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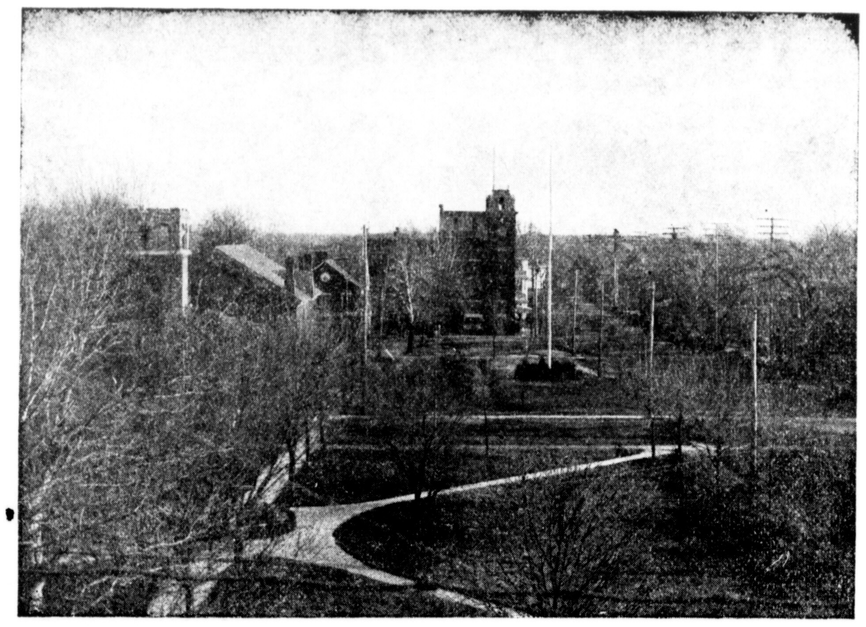

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF PARKS IN CHESTERTOWN
Arranged by Ladies of Town

Number of garments collected for Belgian Relief (November, 1918, 1,488).

May 17, 1917, the first American Red Cross of Kent County was organized in the Town Hall of Galena by Mrs. L. C. Wood, of Chestertown, county chairman. Some time later Mrs. Howard Hubbard, of Baltimore, organized the Navy League, the membership numbering about fifty, was drawn from Galena, Georgetown, Fredericktown, Sassafras, and Massey. Galena worked as an independent unit for about a year, then organized into a branch of the Kent County Chapter. The number of surgical dressings sent to headquarters from May 17, 1917, to November 11, 1918, composed of compresses, whipes, sponges, roll gauze bandages, etc., was 18,300. The number of hospital supplies sent were 60 bed sheets, 60 sets pajamas, 384 towels, 250 triangular bandages, 15 sheets, 12 pillow cases, and 843 other miscellaneous articles; 25 comfort kits were made and filled; 24 drafted boys of the first district were outfitted with sweaters, mufflers, wristlets, and comfort kits; 23 containers of preserves and pickles were sent to Camp Meade for Thanksgiving. In 1917 Red Cross drive for membership 196 were enrolled. In the Red Cross roll call for 1918, 338 responded; 238 refugee garments have been made and shipped; several boxes of warm clothing have been collected for same.

Navy League work is as follows: From August 23, 1917, to May 1, 1919, sweaters, 307; mufflers, 141; wristlets, 137; helmets, 105; sacks, 105; trench caps, 6. Total number garments, 801.

Used Clothing drive for 1919, 1,200 pounds of clothing, 2 bags of shoes.

Linen Shower—46 sheets, 52 bath towels, 11¼ dozen hand towels, 6½ dozen napkins, 9¼ dozen handkerchiefs.

Work completed by Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries, most of which was turned into County Chapter—20 knitted articles, 221 hospital supplies, 84 refugee garments, 45 camp supplies, 3 rag rugs, 385 scrap books.

A history of this work would not be complete without the mention of Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks' activity, without which Mrs. Robinson, the county chairman, would have been unable to do much of the work that has been done. In 1917 sale of Christmas seals was conducted, the funds going to the expense of the county nurse, while the Commissioners paid the entire salary of $1,000.

After Kent's work was well under way all of the boys leaving the county for service were fitted out with sweater, socks, and kit.

Special recognition was made of the boys by Red Cross Auxiliaries of their locality and remembrances sent to them. Galena sent 23 Christmas boxes in 1917, and to the boys at Camp Meade 233 containers of fruits, jellies, and pickles at Thanksgiving of the same year. Fifty Christmas boxes were sent by Chestertown Auxiliary to French soldiers.

It has been Kent's pleasure to respond to all appeals, and she feels her sincere efforts in this direction have been rewarded by being placed on honor roll for surgical dressings and muslin work; also for shipping goods promptly.

Brief Happenings During War.

War declared April, 1917. Flags displayed from homes and business houses. Meeting held in Chestertown Court House Wednesday, April 11, 1917. Dr. S. S. Hepburn, chairman; Arthur L. Harris, secretary. Resolutions on preparedness and co-operation passed.

Two young men from Rock Hall enrolled as fighters April 15. Seven students from Washington College enlisted one week after war was declared.

Governor Harrington appoints commission in May known as Council of Defense—Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard, Mrs. Fred G. Usilton, Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. A. L. Harris, Mrs. Chas. N. Satterfield. This committee did wonderfully effective work. After a year or more of hard work four members resigned, being succeeded by Mrs. W. O. Selby, Mrs. A. A. Harris, Mrs. Lewis Wood, and Mrs. W. G. Smyth, who proved worthy successors.

Draft Board—J. Thos. Hadaway, A. P. Rasin, F. B. Hines. S. P. Townsend succeeded Mr. Rasin after a few months, the latter being within the draft age. Messrs. J. S. W. Jones, Herbert E. Perkins, and Dr. C. W. Whaland were the final appointees and serving with ability, as did all others.

Extra session of Legislature June 12. Kent being represented by Senator Henry Brown, Harry Willis, and Herbert Urie. Work or fight law was the conspicuous result of the same.

Knitting begins by Mrs. Drayton, nee Miss Irma Eliason, intriducing the industry by committees in churches.

First draft registration of men between 21 and 31—1,173 registered in Kent; white, 753; colored, 406.

Battery A, Light Artillery, N. G., visit town June 27 with 50 men and encamp on Walter Wright's field.

Tuesday, September 25, first 29 drafted men leave for Camp Meade. Big parade, speech-making, etc., on Square.

Drives for food conservation. Cards in all windows signifying co-operation in conserving food. War gardens, etc.

Wm. G. Smyth named as Food Administrator to succeed Dr. J. W. Cain.

November 17, 1917, Y. M. C. A. drive for $4,500, C. L. Dodd, C. S. Smith, and J. A. Pearce, committee.

January, 1918—Great shortage in fuel. Many churches closed because of lack of fuel. Families unite to conserve fuel. An unprecedented situation. Very cold. Ice on rivers and bay.

Government officials order all schools, offices, stores, etc., to close for ten Mondays so as to conserve fuel.

Wheat price fixed at $2.27.

Jas. S. Potts, of Betterton, first man killed in war from Maryland.

March 31—Clocks advanced an hour so as to give more daylight for work.

War Savings and Thrift Stamps put on market; Howard Turner, chairman for Kent.

Liberty Loan organization for Kent; Allan A. Harris, chairman; Wm. F. Russell, secretary; W. B. Copper, J. P. Ahern, Chas. F. Wheatley. Publicity—Fred G. and Wm. B. Usilton, R. H. Collins, Polk T. Bramble, L. B. Russell. Committee in every precinct, who did fine work.

Thursday, May 30—Day of prayer.

June 5, 1918—All youths becoming of age enrolled for service.

Sunday, May 26—45 young men given send-off in Chestertown, W. W. Beck, president.

Y. M. C. A. League formed in Chestertown with C. C. Jones, president; Miss Mable Toulson, vice-president; J. R. Simpers, secretary; Fred G. Usilton, treasurer.

Memorial service held in Galena to James E. Caldwell, killed in France.

S. P. Townshend resigns as member of Draft Board; J. S. W. Jones named. J. T. Hadaway resigns and H. E. Perkins named—July, 1918.

Rev. S. S. Hepburn, president, T. W. Perkins, secretary, raise a good sum for School for Blind in Baltimore.

H. W. Vickers named by Governor Harrington as inspector of Local Draft Board.

September 12—All men between ages of 18 and 45 ordered to register for service; result, 1,663 men.

Washington College becomes an army training school.

Jas. A. Pearce, chairman Legal Advisers Board in filling out questionnaires. Other prominent lawyers and citizens assist freely.

October—Flu epidemic. Schools and churches closed. Deaths by the dozen.

Germany signs armistice November 11. Whole county rejoices. Bells all ring, bonfires burn, and parade held.

United War Work Campaign raises $10,720. Fred G. Usilton was chairman and James A. Pearce treasurer.

July 1, 1919—Country goes dry.

Thursday, August 7—Home-coming celebration. Supper, dance in park, parade, etc.

Armenian Relief—F. G. Usilton, president; E. F. Perkins, vice-president; A. P. Rasin, treasurer. A fine sum was raised.

Kent County went over the top in all five Liberty Loans. Allan A. Harris was chairman, with a large and efficient corps of helpers in every precinct of Kent County.

The figures of these five Loans are as follows:

First Loan	$202,700
Second Loan	376,000
Third Loan	440,550
Fourth Loan	647,100
Fifth Loan	440,050
Total raised	$2,106,400

Under the chairmanship of Howard Turner, assisted by the postal officials, teachers, and others, a wonderful Thrift Stamp campaign was waged in Kent; $221,700.25 worth of stamps was sold. Other incidents too numerous to relate here will be left for other writers who shall more fully cover Kent County's splendid work during the great war.

The Honor Roll for Kent.

The following list has been made after months of effort, and if there is one boy omitted, white or colored, it is unintentional. A record of each man is being gathered by the State. Have you sent yours in to the chairman at the Kent News office?

LIST OF WHITE MEN WHO SERVED IN THE WAR

Brice, Hydie Lee
Durham, William T.
Moffett, Benjamin F.
Stradley, Charles Edw.
Hines, Emory M.
Walbert, Joseph Frank
Hicks, Elwood Leon
Bedwell, John, Jr.
Robinson, Delbert Geo.
Wiltbank, George Ray
Ashley, George Ruel
Dunbracco, Clarence M.
Leathen, John
Melvin, William Harvey
Rickman, Walter S.
Starr, William L.
Donahue, James P.
Parsons, Clarence C.
Harry, Linsy Gary
Doo, John
Ford, Heston Hicks
Numbers, Fred C.
Hill, James H.
Merchant, John F.
Blackway, James Edw.
Hirons, Robert N.
Joiner, James Walter
Wilson, Henry Bernard
Miller, Louis
Kennedy, John R.
Brown, Joseph A.
Bryon, Norman McC.
Creighton, Robert
Silcox, Louis Ray
Kratzer, Henry Aug.
Sterling, Elmer W.
Nicholson, Clarence R.
Leaverton, Willias S.
Moore, Thomas
Kendall, Clifton
Nehus, Henry, Jr.
McCauley, Lester
Gears, N. Perry
Langerer, Jacob
Klemm, Louis Frek.
Gladsky, Theodore
Shallcross, Mastin
Biddle, George, Jr.
Dawson, William S. M.
Decourse, Leonard W.
Gill, Charles Lee
Lemon, Herman L.
Payne, Ralph Har.
Blyman, William F.
Goodman, Miller David
Lloyd, Henry Francis

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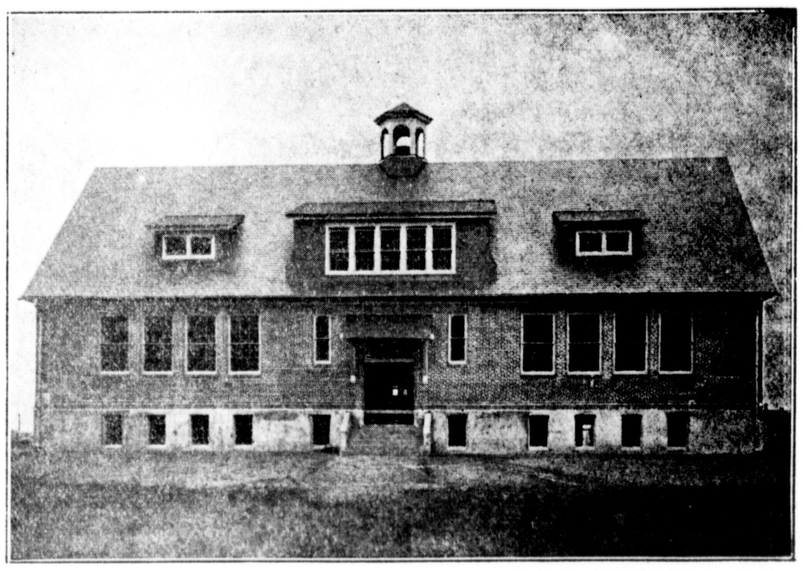

ROCK HALL HIGH SCHOOL—1915