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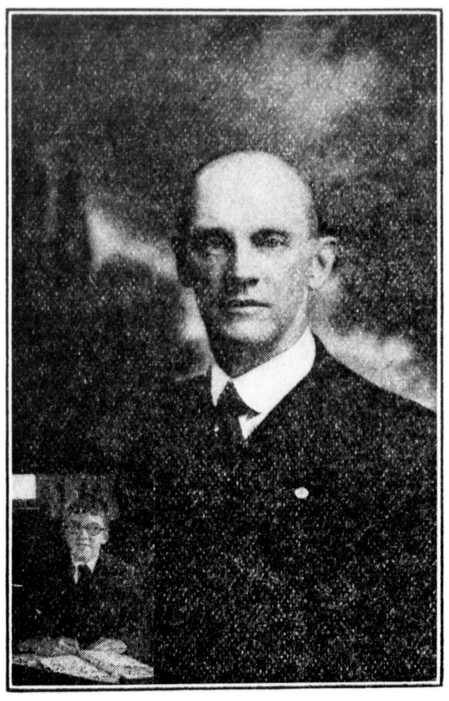

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with less expense than in colder climates. Here are mighty rivers, flowing lakes, and purling rivulets, gushing springs of sparkling water suitable for navigation and machinery, for stock, for dairy, and household.

For several years past the Keiffer pear, assisted by the tomato, has been the financial salvation of many a Kent farmer. In 1896 Mr. Scarborough, manager of four canneries in Kent, paid to the pear growers over $16,000. The total crop cf the county, even in that comparatively off-crop year, is placed at 200,000 baskets. The popular price paid that year was 25 cents per basket, since which time the price has been nearer 15 cents. This year a dollar is the prevailing price. The intimate relation which the Keiffer pear and the tomato crop have borne to the financial fortune of the Kent County farmer sounds to the stranger like a fairy tale of a dream-dove but unrealized prosperity.

In 1912 there were raised in Kent County over 25,000 tons of tomatoes, for which the farmers were paid $9.60 per ton. Thus the astounding sum of $240,000 was paid for this crop alone. Clifton L. Jarrell says he cleared $35 per acre off a hundred acres. Thomas J. Davis picked 252 tons and 24 baskets off 23 acres. Thomas Fowler, on State's Attorney Vickers' Flatland farm, sold 120 tons off 10 acres. H. C. Willis, near Fairlee, shipped over 12 tons to the acre off 10 acres the same year. This year buyers paid as high as $1 per basket, but the crop was very short.

Cooling stations established along the railroad in Kent County have superseded the creameries, and dairying has been given a new importance The industry is but in its infancy. Mr. John N. Bennett kept a record of his creamery business in 1900 which

amounted to	$546 29
Amount of calves	197.64
Total revenue from 19 cows	$985.74
Sold 16 calves—amount	155.29
Raised 3 calves at $15 each—amount	45.00
	$197.26
Average amount from each cow.	41.35
Average amount of pounds of milk from each cow	4,185

During the past two years these prices have been doubled. Cows have sold for $100 to $400 each.

During two years the following shipments of milk have been from the cooling stations along the Kent railroads:

	Cans 1914.	Cans 1915.
Chestertown	10,811	10,906
Worton	12,157	10,158
Kennedyville	22,945	14,042
Blacks	99	12,780
Massey	16,210	14,787
Totals	62,622	62,678

Each can contains 11½ gallons, so that the total shipment in 1915 was 720,900 gallons of milk, which brought to the farmers thousands of dollars. Add to this 1918, including Millington, when the shipments total 100,000 pounds, and the price $3 and $4, and some idea of this dairy business can be gleaned.

Of course the staple crops of Kent County are wheat and corn. About 50,000 acres are sowed in wheat, the average yield being 15 bushels per acre. There are about 35,000 acres in corn, the average yield being 27 bushels per acre.

Kent's Part in the Great War.

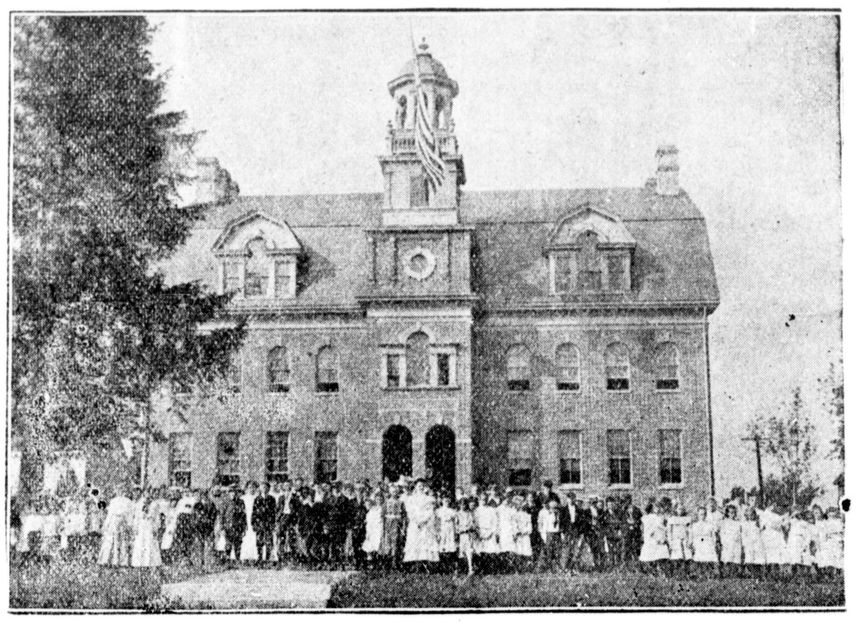
All our people are proud of the part Old Kent played in the great war and on these few pages we hope to show at a glance some of the accomplishments.

"Should the safety of our institutions ever be endangered, I prophesy that these men of the frontier and mountains of the South will be the strongest guarantee of law and order." These words are by that honored and beloved citizen, James Alfred Pearce, Esq., in an article on this Peninsula. It is fitly and without immodesty applicable to the people of Kent County. During every war they have forever shown their loyalty, bravery, and patriotism. They have also impressed their fellows that from the homes of Kent have come some of the ablest men and purest patriots, who in civil or military life have devoted themselves to the service of their country.

One of the first necessary and efficient things of the war was the Red Cross. Kent County had no society at the outbreak of the war, but the national association designated Fred G. Usilton, of Chestertown, the first treasurer, and through the News a contribution of about $900 was sent on as Kent's quota. Then followed quickly an organization in October, 1917.

From July to October of that year, working under the Baltimore Chapter Red Cross, work was done in the county, Mrs. Lewis H. Wood as chairman and Mrs. Robert Harris vice-chairman.

Prior to this time and before any organization the sale of the 1916 Red Cross Christmas seals, under the "Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis," had been conducted so successfully that Kent won out in competition with five other counties in securing one half year's pay for a county health nurse, the County Commissioners paying the other half.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHESTERTOWN

The officers of Kent County Chapter have been the following:

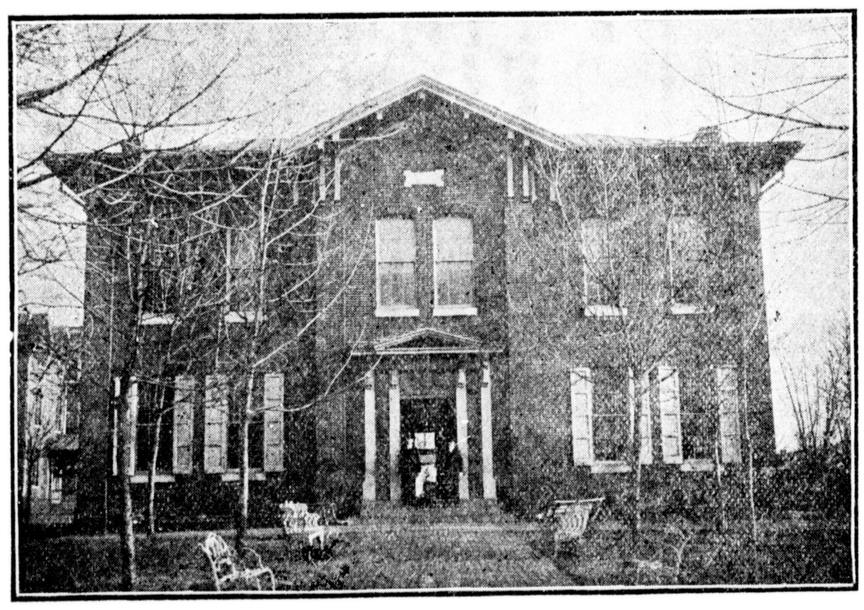
Chairman—Mrs. Lewis H. Wood (October, 1917–November, 1918); Mrs. Jane V. Robinson (November, 1918-1919).

Vice-Chairman—Howard Turner (October, 1917-1919).

Secretary—Mrs. James G. Beck (October, 1917-1919).

Treasurer—A. A. Harris (October, 1917-1918).

W. H. Elliott (Assistant Treasurer February to November, 1918; Treasurer, November, 1918-1919).



COURT HOUSE, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Permanent Chairman of Red Cross Drives—Howard Turner.

Supervisor of Surgical Dressing and Hospital Supplies—Jane V. Robinson (June, 1917-1918).

Chairman Women's Work—Mrs. H. C. Brown (June, 1918-1919); Mrs. R. C. Harris, vice-chairman.

Chairman Knitting—Mrs. Clinton C. Jones.

Chestertown—Mrs. Jane V. Robinson.

Kennedyville—Mrs. J. D. McCabe, July, 1917-1918; Mrs. J. W. Urie, July 1918-1919.

Worton—Mrs. Harry Williams.

Still Pond—Mrs. Golden Warren (July to October, 1917); Mrs. Wm. Medders (October, 1917-1919).

Rock Hall—Mrs. W. O. Selby.

Betterton—Mrs. Arthur Brice.

Fairlee, Mrs. Frank W. Smith.

Millington—Mrs. Merritt Brice.

Pomona—Mrs. Charles J. Reiche, Mrs. Harold Baker.

Lynch—Mrs. Harry Stavely.

Galena, organized as the others, first as a unit then an auxiliary; was organized as a branch June, 1918, with Mrs. G. R. Jones as chairman.

Chairman Committee on Civilian Relief and Home Service Work—Mrs. S. C. Emory, nee Miss Violet Beck.

Other committee chairmen were appointed by county chairman to do their respective work. Work done locally through chairman of Auxiliary:

Nurses' Survey—Mrs. T. H. Skipper.
Belgium Relief—Mrs. J. D. Bacchus.
Linen Shower—Mrs. Wm. G. Smyth.
Conservation—Mrs. Wm. Medders.
Christmas Boxes—Mrs. A. A. Harris.
Motor Service—Mrs. S. S. Beck.
Junior Work—Louis C. Robinson, M. Adele France.

The colored women, showing a great desire to help, were organized into the following auxiliaries: Coleman's, Georgetown, Janes A. M. E. Church, Bethel, and one at Fountain Church had been a waiting organization when the armistice was signed.

First Red Cross war drive made in June, 1917, before county was organized, under Baltimore city, $870.

Second war drive, May, 1918, $6,086.12.

Membership drive of 1917, 2,547 members.

Membership drive of 1918, 2,597 members.

Supplies made by Chapter (with few exceptions until November, 1918, garments cut out by workers)

Surgical dressings, 43,800.

Hospital supplies and knitted garments, 11,130.

Refugee garments, 1,803.

Supplies made by Branch:

Surgical dressings, 14,000.

Hospital supplies, 540.

Refugee garments, 220.

JANE VICKERS ROBINSON