Report of Auditing Committee

For Kent County, Maryland

CHESTERTOWN, MD., DECEMBER 22nd, 1925.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR KENT COUNTY,

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January 1904, and in harmony with our appointment as Auditors for Kent County, we have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the County Commissioners Office, The Board of Education, The County Treasurer Office The Trustees of the Almshouse and the Dog License Fund.

This audit deals chiefly with the Levy of 1924-25, when a rate of $1.50 on the $100.00 was declared for County purposes.

This report also gives the Source of Revenue for Kent County for 1925-26, as shown by the Books of the County Commissioners June 15, 1925.

The Auditors submit the following recommendations which they feel will be both beneficial and a saving of unnecessary expense to the tax payers of Kent County.

THAT no rubber stamps be used in signatures or countersignatures on checks or papers of any importance by any Public Official.

THAT the Clerk of the Circuit Court forward lists of the Court expenses to the County Commissioners and that orders be issued from that office and not paid by the Treasurer on orders direct from the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

THAT orders by the County Commissioners for cancellation of Taxes by insolvencies be issued on a printed form (copy of which is submitted by auditors) signed by proper official and a record of same appear on minutes of the board.

THAT the office of Attendance Officer maintained by the Board of Education is an unnecessary expense to the County School system, and we think should be discontinued.

THAT the County Treasurer shall, until he is relieved of all collections of taxes submit to the County Commissioners at each regular meeting a statement showing total amount of taxes collected and to be collected to date.

THAT the Farm containing about 320 acres and stock and implements owned and operated by the county in connection with the Alms House and valued at $10,000.00, and which has been a net loss to the tax payers of Kent County for the last thirteen years of $10,096.78, should be sold at public or private sale at once, as per bill passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, Acts of 1920, Chapter 417, Page 711, introduced by Senator William F. Russell, authorizing and empowering the sale of same.

The Committee wishes to call special attention to that part of the statement pertaining to the Alms House Farm.

The farm is owned by the County, and managed by the Trustees of the Alms House, who are appointed by the County Commissioners.

For the last thirteen years, as our statement below will show, this farm has shown a net loss from the pockets of the tax papers of Kent County, of more than Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) over and above the cost of maintaining the Alms House.

Seven Auditing Committees during that period have recommended the sale of the farm, and, in 1920 during the term of Senator Russell the Commissioners had a bill passed in the State Legislature granting the power to sell the farm, but nothing was done.

In order to avoid this future burden to the people of Kent County, your Committee called a conference of the Board of County Commissioners, The Trustees of the Alms House and Judge Lewin W. Wickes, to meet at the Court House on Friday evening, December 4th, 1925, and the following were present: Jesse H. Usilton, S. J. Johnson, T. Ringgold Jones and John Medders, Clerk of the County Commissioners, James B. Newnam, M. Wilbur Thomas and Harry C. Willis, of the Trustees of the Alms House; Judge Lewin W. Wickes and the Auditing Committee.

The Committee presented the subject fully, showing the unnecessary burden on the people, and offered a written resolution for the sale of the farm at once, to be signed by the County Commissioners, The Trustees of the Alms House and the Auditors.

The Trustees asked for several days to consider the subject, and on Tuesday, December 15th, 1925, held a meeting in conjunction with the County Commissioners and both the County Commissioners and the Trustees of the Alms House in the face of the above startling facts, refused to sign the resolution for the sale of the farm.

We trust the tax payers of Kent County will realize this condition and place the responsibility accordingly.

Respectfully,

J. RAYMOND SIMPERS,
J. FRANK WHEATLEY,
THOMAS W. PERKINS,
Auditors.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

Summary of Assessments for 1924-25 on Books in County Commissioners' Office.

Real and Personal	14,298,935.57 @ 1.50		$214,484.03
Extra Real and Personal	175,263.00 @ 1.50		2,628.95
Bank Shares	372,299.50 @ 1.00		3,723.00
Trust Companies	29,345.70 @ 1.00		293.46
Mutual Fire Ins. Co. of Kent Co., Md.	73,510.00 @ .30		220.53
Ordinary Business and Domestic Corp.	175,879.70 @ 1.50		2,638.20
Securities	729,425.00 @ .30		2,188.28
Extra Securities	2,311.00 @ .30		6.93
			$226,183.38
Extra Real and Personal since last Audit.	855.00 @ 1.50		12.83
Ord. Bus. and Domes. Corp. since last Audit.	101,414.22 @ 1.50		1,521.21
Total			$227,717.42
Levy for 1924 privides for Orders 1924-25			$155,536.11
Levy for 1924 provides for Certificates 1923-24			54,275.36
			$209,811.47

EXHIBIT NO. 2

A statement in detail showing how and for what purposes the Levy of 1924-25 was appropriated.

Paid by Orders issued 1924-25.

Roads ond Bridges throughout the County	$7,662.93	
Roads and Bridges 1st District	4,217.48	
Roads and Bridges 2nd District	693.33	
Roads and Bridges 3rd District	2,942.57	
Roads and Bridges 4th District	142.44	
Roads and Bridges 5th District	2,253.15	
Roads and Bridges 6th District	1,629.68	
Roads and Bridges 7th District	719.53	
Roads and Bridges, Miscellaneous	4,698.39	
		$24,959.50
County Commissioners Salaries		$1,500.00
Clerk of County Commissioners Salary		1,140.00
Supervisor of Assessments Salary		1,000.00
County Treasurer's Salary		1,500.00
Road Engineer's Salary		1,500.00
State's Attorney Salary		1,200.00
Janitor's Salary		400.00
County Commissioners Office Expense		407.63
Alms House		4,212.07
Orphans' Court		1,429.03
Contract Printing		1,149.99
Pensions		695.00
Miscellaneous		288.66
Registrations and Elections		2,569.93
Inquisitions		250.00
Roads and Bridges as applied to Incorporated Towns		3,900.00
Bank Shares as applied to Incorporated Towns		975.75
Schools		100,922.00
Hospitals		2,382.95
Health Office and Jail Physician		758.60
County Agent		1,445.00
Kent County Health Association		300.00
Attorney to County Commissioners		200.00
Easton Emergency Hospital		500.00
Total		$155,536.11

Paid by Certificates Issued 1923-24.

Circuit Court	2,642.25
Witness Circuit Court Oct. 1923	165.41
Witnesses Circuit Court April 1924	460.98
Circuit Court (Clerk's Office)	2,450.30
Registrates and Constables	1,203.88
	4,087.43
House	829.37
House and Jail	2,513.33
Salaries	242.39
Taxes Paid in Error	100.62
neous	1,331.20
ves and Landings	772.23
surer's Office Expense	845.78
pitals	3,129.63
egistrations and Elections	9,010.57
nquisitions	98.93
Alms House	5,687.00
Orphans' Court	170.26
Morgnec Bridge Keeper's Salary and Repairs	106.85
Roads and Bridges (before levy)	731.84
School Fund (in addition to levy)	7,435.07
Kent and Queen Anne's Counties Joint Account	192.30
Roads and Bridges (in excess of levy)	2,837.95
Home Demonstration	71.12
Machinery for County Roads	1,380.19
Local Assessments	33.88
School Fund for Repairing Buildings	5,430.29
Charities	159.60
Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	104.71
Total	54,275.36

EXHIBIT NO. 3A.

Summary of Assessments, Real and Personal, etc., and amounts levied by County Commissioners and charged to County Treasurer, for the year 1924-25, George W. Sutton, Treasurer.

Real and Personal	$14,298,935.57 @ 1.50	$214,484.03
Extra Real and Personal	175,263.00 @ 1.50	2,628.95
Bank Shares	372,299.50 @ 1.00	3,723.00
Trust Companies	29,345.70 @ 1.00	293.46
Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	73,510.00 @ .30	220.53
Ordinary Business and Domestic Corp.	175,879.70 @ 1.50	2,638.20
Securities	729,425.00 @ .30	2,188.28
Extra Securities	2,311.00 @ .30	6.93
		$226,183.38
Extra Real and Personal since last Audit	855.00 @ 1.50	12.83
Ordinary Business and Domestic Corporations, since last Audit.	101,414.22 @ 1.50	1,521.21
		227,717.42
Cash from County Commissioners, see list below		42,666.58
Interest collected on 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		2,132.52
Total		$272,516.52
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925		209,139.10
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925		5,344.93
Collected Ex. Real and Personal to June 15, 1925		2,410.65
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925		231.13
Collected Bank Shares to June 15, 1925		3,723.00
Collected Trust Companies to June 15, 1925		293.46
Collected Mutual Fire Insurance Co. to June 15, 1925		220.53
Collected Ordinary Business and Domestic Corporations to June 15, 1925		3,514.87
Uncollected Ordinary Business and Domestic Corporations to June 15, 1925		644.54
Collected securities to June 15, 1925		2,116.69
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1925		78.52
Cash from County Commissioners		42,666.58
Interest collected for 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		2,132.52
Total		$272,516.52
Taxes collected for 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		221,418.30
Taxes uncollected for 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		6,299.12
Interest collected for 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		2,132.52
Cash received from County Commissioners		42,666.58
Total		$272,516.52
Total expenditures 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		261,154.29
Taxes uncollected 1924-25 to June 15, 1925		6,299.12
Balance George W. Sutton, Treasurer		5,063.11
Total		$272,516.52

We find cash $73.31 in excess of balance shown in statement, which is explained as follows:

$41.44 taxes collected in duplicated Clara O. Ward, 6th Dist.
31.87 over run in figuring tax bills.

$73.31

Merrick Clements, Treasurer, year 1920-21.
Uncollected October 20th, 1924.

Real and Personal	4,384.99
Extra Real and Personal	1,934.30
Corporations	488.16
Bank Shares	.47
Securities	387.45
Millington Building Loan Association	30.08
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	104.58
Total	$7,330.03
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	87.27
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	4,297.72
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	1,934.30
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1925	479.16
Uncollected Corporations to June 15, 1925	9.00
Uncollected Bank Shares to June 15, 1925	.47
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1925	387.45
Uncollected Millington Build'g Loan Associat'n to June 15, 1925	30.08
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	104.58
Total	7,330.03

Merrick Clements, Treasurer, year 1921-22.
Uncollected October 20th, 1924.

Real and Personal	$2,423.19
Extra Real and Personal	12.28
Corporations	775.25
Securities	159.70
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	59.91
Total	3,430.33
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	139.94
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	2,283.25
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	12.28
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1925	278.24
Uncollected Corporations to June 15, 1925	497.01
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1925	159.70
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	59.91
Total	$3,430.33

Merrick Clements, Treasurer.

Collected 1920–21 to June 15, 1925	566.43
Uncollected 1920–21 to June 15, 1925	6,659.02
Cllected 1921–22 to June 15, 1925	418.18
Uncollected 1921–22 to June 15, 1925	2,952.24
Interest collected for 1920–21 to June 15, 1925	104.58
Interest collected for 1921–22 to June 15, 1925	59.91
Total	10,760.36
Amount turned over to County Commissioners by Merrick Clements, Treasurer, since Nov. 20, 1924 to June 15, 1925	1,149.10
Taxes uncollected for 1920–21 to June 15, 1925	6,659.02
Taxes uncollected for 1921-22 to June 15, 1925	2,952.24
Total	$10,760.36

On Oct. 27th, 1925, the above uncollected were declared insolvent by the County Commissioners and allowed as a credit to Merrick Clements, Treasurer, as of June 15th, 1925.

Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, year 1922-23.
Uncollected June 15th, 1924.

Real and personal	7,839.29
Extra Real and Personal	191.39
Securities	23.64
Corporations collected to June 15, 1925	774.10
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	495.01
Total	9,323.43
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	4,190.47
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	3,648.82
Collected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	26.13
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	165.21
Collected Securities to June 15, 1925	4.20
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1925	19.44
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1925	272.20
Uncollected Corporations to June 15, 1925	501.90
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	495.01
Total	$9,323.43

Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, year 1923-24.
Uncollected June 15th, 1924.

Real and Personal	23,272.22
Extra Real and Personal	841.71
Corporations	1,401.91
Securities	53.93
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	787.04
Total	26,356.81
Collected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	16,683.78
Uncollected Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	6,588.44
Collected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	277.69
Uncollected Extra Real and Personal to June 15, 1925	564.02
Collected Securities to June 15, 1925	3.60
Uncollected Securities to June 15, 1925	50.33
Collected Corporations to June 15, 1925	303.82
Uncollected Corporations to June 15, 1925	1,098.09
Interest collected to June 15, 1925	787.04
Total	$26,356.81
Balance Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, to June 15, 1924	9,183.96
Taxes collected for 1922-23 to June 15, 1925	4,493.05
Taxes uncollected for 1922-23 to June 15, 1925	4,335.37
Interest collected for 1922-23 to June 15, 1925	495.01
Taxes collected for 1923-24 to June 15, 1925	17,268.81
Taxes uncollected for 1923-24 to June 15, 1925	8,300.88
Interest collected for 1923-24 to June 15, 1925	787.04
Total	$44,864.20
Amount turned over to County Commissioners by Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, to June 15, 1925	31,291.27
Taxes uncollected for 1922-23 to June 15, 1925	4,335.37
Taxes uncollected for 1923-24 to June 15, 1925	8,300.88
Balance to June 15, 1925	936.68
Total	$44,864.20

Itimized Statement of Amounts Received from County Commissioners (Entered Above $42.666.58)

Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurtr	$2,723.24
Check from H. B. Derrick	4.03
Check from Treas. of Maryland, Franchise Tax	169.69
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treas. Alms House	366.69
Check from Merrick Clements, Treas	1,500.00
Check from L. R. Vansant, Board of Mother at Hospital	44.47
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurer	3,830.61
Check from W. K. Hackett, Board of wife at Hospital	31.25
Check from County Commissioners, Excess of Road Bonds	126.97
Check from H. B. Derrick, ½ Telephone account	2.78
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurer	1,500.00
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurer	1,444.56
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treasurer Alms House	74.61
Check from John Hoggns, P. J. Fines collected	6.55
Check from Leonard Wilson, Treasurer	600.00

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SCHOOL NOTES

Elementary pupils who have been present and not ardy every day in the month of December.

MILLINGTON

Marshall Clough, Thomas Godwin, Ben Jones, Joseph Morris, William Poore, Charlotte Jones, Edna Legg, Elva Turner, Elizabeth Wallace, Wilbur Godwin, Michael Leatherham, Elizabeth Morris, Ralph Bramble, Donald Everett, Harry Legg, Jack Manning, Lawrence Massey, Clifton Wallace, Arthur Anthony, Harry Barnes, Alden Church, Louis Hollett, Ralph Turner, John Walls, William Teat, Mary Baker, Margaret Jones, Ella Manning, Gilberta Robinson, Barbara Bramble, Edith Bramble, Margaret Lee, Mary Morris Frank Barnhart, George Manning, James Poore, Wilson Campbell, Harold Everett, George Jones, Walter Morris, Taylor Stevens, Clyde Morris, Mabel Baker, Margaret Baker, Nellie Turner, Pearl Powell, George Duling, Edward Leatherham, John Barnhart, Roland King, Ryland Price, Claude Everett, Stella Greenwald, Elizabeth Jones, Pauline Jones, Louise Jones, Catherine Lee, Pearle Baker, Nellie Everett, Leah Hankin, Evelyn Jones.

MASSEY

Cleyo Adams, Virginia Roe, Elizabeth Maslin, Hilda Brambie, Cleo Van Arsdall, Betty Shockley, Lea Freeman, Alvin Coxe, Herbert Maslin, William Maslin, Harry Waecker, Josephine Whelen, Helen Maslin, Josephine King, Margaret Huhn, Teresa Dunn.

SASSAFRAS

John Thornley, Miriam Blackiston, Helen Johnston, Arabel Robinson, Anne Robinson, Helen Caulk, Pearle Blackiston.

GALENA

Clara Bolton, Margaret Mullen, Justine Woodall, Elmer Boyles, Geo. Jones, Woodrow Mulford, John Wilson, Julian Woodall, Alice Cruickshank, Kathryn Haley, Margaret Mulford, Virginia Naylor, Margaret Williams, Agnes Wilson, Charlotte Woodall, Roy Freeman, Joseph Demczak, Stephen Cole, Ethel Boyles, Mary Demczak, Florence Hicks, Helen Mulford, Robert Morgan, Arthur Wood, Florence Gale, Anna Stradley, Aaron Welsh, Margaret Ford, Madelyn Hall, James Demczak, William E. Moore, James Woodall, Louis Justis, Russell Haley, William Johnston, Samuel Ford, Merritt Haley, Price Stradley, Hazel Bolton, Marian Colgain, Catherine Powell, Ella May Hicks, Florence Jones, Virginia Moore, Catherine Faulkner, Julia Cruickshank, Anna Demczak, Lillian Faulkner.

GOLT

Carroll George, Clyde Johnson, Paul Lewis.

CHESTERVILLE

Carl Dill, Allen Dill, Wilson Dill, James Donahoe, Elizabeth Dill, Zeta Donahoe.

LOCUST GROVE

Alfred Hodgson, Edgar Rodgson, Walter Gale, Edward Miller, Erma Long, Audrey Long, Bertha Beaston, Margaret Sutton.

MORGNEC

Albert Bartz, Franklin Leverage, Marion Towner, Bertha Bartz, Martha Bartz.

KENNEDYVILLE

Edward Weer, Howard Johnston, Albert Money, Rebecca Groves, Frances Stanley, Nola Hill, Katherine Lipscomb, Anna Belle Groves, Julian Hill, Billy Stanley, Harry Stanley, Marian Hague.

STILL POND

Godfrey Gosman, Edward Fellows, Walter Harris, Weldon Gosman, Virginia Gosman, Hazel Gosman, Selina Gosman, Billy Hepbron, Charles Clark, Robert Thompson, Steward Gosman, Richard Fellows, Mary Jervis, Eloise Hepbron, Virginia Jones, Clara Jervis.

HANESVILLE

Hyland Smith, Ethel Dill, Marion Dill.

WORTON POINT

Louis Kendall, Anna Myers, Ethel Lambert, Naomi Kendall, Birdie Kendall, Lewis Dill, George Maxwell, Paul Myers, Leonard Myers, Gordon Kendall, Oscar Whittaker.

WORTON

Chas. Meekins, Carter Rash, Robt. Wallis, Mary Ford, Emily Sue Matthews, Neva Nichols, Evelyn Williams, Maxwell Wallis, Clara Dwyer, Mary Beulah Hadaway, Ursula Moffett, Benge Thomas, Earl Parsons, George Rasin, Carroll Loller, James Biggers, Bertie Meekins, Marvin Nichols, Anna Wallis, Mary Worth Moffett, Anna Williams, Ida Meekins, Nettie Ford, Betty Moffett, Emily Holloway.

LYNCH

Edward Harris.

BETTERTON

John Myers, Harry Hickman, John Crew, Maxwell Smith, John Harris, Arthur Crew, Helen Price, Nelson Crew, Floyd Price, Evelyn Brice, Josephine Taylor, Beatrice Walbert, Evelyn Crew, Dorothy Crew, Helen Harris, Charlotte Devore, Thelma Friedman, Margaret Reardon, Elizabeth Smith, Helen M. Taylor, Helen Turner, Duvall Bromley, Virginia Crew, Edwin Taylor, Ruth Harris, Anna Hepbron, John Story, Carl Walbert, Catherine Bradford, Isabelle Brice, Pauline Crew, Mildred Willis, Minnie Taylor.

JANVIER

Margaret Gears, Grace Parsons.

CHESTERTOWN

Betty Lewis, Mary Leonard, Jane Robertson, Robert Ayres, Rollison McGinnis, John Benjamin, Samuel Colgan, Wm. Davis, Robert Gibson, John Miller, Walter Needles, Owen Smith, Robert Thompson, Grace Davis, Yetta Gordon, Phyllis Greenwood, Peggy Needles, Billy Benjamin Ringgold Elburn, Wilson Massey, Jamie Parsons, Carrie Schrieber, Emma Miller, Helen Meekins, Mary Rogers, Rose Virginia Strong, Barbara Cosden, Betty Capel, Margaret Bell, Elizabeth Wescott, Robert Hoops, John Shure, Clinton Robertson, Ray Reed, Rumsey Anthony, Charles Atwater, Arthur Goodman, Clifton Hickman, Lewis Gordon George Taylor, Franklin Boith, Francis Gibson, Wm. Capel, Don Falls, Harry Goodman, James Kreeger, Francis Parsons, Wm. Reed, Dale Rees, Arthur Leonard, Louise Goodman, Edith Meekins, Clara Robinson, Betty Thibodeau, Mary Waller, Miriam Thompson, Dorothy Goodman, Christine Clark, Gladys Aldridge, Louise Allen, William Atwater, Scott Beck, Walter Bennett, Ivon Culver, John Dickerson, Clifton Jarrell, Willard Kinsey, George Peacock, Charles Taylor, Stoughton Waller, Erma Adams, Rebecca Anthony, Margaret Ann Brown, Ethel Cole, Gladys Everett, Rose Gordon, Margaret Malin, Helen Needles, Virginia Reed, Dorothy Vickers, Katherine Anthony, Helen Benjamin, Louise Hopkins, Pearl Meekins, Cora Mench, Irma Patrick, Hazel Ryan, Harry Coleman, James Hatcherson, Louis Hess, George Jarrell, Maynard Porter, Robert Wright, Harry Stevens, James Anthony, Allan Barnes, Earle Capel, Garrett Chaires, Alday Clements, James Collins, Robert Huey, Jr., Edgar Massey, Alvin Meridith, Paul Pippin, Jack Reed, Medford Clift, Harry Patrick, George Gardner, Edna Davis, Anna Gardner, Hazel Greenwood, Helen Hicks, Elizabeth Hopkins, Ruth Jones, Sarah Morris, Julia Keets, Patience Pyle, Ethel Smythe, Margaret Smith, Nancy Jean Usilton.

SKINNER'S NECK

Freddy Reihl, Lennox Kendall, Walter Watson, Herman Dierker, Catherine Reihl, Margaret Reihl, Mildred Watson, Catherine Mercer.

ROCK HALL

Maynard Hague, Phillip Hague, Richard Jacquette, Thelma Carter, Mary Davis, Caroline Hadaway, Ethel Rodney, Mildred Warner, Lorraine Coleman, Betty Coleman, June Francis, Gertrude Hague, Virginia Hague, Elsie Joiner, Nora Mench, Madeline Rich, Mary Smith, Ellenora Dashler, Gordon Cornelius, Thomas Warner, Arthur Urie, William Orr, Leonard Leary, John Jacquette, McCall Ayres, Leslie Clark, Frank Ford, Randolph Jacquette, Edward Rodney, William H. Thompson, Wm. W. Thompson, William Watkins, Marjorie Hague, Mildred Hague, Evelyn Harman, Helen Lewis, Madge Urie, Gertrude Wescott, George Coleman, Leona Davis, Anna DeFord, Myrtle DeFord, Anna Lee Hadaway, Dorothy Harman, Erma Jacob, Rose Ella Leaverton, Clara Parsons, Beatrice Rodney, Beatrice Walbert, Virginia Willson, Joe Brook Westcott, Walter Rodney, Jack Thompson, David Joiner, Bessie Urie, Teressa Willson, Elaine Bramble, Miriam Ford, Dorothy Glenn, Jane Hatcherson, Jean Leary, Christine Moffett, Myrtle Vansant, Leon Donnelly, Carroll Elburn, Weldon Joiner, Norman McClain, Leona Carter, Dorothy Hague, Agnes Joiner, Margaret Ryan, Anna Wachowiz, Edith Sontag, Arthur Downey, Franklin Hogans, Elwood Rodney, Elizabeth Francis, Eva Jacob, Marie Jacob, Esther Scoone, Cora Thomas.

PINEY NECK

Joseph Ashley, Scott Vanzant, Vernon Bryden, Mae Hudson, Ethel Crouch, Daisy Edwards, Gladys Edwards, Helen Edwards, Hallie Ashley, Elizabeth Beck, Laura Bryden, Preston Ashley, Levi Ashley, Edward Beck, Leroy Elmore.

SWAN CREEK

Elmer Gustafson, Gladys Gustafson, Edward Gustafson, Fannie Willson, Johnnie Willson.

FAIRLEE

James Foreman, Albert Groves, Billy Brice, Thomas Keyser, Raymon Foreman, Earl Perry, Ellen Anne Christopher, Edna Marie Dierker, Elizabeth Morris, Marian Reinhart, Beatrice Bearger, Oscar Leaverton, John Loud Morris, Edward Keyser, Charles Hickman, William Reinhart, Corey Jones, Laurence Nicholson, Samuel Cloud, William Nicholson, Leroy Barnes, John Skirven, Mabel Ackerman, Thelma Urie, Helen Moore, Elizabeth Dierker, Gertrude Leaverton, Virginia Miller, Theresa Ender, Nellie Lee, Ellen Jones, Louise Leaverton, Frances Berger.

LANKFORD

Violet Greenwood, Virginia Dulin, Betty Browne, Priscilla Grainger, William Loller, Morgan Browne.

MELITOTA

Ben Williams, Josephine Whitely, Georgeanna Whitely.

ST. PAUL

Lloyd Francis, Daniel Perry, Joseph Poole, Hyland Copper, Dorothy Poole, Mae Poole, Opal Perry, Altina Preston, Edna Shriley, Mary Winchester, Katharine Shriley, Margurite Copper.

QUAKER NECK

Ernest Beck, William Baker, Wm. Faulkner, Gilbert Ingersoll, W. Benge Mench, Lawrence O'meara, Wesley Trew, Clarke Stoops, Grace Brown, Margaret Brown, Maryland Mench, Miriam Hadaway, Anna May Beck, Elizabeth Beck.

CLIFFS

Grace Hadaway, Dorothy Hadaway, Frank Hadaway, Marguerite Taylor, Thomas Husfelt.

BROAD NECK

Edward Lusby, J. R. Lusby, Roland Bennett, Erdman Walls, Claude Taylor, Charles Dickerson, Leona Craig, Grace Maslin, Helen Lusby, Muriel Dowling, Helen Strong, Agnes Matysek, Naomi Bennett, Thelma Jones.

POMONA

Harry Toulson, Doris Toulson, Mina Brown, Margaret Brown, Mary V. Brown, Dorothy Walbert, Daisy Starr, Virgie Starr, Pearl Chaires, Martha Lucht, Mary Lucht, Doris McClintock, Rose Starr.

DR. J. P. FRANKLIN ADDRESSES ELKTON ROTARY CLUB

Urges That Health Program Be Kept Abreast With The Times

Dr. J. P. Franklin, of Chestertown, Deputy State Health Officer for Kent, Cecil, and Queen Anne's Counties, addressed the Elkton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening of last week on "A Full Time Health Officer."

Dr. Franklin in discussing the Health Program for the County, said in part:

"Considering the situation at the present time the conclusion has been reached that our greatest need is a competent full-time directing head of a County Health Department with an efficient organization. Public Health is a large business and some of us at least may be of the opinion that the advancement of public health is one of the most important, if not the most important business of the State.

"How can we arouse the people to a realization of their selfish interest in efficient public health administration? How can they be made to see that this does not mean the enactment of many statues and ordinances, but the employment of specially trained executives. These questions have been asked by University Professors and Health Officers in many states. In answer to these appeals one thing must be definitely kept before our minds. Health administration must be divorced from politics, and recognized as a special profession.

"When, therefore, the citizens of this country and even of this County become alive to the fact that the very lives of their children depend more on the selection of competent watchmen of health than on rules and regulations, then fundamental changes in government activities will take place. When they see the inherent antagonism between private medical practice and public health preservation they will bring such pressure to bear that no health officer will attempt to practice medicine. When they realize the intimate relationship that exists between disease, poverty, sin, suffering and death, they will also comprehend the additional fact that the true work of the Christian Church will be better done, if some of the money, now reverently laid upon her altars, be diverted to the support of efficient health administration.

"There are annually in the U. S. about 620,000 deaths from preventive diseases. Most of those deaths represent infants and young people. It is difficult to get up any sympathy really for the children or even adults who by their untimely deaths have, at the most, simply lost possibilities of future activity in this world. The real sorrow should be for those who are affected by these deaths. Those 620,000 deaths represent 475,000 year of pregnancy of the mothers. It represents 600,000 years more of the care for the nursing infant; it represents 620,000 times that the woman have been forced to undergo the trials and dangers of confinement; and these deaths make all those sufferings and trials and dangers to such degree useless. There is a popular idea in the South that men should protect women from temporary dangers. How much more important is it that their chivalry should extend to the prevention of unnecessary sickness, suffering and death!

"Whenever a large proportion of a community is incapacitated for labor on account of sickness the economic production of that territory is decreased. If it be an agricultural section, it raises less for shipment. If it sells less to the outside world it must as a result buy less. This means that the transportation companies serving it do less business, and the merchants are less flourishing.

"The development in hygiene, public health and preventive medicine during the past fifty years have been colossal. The discovery within this period of the specific germ or organism causing the most of the so-called contagious diseases has at least given us some basis for their control. But the prevention of the contagious or preventive diseases is only health from a negative standpoint. We have recently come to consider it from the positive side. This positive side embraces particularly the field of public health education. This means that if we are to keep step with the rest of the country in the application of these modern advancements for the preservation of health and the prolongation of life, we must employ trained whole-time officials.

"County health service, under the direction of whole-time health officers has become an integral and important part of the public health machinery in many States. Each year it assumes a more important place in the State health programs as additional counties avail themselves of the service and as those health authorities who are interested in one another special phase of health administration realize that a county health department furnishes the best means for conduction in rural districts each special health activity as a part of a general health program.

"County authorities ordinarily are not disposed to appropriate funds for health work unless they are convinced that public sentiment in the county will approve their action. Therefore, the usual first step is to conduct a campaign of education in the county to show the advantages and economy of public expenditures for this purpose. In most communities there is a large, latent sentiment favoring public health work. This sentiment should be activated and vocalized. The physicians of the county should be informed of the project and their assistance solicited. Frequently there are volunteer health organizations which will actively support and foster the plan. Women's organizations, luncheon clubs, chambers of commerce, farmers' organizations, labor unions, educational associations and other organizations may help to secure the establishment of a health department. In order incmfwy shrdl cmfwy shr a In other instances it may be desirable to form a health committee of leading citizens of the county to organize public sentiment. In any event, when a sufficient number of citizens is convinced of the desirability of having a health department, a hearing should be had before the county authorities and a personal request made for the adoption of the plan, and for the appropriation of necessary funds. The plan presented should be definite, the contemplated cost should be made known, the purposes of each item of expenditure should be stated, and the results to be expected in service rendered should be made clear.

"When a campaign for a health department is started in a county, the county authorities should be appraised of the plan. It is desirous for some local organization to initiate the campaign and to request assistance, if needed from the State health department in creating favorable sentiment. Occasionally county authorities are found who are convinced of the inherent soundness of the plan and are willing to appropriate funds without waiting for an expression of public sentiment. In such cases it is still important to inform the people of the county fully as to the functions of the health department so that public cooperation, which is essential to success, may be had by the health officer."

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