

CHARLES H. QUIMBY,
Treasurer.

## PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Having sold my farm and having no further use for the stock enumerated below, the undersigned will offer at public sale on the farm where he now resides, known as the "Tucker Farm," situate on the road leading past Brick School House, between Centreville and Hayden, on

**Thursday, March 29, 1917**

beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., the following lot of valuable personal property:

**Four Horses, all young.**
**Two Cows, young**
**Eighteen Ewes, lambs by side.**
**Six Shoats, 100 pounds each.**

### IMPLEMENTS

Two wagons, runabout, good binder, nearly new, Bickford & Hoffman drill, as good as new, manure spreader, Success, in good order, 1 good mower and rake, farm roller, corn planter, spring tooth harrow, 3-horse Oliver plow, cultivators, wagon and plow harness and other articles too numerous to mention. Good milk box and 3 milk cans.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under, cash will be required. On sums over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given on notes, secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

THOMAS J. KEATING, Attorney.
EDWARD F. CROWDING, Owner.
T. Frank Seward, Auct.

## PUBLIC SALE
OF
## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Having sold my farm and intending to discontinue the dairy business, I will sell the following personal property where I now reside, 1½ miles north of Ridgely, on

**SATURDAY, MAR. 31, 1917**

commencing at 1 o'clock, sharp, rain or shine.

### FINE CATTLE

1 Registered Holstein Bull, sire Constance Moore, No. 155315, H. F. H. B., 2 years old, 1 pure bred Holstein cow, 5 years old, fresh in September, 1 purebred Holstein cow, 4 years old, fresh in September, 1 purebred Holstein heifer, 2 years old, fresh in September, 1 graded Holstein cow, 4 years old, fresh in September, 1 graded Holstein cow, 4 years old, fresh in June, 1 Holstein cow, 5 years old, fresh in September, 1 Holstein cow, 6 years old, 1 Holstein cow, 6 years old, calf by her side, 1 Holstein cow, 5 years old, fresh in August, 1 Holstein cow, 5 years old, calf by her side, 1 Holstein cow, 6 years old, calf by her side, 1 Holstein cow, 4 years old, fresh by day of sale, 1 Guernsey cow, 5 years old, fresh in August, 1 Holstein cow, 7 years old, three splendid Holstein heifers, 2 years old, fresh in September, 3 Holstein heifers, 14 months old, 1 calf, 8 months old, 1 Holstein heifer, 2 years old, fresh in August, 1 Holstein cow, 7 years old, fresh in June. One Bay Colt, 2 years old in June, a fine one.

1,000 Bundles Blade Fodder.

### IMPLEMENTS

1 surrey, 1 runabout, 1 farm wagon, 1 Osborne spring tooth, good as new, 1 force pump, 1 line shaft hangers and belting, 1 farm bell, 1 corn crusher, 1 root grinder.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of and under $10.00 cash; all sums over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security, payable at bank.

H. T. WOOD, Owner.
James Temple, Auct.
W. W. Seward, Clerk.

WALTER T. WRIGHT, President — J. LEMUEL ROBERTS, Cashier

### DIRECTORS

JOHN H. EVANS — WALTER T. WRIGHT — J. LEMUEL ROBERTS
J. LOUIS RHODES — JOHN M. PERRY
Z. R. COLLINS — J. FRANK HARPER — WILLIAM F. WATSON
CHARLES L. JOSLIN — H. B. W. MITCHELL
JAMES T. BRIGHT — JOHN P. ROE — W. H. TEMPLE

## The Queen Anne's National Bank
OF CENTREVILLE

## REMEMBER!

In consulting your plumber regarding repairs, to be particular to state as near as possible the repairs needed. To remember and heed this—great inconvenience, delay and cost will be saved. To go to your plumber and simply say "Come immediately, the water is running over everything," and not state whether the pipe is broken, bursted or stopped up, and the character of the pipe, lead, brass or iron, causes needless delay, and oftimes considerable vexation and extra cost.

THIS neglect on the part of the CUSTOMER has earned for the plumber the unwarranted title of "Prince of Extortionists." Remember time is money, and when the plumber has to make two or three trips to the shop, which is sometimes distant half a mile, and which could be avoided by an observance of the above simple rule, YOU must expect to pay accordingly.

Remember we are in this business for your accommodation and our profit, and when you send for us we take it for granted that you want your work done RIGHT, otherwise you would have sent for some one else.

## SLEMMER

The first Registered Plumber on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Also Ford Touring Car For Sale

# SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION
OF
# GOSSARD CORSETS

Our announcement of the beautiful silent drama, "The Social Key," which we are exhibiting at the Opera House on March 24th and 26th, has created a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in Gossard Corsets.

With the desire of extending a service to the women of Centreville, we have successfully negotiated with The H. W. Gossard Co. for a special demonstration in our store on

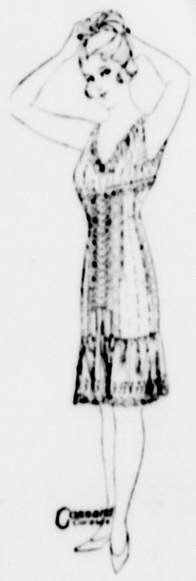
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**
**MARCH 26th, 27th, 28th**

## Miss Yonovera Towey

a special New York representative of the H. W. Gossard Co., will be here with a full and complete stock of Gossard Corsets and Brassieres, to demonstrate the many advantages of this wonderful merchandise which enjoys the preference of style authorities, designers, famous actresses and social leaders, and the unqualified endorsement of the most prominent physicians.

The change in styles this season calls for the most careful attention to the fitting of your new Corset. This special opportunity of having the importance of correct corseting explained by an expert should be taken advantage of.

You can be fitted at this time, but should attend this educational demonstration whether you intend to purchase your corset now or not.



Gossards are the original front-lace Corsets which some ten years ago sold at $25.00. Now, through increased manufacturing facilities and an international distribution, you can buy a Gossard for as little as $2.00, $3.50, $4.25, $5.00, and up to $25.00.

**Visit Our Corset Department Some Time During These Three Days**

Wear Gossard CORSETS They Lace In Front

## ALFRED GREEN
Centreville, Md.

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