

1920s

The Roaring 20s, Prohibition,  
and Education



Prohibition in Kent

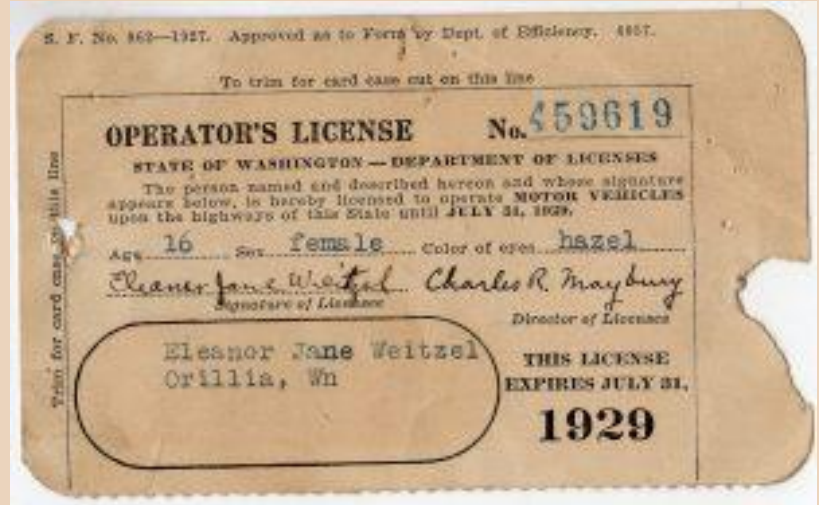


Kent Intermediate School, which became the Kent High School. Built between 1919 and 1920, it sat on the site of Farrington Court retirement Apartments!



Inez and Aunt Mary hit the beach in the 1920's, stylishly dressed in their bathing suits. This photo comes from Kent's Calhoun family's scrapbook.





Some items belonging to the owner of Weitzel's General Store which was in Orilla, WA.

This was stuck in the front cover of an old book- the drivers license for then 16 year old Eleanor Jane Weitzel in 1929. They looked much different then! On the back is some of the rules of the road in the 1920's.

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Several photos of the Gonnason Bros. Service Station in Kent, WA. c.1920's





A fun day playing with dolls  
outside :) From Kent's Calhoun  
family's scrapbook. c. 1920's



This is from Kent's Calhoun Family's scrapbook. Most of the photos were taken in the 1920's.

Unfortunately we don't have the names of these kids, but it looks like they were having a fun childhood!





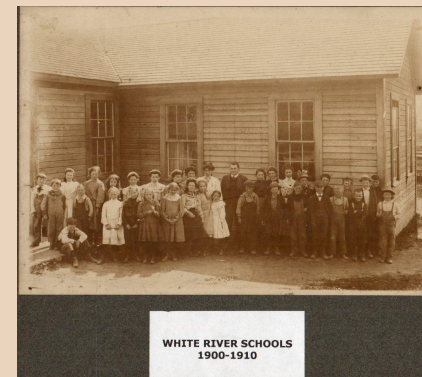
Here are some gentlemen  
cruising Kent in a 1920 Oakland  
Touring Car. Shown left to right  
are: Harold Cochrane, Emmet  
Cochrane, Morgan O'Brien,  
Chas Moriarty and Wylie Olson.





Did you know... Kent was a national center for vegetables and housed several major canneries? These businesses provided seasonal employment for many residents of Kent. The Libby Cannery shown here in about 1920, was on the corner of 4th & Smith.

O'brien Elementary School. One of the photos was noted the year 1919, another 1900, the others are unknown.



More photos from O'Brien Elementary



1978, 1974, 006 original White River 1900-1910  
O'Brien School

Teacher Miss Kesselman									
4 <sup>th</sup> row	John Castello	Mary Sherley	Josephine Johnson	Jessie Cummings	Mary Cuthbertson	Duffy Johnson	Margaret Sherley	Bernard Sherley	Nellie Cummings
3 <sup>rd</sup> row	Joe Castello	Tom Cuthbertson	Nellie Sherley	Mary Buckner	Katie O'Brien	Mamie Cummings	Leola Van de Venter		
2 <sup>nd</sup> row	Lauretta Castello	Anna Wade	Andrew Kelley	Margen Johnson	Kenn Johnson	Richie Johnson	Ann Cummings	Lee Wade	Paul Wade
1 <sup>st</sup> row	Blanche Hunter	Leola Kelley	Tim O'Brien	Emmett Cuthbertson	Gladys Yates	Sadie Cummings	Francis Cuthbertson	Willie Cuthbertson	Mamie Cummings

4 <sup>th</sup> row	Teacher ?	Nellie Sherley	Lillian Strode	Duffy Johnson	Adeline Johnson	Mamie Cummings
3 <sup>rd</sup> row	Willie Cuthbertson	Anna Kelley	Katie O'Connell	Annie Dunnally	Katie O'Brien	Mamie Cummings
2 <sup>nd</sup> row	Leo Sherley	Pet Cummings	Sadie Cummings	Lena Cummings	Mary Sherley	Richie O'Connell
1 <sup>st</sup> row	Tim O'Brien	Lloyd Hutman	Larry Cummings	Mamie O'Connell	Wylie Hunter	Emmett Cuthbertson

Blanche  
Hunter

Edna  
Fisher Keslie Kelley || From Dorothy Bow Hill |  |  |  |  |  | A. Bow |

1902, 1974, 1907 original White River School

4 <sup>th</sup> row	Side	Mr Miller	Anna Kelley	Katie O'Connell	Richie Johnson	Willie Cuthbertson	Bert Wade	Lee Wade	George Sherley
3 <sup>rd</sup> row	right side	Johnnie Cuthbertson	Earle Fisher	Katie Kelley	Richard Kelley	Mary Wade	Mamie Cummings	Katie O'Brien	Mamie Cummings
2 <sup>nd</sup> row	right side	Teacher Mrs. Miller	Emmett Cuthbertson	Kenn Cummings	Leola Kelley	Frank Snyder	Carl Wade	Wright Wade	Tim O'Brien
1 <sup>st</sup> row	right side	Harold Cuthbertson	Frank Fisher	Anna Kelley	Shirley Johnson	Constance Wade	Lee Cummings	Blanche Wade	Mamie O'Connell

1910, 1974, 1907 original Old Willis (O'Brien) School

4 <sup>th</sup> row		Lena Burke	Katie Burke
3 <sup>rd</sup> row			
2 <sup>nd</sup> row		2 Harold Burke	3 Ella Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> row			5 Bill Horn





Class of 1922

This is the Kent High School  
Basketball Team from 1923-24.  
(names left-right: unknown, Ed  
Reitan, unknown, Bob  
Chittenden, unknown,  
unknown, Melvin "Ike" Calhoun)





Another back to school photo- this was at the Kent Valley School (between 4th & 5th Ave and Titus & Saar). The children were in costume for a school play called "The Stolen Flower Queen" circa 1922.





Here is the Kent Meat Market /  
Dunn's Butcher Shop in Sept.  
1922. Check out those prices!  
This was located at 211 1st Ave  
South in Kent.

Shown are: Johnny Grey,  
Dorothy Taylor, Oliver Dunn,  
Harriet De Young, Al Lybeck,  
Mr. Dunn, Roy Dahlgren and  
unknown.

This is the John Burnard daughters. It was taken on Cromwell T. Oliver's farm on East Hill (near Panther Lake) in Kent, c.1923. Noted are: Ida Burnard Oliver, Ada Burnard Clark, Effie Bernard Engstrom and Elspeth Burnard Martin.



# Looking

20 YEARS AGO  
and  
35 YEARS AGO



# Backward

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## 20 YEARS AGO

Kent has an unsolved mystery. "Monshine" whisky confiscated by the chief of police had mysteriously turned to water during the year it had been held. According to the records it happened like this. Illicit liquor was found in a car and both the owner of the car and the beverage were thrown in the city clink. First the whisky was stored in the city vault, then taken to Seattle, where it was refused by the sheriff, returned to Kent and placed in the strong box belonging to Dr. R. S. Fertridge. During the year before the culprit was brought to trial, the evidence was kicked around from one storage place to another, finally winding up in the vault at the city hall. Just before the trial was scheduled to take place, somebody happened to think they should sample the potent beverage. But the bottles failed to hold any evidence of "spirits," even after an analysis at Seattle.

This irked the mayor. He called the chief of police on the carpet

and said the name of the fair city of Kent had been besmirched, bewitched or something and that it should be righted.

The city council went on record as exonerating the chief of police from any suspicion of blame in the matter. What really happened will perhaps always remain one of Kent's unsolved mysteries.

A great Kent "mystery" from  
c.1924, From the Kent  
Advertiser/Journal

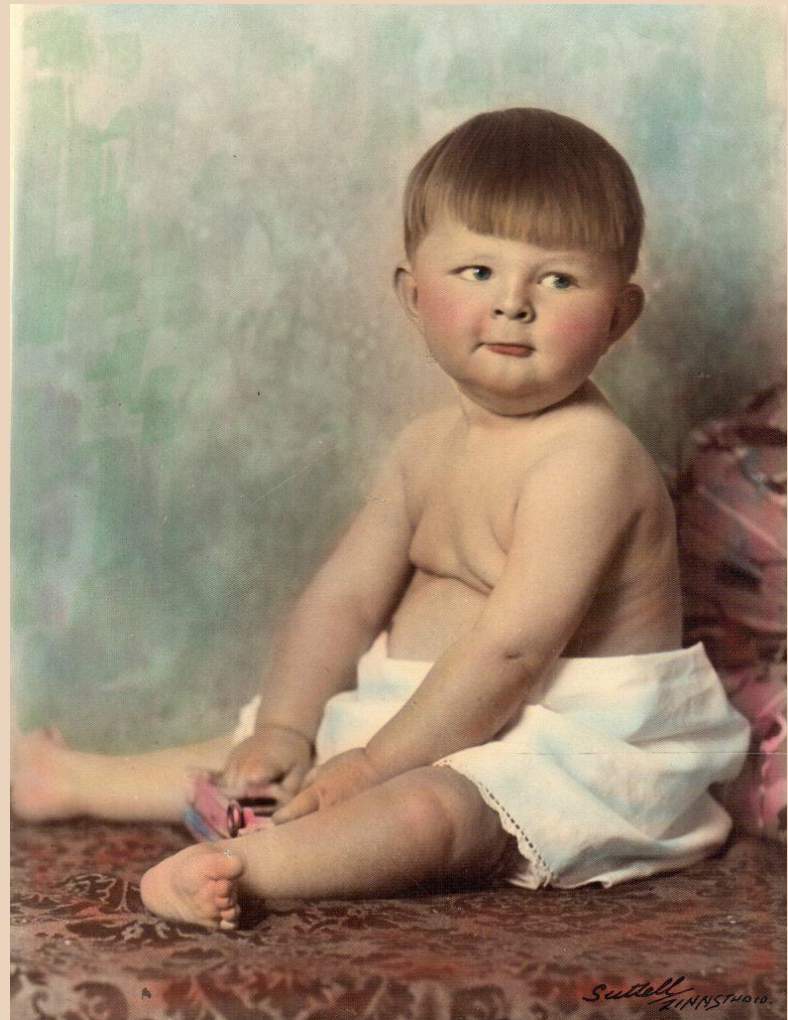


Kent's Calhoun family on a  
picnic at Redondo Beach

c. 1925



This adorable hand-colored photo is of David Hallock who was born in 1926 and only lived for 18 months. He was the son of Stella Rasmussen Hallock & George O. Hallock, Kent residents.



In 1926 you may have been dancing to this band- the Ozark Mountaineers!

(Lou & Charlie Becvar shown standing, the other's names were not noted).

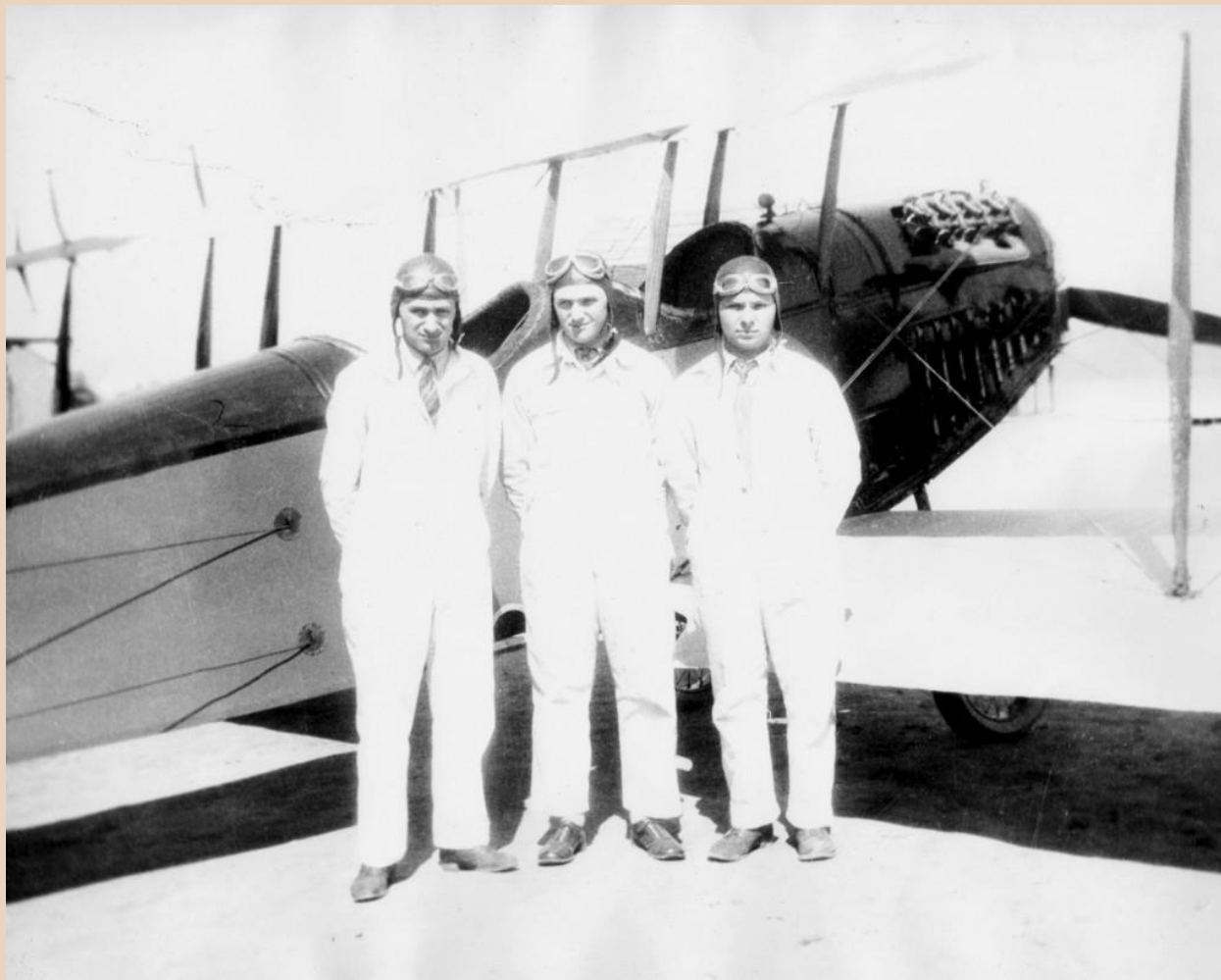




Here's a photo of the Kent High School band in 1927- love those outfits!

(Shown is: Frank R., Herman Youngman, Forest Rol, Bearge Marsh, Glen Gohlinger, Jack Sears, Russell Faulkner; 2nd row: Ralph McIntosh, Melvin Marlowe, Robert Kirshner, Louis Becvar, Richard Kirshner, John Owen Taylor, James McCulloch, Ellis Anderson, Sidney Leeper, Hadly Chamberlain, Sandford Sevetson, Bently Saultern, Herbert Baldwin, Shirley Hunt, Harold Roder; Last row: William Timis, Billy Stover, Hunt, ?, Robert, Kenneth Faulkner, Richard Ry?, Mr. Vincent A. Hiden)





The Becvar brothers  
with their biplane at  
the Kent Airport in 1927  
or 1928



Class of 1928



Going through our archives we ran across a great photo of the Museum as it was in 1929! We are not sure who is sitting on the porch as there was no notes attached, but we would love to figure it out one day!