

1900-1920 Growth & Development

This is a hop house that belonged to Pat Hayes Farm in Orillia. Hop farming was really big in the early 1900's in Kent until the hops louse ruined the crops and people transitioned over to lettuce farming.



The Kent Theater and Meeker Street Livery, on the north side of W. Meeker, between 2nd & 4th streets. c. early 1900's

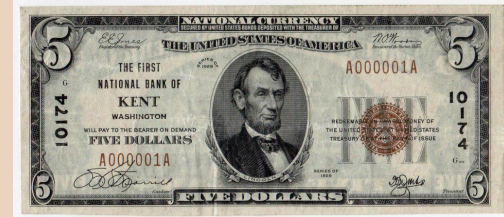
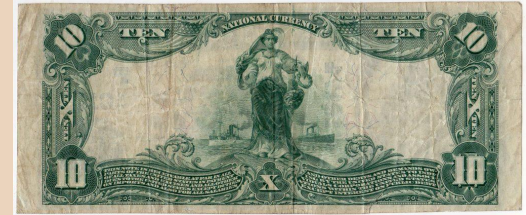
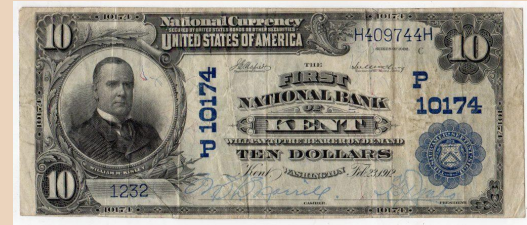


Currency from the early 1900s was backed by the Bank of Kent. Here's some more information about currency at the start of the 20th century.

"Generally, a central bank or treasury is solely responsible within a state or currency union for the issue of banknotes. However, this is not always the case, and historically the paper currency of countries was often handled entirely by private banks. Thus, many different banks or institutions may have issued banknotes in a given country. Commercial banks in the United States had legally issued banknotes before there was a national currency; however, these became subject to government authorization from 1863 to 1932. In the last of these series, the issuing bank would stamp its name and promise to pay, along with the signatures of its president and cashier on a preprinted note. By this time, the notes were standardized in appearance and not too different from Federal Reserve Notes."

-<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banknote>

These coins were used at a store in Orilla that they struck themselves and were only good at their store. This was a common practice in more rural areas.





The Carnation Condensery tin shop work crew from the turn of the 20th century



Photo postcard of man and woman - possibly wedding photo. Possibly Bernie Crow as Samuel W. (Bernie) Crow, 5/15/1883 to 9/22/1973, son of Captain James J. Crow, who was Pioneer Riverboat operator on Green River.

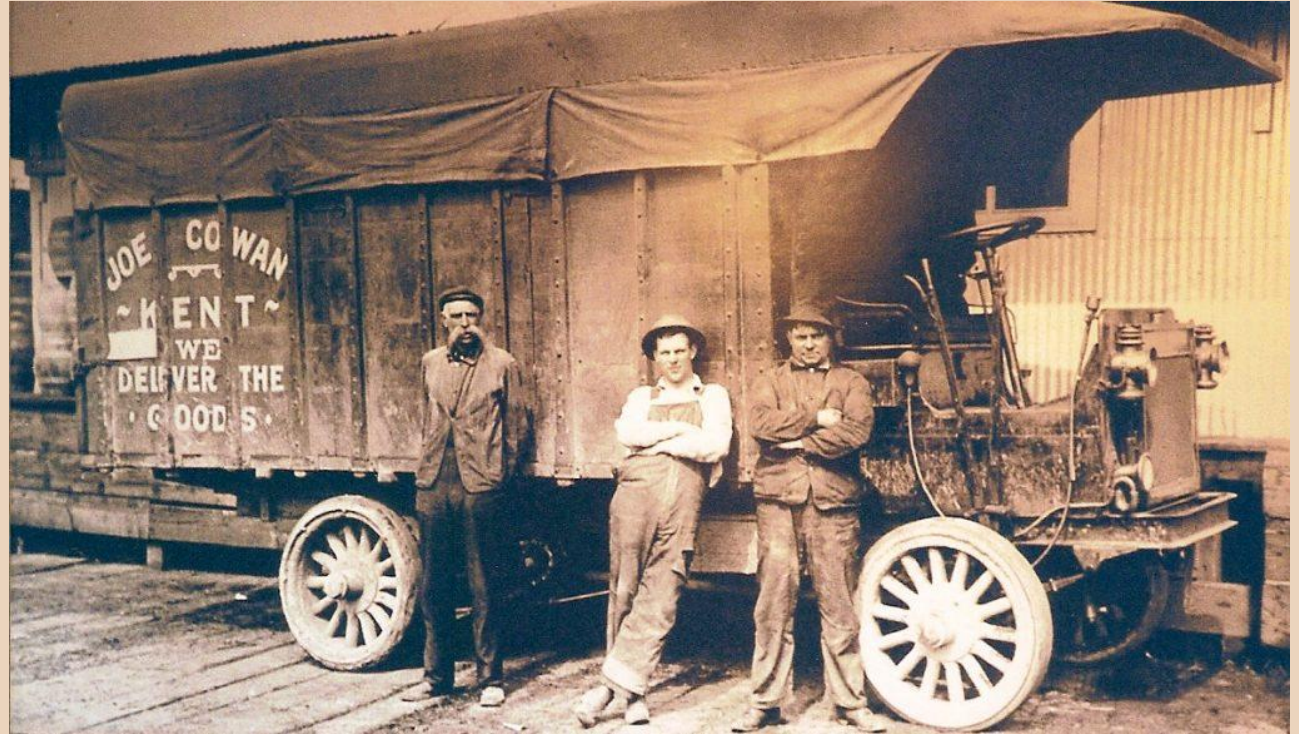
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The Kent- Bonnaman's Store. (It later became Ryerson's Grocery Store) It was located on 1st Ave between Gowe & Titus Streets.
Circa 1900

"Kent- We Deliver the Goods", Joe Cowan is on the left. The other men are unknown c.1900.

Check out the wooden wheels and what we believe to be a steam engine!



Geo Wood and R.J. Rogers
standing in front of Rogers &
Wood Furniture (on Railroad &
Meeker)

It was taken c.1900 and shows
the fine array of products for
farmers and townfolk.



Early 1900's Cedar Shake Making

This is from a glass plate negative taken around 1900 by Clark Studios. It is men making cedar shakes out of old growth wood on Kent's East Hill. You can see the smoke stack of the "donkey" in the background. 1900



This is a family photo of the Arney family. c.1900-1920 we believe (it's not noted). Check out those glorious mustaches! Named are: Dr. Rodney Arney, Carrie Arney, Ted Arney, Jack Arney, George Arney, Frank Arney, Rodney, Grandma Mae, Bessie?, Jessie Boucher, Mary (last name unknown), Aunt Polly, Uncle James (unconfirmed).





First Kent bowling alley from 1900! 3rd from the right is Emil Nelson.

This photo was taken c.1900-1910 at O'Brien, a White River School in the Kent area.

We know some of the children's names.

4th row, left to right: Josephine Cummings, Mrs. Van de Vanter, Hazel Jones, Johnnie Cummings, ?

3rd row: Lee Sharkey, Ford Flaherty, Richie O'Connell, Lena Cummings, Mamie Cummings, Mary Courtney, Adrienne Johnson, Louisa Van de Vanter, Nellie Sharkey, Margaret Sharkey, Lillian Steele, Willie Cummings

2nd row: ?, Sadie Courtney, Bessie Wakeman, Connie Van de Vanter, Ardee Kelsey, Katie O'Brien, Evelyn Flaherty, Katie O'Connell, ?

1st row: Tim O'Brien, Annie Cummings, George Sharkey, Monica O'Connell, Morgan O'Brien, Jim Hogen, ?, ?, John Cochrane, ?



Vacationing at Monte Cristo Mining Town- 1902

This photo is from Kent's Shin family collection of photos. The people are not named, but it is noted on the back where & when it was taken: "At the mouth of the tunnel Monte Cristo, July 16, 1902"

"Monte Cristo became Washington state's most famous gold and silver mining town of the 1890s. Located in the rugged Cascade Mountains of Washington State in eastern Snohomish County, its mineral resources first were located in 1889. With investment in the mines by a New York syndicate backed by John D. Rockefeller, a railroad was constructed to bring down ore for smelting at the new city of Everett, also a Rockefeller development. Hit by financial disasters during the panics of 1893 and 1907, active mining ended shortly before World War I. In the years since, the site has become a popular destination for thousands of hikers, mountain bikers, climbers, and families fascinated both by the history of the town and its spectacular setting, surrounded by peaks up to 7000' high in the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness area."

-The Monte Cristo Preservation Association

(http://mc-pa.org/?page_id=121)



This photo wasn't taken in Kent, but it is of some Kent residents on vacation! They are crossing a glacier near Monte Cristo on July 17, 1902.

"Monte Cristo is a ghost town northwest of Monte Cristo Peak, in eastern Snohomish County in western Washington. The town was active as a mining area for gold and silver from 1889 to 1907, and later became a resort town that operated until 1983."- Wikipedia

Shown left to right are: Mr. Shinn, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Shinn, Mr. Peabody, Mr. Muller and Mrs. Kinsey.





Shown is a photo of Kent High School's 1904 football team.

The names listed are left to right, Standing:
Roy Root, Gerald Gannon, Armstrong.
Sitting: Cliff Stuart, Red, Guibor, Pulver,
John Stewart, Will Berlin, Heiny, Earl Titus.
Front row: Tom Barnes, Hans Niessen,
Milliard Calhoun.



Kent was the first town in Washington to provide transportation to schools. Shown in this photo is a long school bus wagon from about 1905 driven by Michael O'Brien. Also are several school bus wagons in front of Berlin Bros. in downtown Kent from about 1915.



Wednesday

Miss McHugh

Will you please
excuse Frances at recess.

so she can get dinner for
me as I am going away.

Miss Lizzie Crow

This note was found while volunteers were scanning school attendance record books. It is from c.1905, and says: "Wednesday- Miss McHugh, Will you please excuse Frances at recess so she can get dinner for me as I am going away. -Miss Lizzie Crow"



Martha Anna Ramsay 1906



This is Kent's first Pool Hall owned by Alva Johnson c.1906!

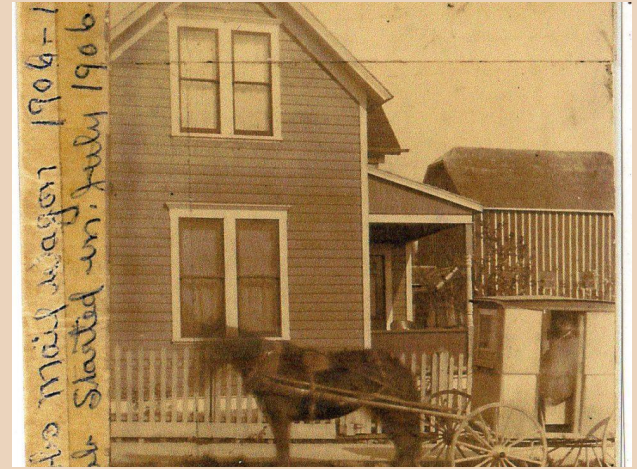
Alva is the gentleman behind the counter on the interior photo. The Pool Hall was located on 1st & Titus



This is Bob Young's mail wagon c.1906.
He drove the Kent mail carrier route #2
from 1906-1918.

The house was on Cedar & Prospect SE

This was taken "at the Kelsey place",
west of O'Brien (S. 216th hill)



WHITE RIVER JOURNAL
MAY 10, 1907

Mrs. L.E. Hardy has written a pretty little poem which could be used to advantage in attracting settlers to this beautiful city. We are pleased to give it space, and we hope many benighted people "back east" may read it and take the advice.

STOP OFF AT KENT

**I HAVE SOME FRIENDS IN THE EAST,
WHO ARE ON MOVING BENT,
I WROTE THEM IF THEY CAME THIS WAY,
TO JUST STOP OFF AT KENT.**

**FOR KENT'S THE TOWN TO VISIT SURE
AND KENT'S THE PLACE TO STAY.
FOR IF YOU SEE THIS VALLEY ONCE
YOU'LL NEVER GO AWAY.**

**HERE FLOWERS BLOOM THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH',
AND FIELDS ARE GREEN AND FAIR.
AND OUR FINE CHURCHES AND OUR SCHOOLS
CAN WITH THE BEST COMPARE.**

**THEN COME AND FIND A WELCOME HERE
IF IT IS YOUR INTENT
TO MAKE A CHANGE, WHY TAKE A TRAIN
AND JUST STOP OFF AT KENT.**

Stop Off At Kent - Journal from
1907



This is a postcard sent in 1908 to Chas Horne from his wife. Logging was one of the first industries in Kent, used to clear land for farming.

6325. Central News Co., Publishers Tacoma, Washington. Printed in Germany.

POST CARD

Dear Chas.
 Your letters
 I had & was glad
 to here will drop you
 a few lines to let you
 know we are all fine
 but very weak &
 am discouraged
 I think I never will
 get well again but
 hope so. Anyway you
 are getting along nice
 William is coming home
 with me, dear
 Nell is here now
 Love from your
 wife

KENT
 1908
 SEP
 19
 7AM
 WASH.



Mr Chas Horne
 Dungeness
 Wash

Reasons for a High School Paper

One of the highest attainments a high school can accomplish is the establishment and successful production of some periodical that exemplifies the ability of the student body. Perhaps a few reasons why an undertaking of this kind is essential to the school as a whole, would be appreciated by the general public. The desire of the average high school student is to do something that will help to make his school one of the most up-to-date educational institutions, and, as a high school paper has not been a success heretofore, an earnest endeavor is being made to make the Criterion the first successful periodical product of the Kent High School. This effort demonstrates clearly two accomplishments which are desirable by all schools and students—originality and determination.

The high school paper always puts before the general public the actual work of the high school students. It takes up every department and all its new attainments. The high school paper is perhaps the best way of keeping the alumni in touch with the school. The paper has on its staff a member to look after this one subject, and one which will prove efficient. Perhaps nothing is more pleasing to the high school graduate than the arrival of his former high school paper.

The high school paper will enable all students to compete for compositions to appear in the Criterion. Such competition will produce results that could hardly be obtained in any other way. This will make them more efficient in their regular work. The Criterion will keep the Kent High School in touch with all schools that will appear on the exchange list. This will give us an insight into what other schools are doing.

In all, the high school, as a school, will rise to a higher plane in the field of literature; it will promote ideas and produce story writers, that in time will be recognized by greater schools and institutions of this kind. The Kent High School has taken a step upward and onward toward the goal of success and it is our hope, our desire to set such a standard for the Criterion that the classes which carry on the work of editing it may follow with confidence, long after the work of the class of 1912 has been recorded in the annals of history.

CLARENCE A. MASON.



This is an article written in 1911 about the importance of having a school newspaper. It was included in Kent High School's first issue of "The Criterion", a periodical the school body decided to write. With school newspapers going by the wayside, the hope is these benefits are still being produced, if not by a school newspaper, then by some other means. (written by Clarence A. Mason)

be "love all," the visitors kicked a field goal from the fifteen yard line, giving them the victory. It was in this game that Root won for himself a niche in the football hall of fame for his busting saved more scores for the Alki Point team.

The boys next journeyed to the land of the berry pickers and journeyed back on the short end of an 8 to 5 score. For various reasons, mostly too much football and too little study, some of the first team men were unable to participate and their places had to be filled by substitutes. Because of this the team lacked the united action that had heretofore characterized it and the boys were unable to hold Sumner. The small margin of defeat shows what they did and the only reason that it was not larger was that everyone played his best.

T. H. & R. B.



ATHLETICS.

Though the football season, which will soon end, has not been a very successful one for Alki, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they played their best game all the time. With one exception the game that we last wrote of had fought with the rain's clouds up to the time when the referee blew the whistle announcing the end. The boys all turned out bravely, the coach gave his undivided attention to the development of the team and the game played together. Heavy rain played its part and not for any individual honor and when the season is over and the football history of this year is being written the most every man on the team can look back to the time when he played on the Kent High team with pleasure, not because of the game won, but for the feeling of doing his small part for the honor of the school.

The first game of the season opened on the home grounds and was with the Lincoln High school. They came down to Kent with the idea of meeting a team of football braves who have nothing but to milk cows and dig potatoes but they received the surprise of their lives. True, the best boys know how to milk and excavate tubers, but they also know something about the gentle art of handling a pigskin and the Great Spencian rule discovered it because they had come very far. Each team played a hard game and the score does not indicate the difference in them. Every man's contribution in the second quarter and in attempting to kick some. "Big" Herpin missed his kicking and Lincoln missed the same, but the Alki boys won by the small margin of one point. In the evening the girls entertained the visitors with a reception and they were home with a little different idea of the capabilities of Kent.

The next game was at Thurston with what was said to have been the second team of the Tacoma High. The boys played the hardest game of the season but it is small consolation to a team to know that they are playing against men who have been selected on all Northwest coast. Despite this, however, the boys put up a good game and though the City of Daring team won the contest, at the end of the third quarter the score was 12 to 5 in favor of Kent. Because of lack of substitutes Kent was forced to play the same men all through the game and when Tacoma put its new men all the beginning of the fourth quarter Kent was unable to hold them and the score ended 18 to 12 in favor of Tacoma. The boys considered this in the light of a history to Tacoma was no harsh lesson.

On October 26 First Seattle touched our fair city and by the good night but of one of their members took down the long end of the score. Both teams were about equally matched though Kent had the better of it on putting and making end runs. The West Seattle team were Seattle's best as they played at the end of the fourth quarter when it looked as if the score was going to



We have a copy of Kent High School's first issue of "The Criterion" from 1911, a periodical they put out to let the public know what was going on in their school. The athletics page was beautifully written about the football team that year, shown below.

"...True, the local boys know how to milk and excavate tubers, but they also know something about the gentle art of handling a pigskin..."



problem of conservation, the preservation of the productive energies of the soil.

It is an undeniable fact that the parents of agriculture are the first essentials to a nation's prosperity. Agriculture is the production of plants and animals that are the maintenance of man. It is the fundamental occupation on which all mining, manufacturing and commerce depend. Of course, no complex civilization could develop without these occupations. All are essential for a high civilization but no civilization can exist without agriculture. Few people, however, give this fact due consideration, and if the Association people do not put more thought upon this subject their indifference will some day bring this nation to grief.

Statistics show the amazing decrease in the productive capacity of our soil. We unwittingly place the blame of this upon the shoulders of the farmer, but we are all as culpable as he. We have built institutions and spent millions in the education of men and women for every acre and walk of life, without giving a thought toward the education of the farmer. We try to justify our negligence by saying that any man can run a farm. This excuse is far from satisfactory because we do not specify the direction in which this man will run the farm.

It requires as much mental alertness and education to be a good farmer as a lawyer, a doctor or a merchant.

Agriculture involves more problems than any other occupation. It is a combination of science, art and business. In fact, every science that deals with the factors of plant and animal growth contributes to the science of agriculture. This fact alone is sufficient to show that the education of the farmer should be equal to that of any professional man.

If we wish to perpetuate the prosperity of this nation, we must see to it that our soil is tilled by capable and well qualified men. Men who can get from the soil all it is capable of producing without impoverishing it. The only way to bring such conditions about is to educate the farmer.

Many organizations and institutions have taken an active step towards this great end. Stenbomsk and North Yakima High Schools have already adopted an agricultural course with promising results. The Puyallup Valley Fair Association at its last session in an endeavor to interest the youth of Western Washington along agricultural lines, invited students from twenty High Schools in the western part of the state to attend the fair as guests of the Association. These students were lectured to by experts on various subjects pertaining to farming. All expenses of the student class were met by the Fair Association.

In return for such a kind act President Paulsen expressed a desire that these students would try and create an interest among the pupils of their respective high schools along agricultural lines, that they might use their influence towards the adoption of such a course in their school. This is a *was more* and one with far reaching results, for let us remember that it is the farmer who shall mould the future destiny of this nation. Therefore, educate him.

PATRICK F. COSTELLO

Educate the Farmer

In these days of commercial enterprise and material development, from amidst this great rush of business there are slowly rising into view many great problems, issues of such a character and significance that have never before confronted the American people.

The most notable perhaps of all is conservation. Much interest has been manifested by the public in this great movement, because of its direct bearing upon the welfare of the country, the preserving of the nation's natural resources.

We must not lose sight of the fact that underlying all this is the true

An enlightening article written for the 1911 Kent High School periodical "The Criterion". It is about starting up agricultural science courses and why it's important to do so. It's interesting that they were worried about their finite resources even back then! Written by Patrick F. Costello.



In the early 1900's we had The Dream Theater on W. Meeker Street. It played silent movies and in our archives we have a few programs of movies they played (along with some humorous editorial comments on the movies)! Shown is the theater around 1915, a movie ticket and two programs from 1912.





These women seem to be on their way somewhere special too! Circa 1900's-1920's, two names were noted: Mary Frances and Ava Kinnan.

This Saloon in O'brien was ran
by Mr. Hoban (standing in
doorway). Chas Nelson was
driving the milk wagon with
his dog Tracy. c.early 1900's.
Other man unknown.





O'Brien Saloon

A High School Physics Lab book written by Stella Rasmussen-Hallock from 1905! This page is an experiment involving Mercury near the beginning of the school year.

Experiment 4.



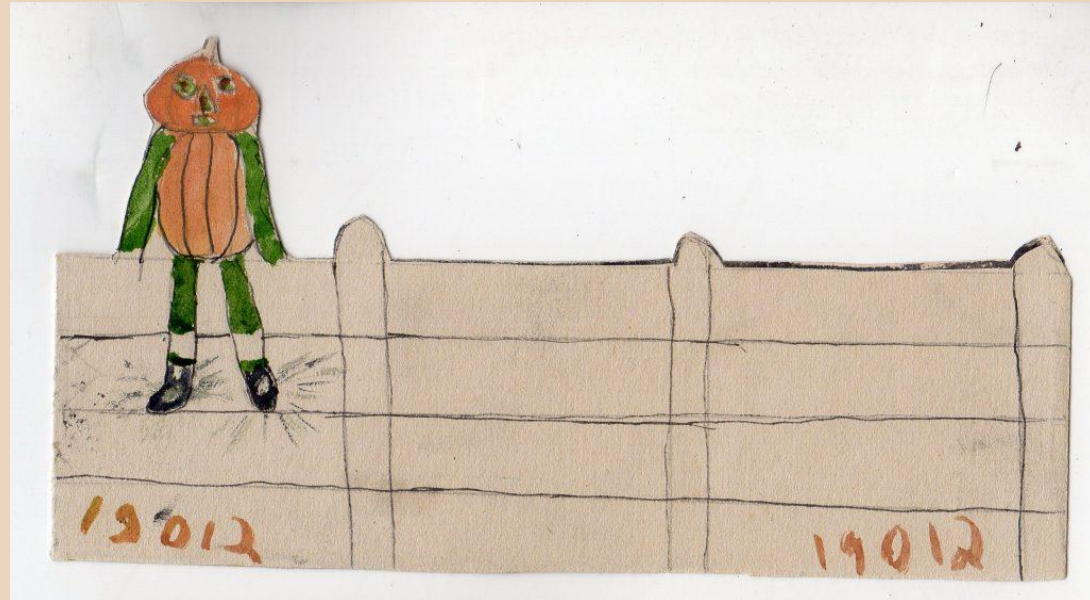
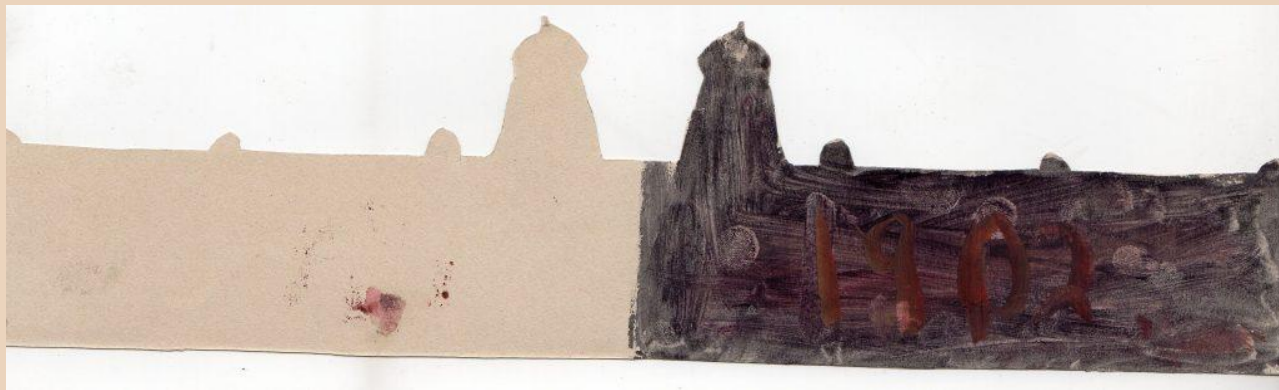
(A) Whipping a clean glass rod in water we saw that water still remained on the rod. The adhesion between

the glass and water was greater than the cohesion of the water

(B) Whipping the same rod and dipping it in the mercury we have a different result. No mercury clings to the rod. In this case the cohesion in the mercury was greater than the adhesion of the glass and the mercury.

Sept 22, 1905. - E.





This was found shoved inside the 1905 school records we have been scanning. The Great Pumpkin, even back then ;) or more likely a scarecrow or costume?



Kent High School Class of 1908

In 1906 the people of the district voted to build a new school (the old school site on Benson & 208th). An acre of land was donated by A. Parmenter. The school directors gave a contract to Robert Melville to build a new school 42x40 ft for \$180.00. The school bell was purchased from Sears & Roebuck of Chicago in Sept 1906. The first teacher in the new school was Miss Isabel Gibson for \$50/month. The second teacher was J.M Joseph who received \$60/mo for the first year and \$70/mo for the second. The Janitor was paid \$2.50/mo. In 1910 the voters authorized the board to build an addition to the school not to exceed \$1200. A tract of 2 acres was purchased south of the school and 1 acre to the west. In 1938-39 the WPA built the present building (5 rooms) with basement, gym and cafeteria in the basement. In 1954 the board purchased 7 acres on the west making the present ground 11 acres.

The new Panther Lake school on 10200 SE 216th St. opened in 2009.



This is a photo of the students on the front steps in 1908. (From the Idding collection, named were Verna, Violet, Earl, Ed, Mother & Eva)

This photo is from a (previously cracked) glass plate negative. Two gentlemen are in a carriage in front of A.A. Rutledge Co. in downtown Kent. The smaller sign says "Music Store". No more is known about the date or the company in the photo.

Do you know anything about A.A. Rutledge Co.?

Our friend Eric shared two newspaper ads for A.A. Rutledge Co. from 1907 & 1908:



Seven Years of Prosperity

and faithful work has developed our business from nothing into a fine trade in our own new store where we have a complete and up-to-date stock in the following departments:

Pianos, Organs
and everything usually kept in a first class music store. Edison Phonographs and Edison Records are Our Specialty.

Dry Goods, Notions
Clothing, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings.

Groceries
Coffee, Tea and Extracts, together with a full line of Cigars, Tobacco, Breakfast Foods and Canned Goods. Our Goods and Prices will interest the most critical and a share of your trade throughout the New Year will be thankfully received.

A. A. Rutledge Co.
FRONT STREET, KENT, WASHINGTON

KENT PEOPLE

And others residing in the White River Valley and surrounding country, will find during the coming year at this store a

**Larger Stock of Pianos
Organs, Sewing Machines**

Our store is the only one of its kind in the great White River Valley, and we can easily undersell those of like character in the larger cities because we have no exorbitant rents nor high priced help to pay.

THE BEST GRADE

of goods only is to be found here as we represent one of the most complete lines of pianos to be found on the coast. Every thing in Talking machine goods.

We Invite You to Inspect Our Stock

A. A. Rutledge Co.

PIANOS ORGANS SEWING MACHINES

Reliving football | 11 — 1971

At last October's annual Homecoming Game, Kent-Meridian honored two of its oldest football players — Wes Morrill and John Ham, who are 78 and 77 years old, respectively.

Both were members of Kent High School's unbeaten 1910 club, which ran roughshod over nine opponents, leaving such schools as Sumner, Auburn, Bremerton, West Seattle, Franklin and yes, Broadway, in a state of shambles.

It's been more than 60 years since Ham and Morrill both



John Ham

played for coach Millard Calhoun who, along with the rest of that '10 grid club, have since passed on.

"As you can see in the picture, there was room for improvement in the uniforms we wore," Ham pointed out.

"Back in '10, we got five points for scoring a touchdown and one point for the kick. And we also could pick up three points for a dropkick but no one could hold the ball," Ham added.

Ham also disclosed that substituting was a rare bird in those days. "We played the whole game and there was no such thing as a halftime. We just kept playing until the game was over."

The 1910 season, while a memorable one from a win-loss standpoint, also was the first that Kent High gridders were provided uniforms (if you could call them that). "Our home field was at First Ave. North and James Street. I be-

lieve that's just east of Borden's Chemical," Ham remarked.

Games were played on Saturday afternoons and the final contest was always contested on Thanksgiving Day. In those days, Kent High was located where Kent Elementary is today. "We even had a girls' basketball team five years earlier," Ham said with a gleam in his eye. He has the picture to prove it, too.

Morrill and Ham are both active today. In fact, Morrill is continually on the go, travelling throughout the U.S.



Unbeaten heroes of past 1910

Kent High School's football team of 1910, like the '70 club, went unbeaten during regular season play. Only two players are still alive today from the '10 gridders — Wes Morrill and John Ham. The Kent team lined up, from left, this way: front row — Bill Watson, captain Tom Madison, Wes Morrill, Ed Jorgensen; middle row — Lawrence Berlin, Bill Burton, Charlie Miller, Lawrence Rhee, Lewis Brown; top row — John Ham, Ellis Williams, Jim Ziegler, coach Millard Calhoun (with tortineck), Ken Dean and George Root.

Here is a story about the 1910, Kent High School undefeated football team. This article was printed on March 24, 1971, newspaper unknown



A wide angle photo of children in the Orillia School c. 1910
The background is especially revealing of town life back then.
Photo is by LW Clark.



The Kent Motor Car Company c. 1910

We have the records for a patient that was admitted to Dr. Owen Taylor's Hospital in Kent in 1910! It doesn't say what was wrong with them, but the treatment consisted of a lot of milk & lime water, castor oil, antiseptic mouthwash and alcohol rubs, as well as some medicine. The patient was admitted for 46 days before they were discharged healthy.

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DR. OWEN TAYLOR'S HOSPITAL, KENT, WASHINGTON

Day 3 CLINICAL RECORD

Name [redacted] Room 9 Dr. Taylor Nurse Major

Physician's Orders: Oct. 14 1910

Hour	Temp.	Pulse	Resp.	MEDICINE	REMARKS	Urine	Def.
4am	6			mallick milk. antiseptic mouth wash p.m.	Alcohol rub.	4?	
8	100	92		caps - 12			BB
10am				Oct. 15 Days 4. Bismol qrs III	Alcohol rub very little.	4?	
4	99	92		Cap. 1	Sponge bath. Alcohol rub.		
7	100	92		mallick milk			
8				castor oil 3ss in orange juice			
9				antiseptic mouth wash p.m.			
				cap. 1 - 1 - 1 - 0 - 9		4?	BB
12	102	98		mallick milk & lime water.			
3				" " " "			
4	102	100			Alcohol rub.		
6				" " " "		4?	
7				Bismol qrs III	Alcohol rub		
7 45				Elixir Bromides and chloral 3ss			
10.	99	100		" " " "	Alcohol rub.		
12	97	100		" " " "	Alcohol rub.		
2am				Oct. 16 Days 5.	Alcohol rub at short intervals.		
				mallick milk	Alcohol rub.		
6.	100	104		" " " " & lime water.		3?	
				Cap. 16-2-6			
				Castor oil 3ss	Sponge bath. Alcohol rub.		
9-	99	100		antiseptic mouth wash p.m.		4?	
				mallick milk & lime water.		4?	
11				Hot foment.			
12	101	109		Hot foment.			

Physician's Orders: Temperature taken per os.
Hot foment 3 hrs if necessary.



Kent Feed Store 1910



A wide angle photo of children in the Orillia School c. 1910
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by LW Clark.



The Kent High School Girls Basketball team in 1912.

(Pictured: Mary Ramsey [coach], Julia Pozzi Radcliffe, Goldie Guiberson, Sadie Calhoun, Genevieve Lusk, Marjorie Martin, C. Boucher Keogh, Mary Snell Franke, Mary Boucher Pinkerton, Ruth Green Gonnason, Lenz Ramstead Brown, Ruth Gonnason)



Kent High School Football Team 1912/13.

Front row left to right: Roy Beery, Ellis Williams, Wylie Olson Hunter, Lawrence Berlin, Sam Pinkerton, Troy Coleman, Ward Green (no helmets) 2nd row backfield: Claude French, George Root, Clarence Mason, Tim Harn. Coach Jack Bush.
background: Ray Roper, _____, _____.

To the Parent or Guardian

A report of the scholarship and attendance of the pupil will be made out and sent to you at the close of each quarter. Please examine it carefully, sign it, and see that the pupil promptly returns it to the principal.

A semester grade of 75 per cent. or above is required for passing in each subject; but a pupil will not be passed in any subject if his semester examination average in that subject falls below 60 per cent.

Prompt and regular attendance is of the utmost importance. The lack of it is a frequent cause of the failures of unsuccessful pupils. Absence or tardiness should occur, therefore, only when absolutely unavoidable.

To complete the course in four years it is necessary that the pupil take four subjects each year.

Parents should bear in mind that a High School pupil of average ability cannot take full work successfully unless he spend two or three hours each school day in preparing his lessons at home.

If the report for any quarter is unsatisfactory, please confer with the teachers at once. They will gladly co-operate with you to secure better results.

W. B. SATTERTHWAIT, Principal.

CHAS. R. LEWIS, Superintendent.

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KENT HIGH SCHOOL

Report of Frank Bouldron
For the School Year 13 and 14

Excellent 95-100
Good 85-94
Passable 75-85
Failure 0-74

A red ink entry in an average column shows that the pupil failed in the subject indicated and must take it again in class.

STUDIES	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	Av.	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	Av.
English III	83	84	84	79	75	77
U.S. H.	82	77	80			
E. Geography	91	90	91			
Math. II	S	S	S	S	complete	
Solid Geom.				88	91	90
Com'l. Law				90	85	87.5
Days Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0

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The report card for Frank Bouldron for the school year of 1913- 1914 at Kent High School. (He was a pretty good student, mostly A's and B's!)

Photos from a wedding put on publicly in Kent in 1912 as part of the 4th of July festivities! The couple, Grace Peterson and E.L. Young, got \$100 and a free double bed to have their wedding in Kent's gazebo.



70 years ago

Kent hosts festive July 4th wedding

By LYNN JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

The committee on program had endeavored to serve a few original numbers for the day's entertainment and the one attracting the most attention was the public marriage in the bandstand of Miss Grace Peterson and Mr. L.E. Young of Seattle. The Ceremony was performed by Rev. J.H. Woolley and was witnessed by 3000 people. White River Journal, July 11, 1912.

"It was hotter than blazes and I was scared to death with all those fireworks going off at my feet."

That's about all Grace Young can remember about her wedding 72 years ago on the 4th of July in Kent. She and her husband, the late L.E. Young, took the interurban out to Kent for the 8 p.m. ceremony performed on the bandstand in the heart of Kent.

There, surrounded by 3000 spectators, they were married amid cracking fireworks and a cheering crowd.

The whole idea originated with the committee organizing the annual fourth of July festivities in Kent. Committee members thought a wedding would be an interesting attraction. They advertised in a Seattle paper for a couple willing to be married in a public ceremony.

Mrs. Young, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 17, wasn't too excited about getting married on the 4th of July since she wanted to turn 18 before her wedding day. Her husband thought the lure of \$100 and a new double bed offered by the committee as compensation wasn't such a bad idea.

Paralyzed with fear

"I couldn't see the crowd from the bandstand," she recalls. All I remember was those firecrackers going off right at my feet. I was paralyzed with fear," the small woman added. "I was a little country girl

and I had never been around so many people," Mrs. Young reminisced.

She remembers crying all night before the wedding because her mother insisted she wear a heavy blue wool serge suit. "My mother said the suit was appropriate since it was more formal than my choice of a pleated skirt and middie blouse. She insisted a wedding outfit had to come down over my ankles.

"I felt older than I do now," the spry, soon-to-be nonagenarian, stated matter of factly. "I can do what I want now; no one is left to tell me what to do."

I'm preparing to live'

"I have been a very happy person all my life," she says. "Some people are preparing to die at my age, but I'm preparing to live," she said with a feisty look in her eyes. "I just finished planting a tree and I intend to watch it grow until I am at least 100."

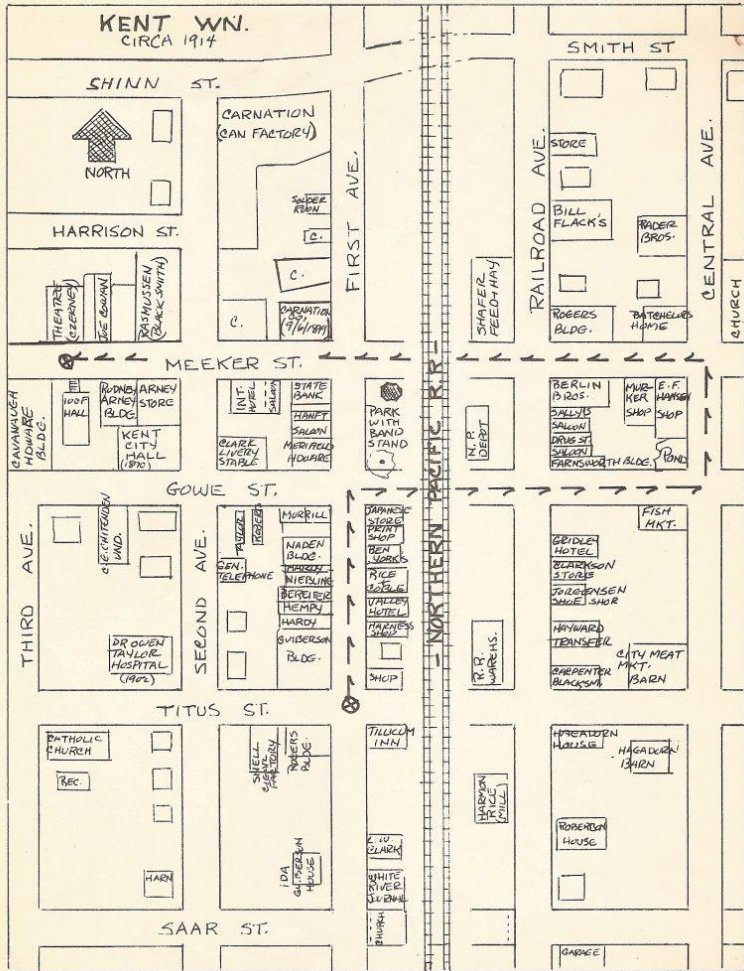
The Youngs raised four of their own children along with 85 war orphans she cared for over the years. She now boasts 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Hard work and living life naturally are Mrs. Young's prescriptions for a long, healthy life. "I never drank alcohol, never smoked and haven't touched coffee or tea," she said during a recent interview from her home in Bothell.

Although she is legally blind, her disability hasn't slowed her down much. She is an avid gardener and spends hours writing a story of her life.

Although she hasn't visited Kent since her wedding, she hopes to attend some part of Kent's Cornucopia Days celebration.

"I remember the valley as lush and green with acres and acres of farmland," she recalled. "That day Lester and I rode out on the interurban I was impressed with all the black soil. It looked like coal. I remember seeing grape arbors and rows of vegetables. I know it's all changed now with Boeing and all, but I am sure it is still beautiful," she said.



Many people often ask where different businesses were located in the past. We thought you'd enjoy this hand-drawn map of downtown Kent c.1914

To the Parent or Guardian

A report of the scholarship and attendance of the pupil will be made out and sent to you at the close of each quarter. Please examine it carefully, sign it, and see that the pupil promptly returns it to the principal.

A semester grade of 75 per cent. or above is required for passing in each subject; but a pupil will not be passed in any subject if his semester examination average in that subject falls below 60 per cent.

Prompt and regular attendance is of the utmost importance. The lack of it is a frequent cause of the failures of unsuccessful pupils. Absence or tardiness should occur, therefore, only when absolutely unavoidable.

To complete the course in four years it is necessary that the pupil take four subjects each year.

Parents should bear in mind that a High School pupil of average ability cannot take full work successfully unless he spend two or three hours each school day in preparing his lessons at home.

If the report for any quarter is unsatisfactory, please confer with the teachers at once. They will gladly co-operate with you to secure better results.

W. B. SATTERTHWAIT, Principal.

CHAS. R. LEWIS, Superintendent.

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KENT HIGH SCHOOL

Report of Frank Bouldron
For the School Year 13 and 14

Excellent 95-100
Good 85-94
Passable 75-85
Failure 0-74

A red ink entry in an average column shows that the pupil failed in the subject indicated and must take it again in class.

STUDIES	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	Av.	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	Av.
English III	83	84	84	79	75	77
U.S. H.	82	77	80			
E. Geography	91	90	91			
Math. II	S	S	S	S	complete	
Solid Geom.				88	91	90
Com'l. Law				90	85	87.5
Days Absent	0	0	0	0	1	0
Times Tardy	0	1	0	0	0	0

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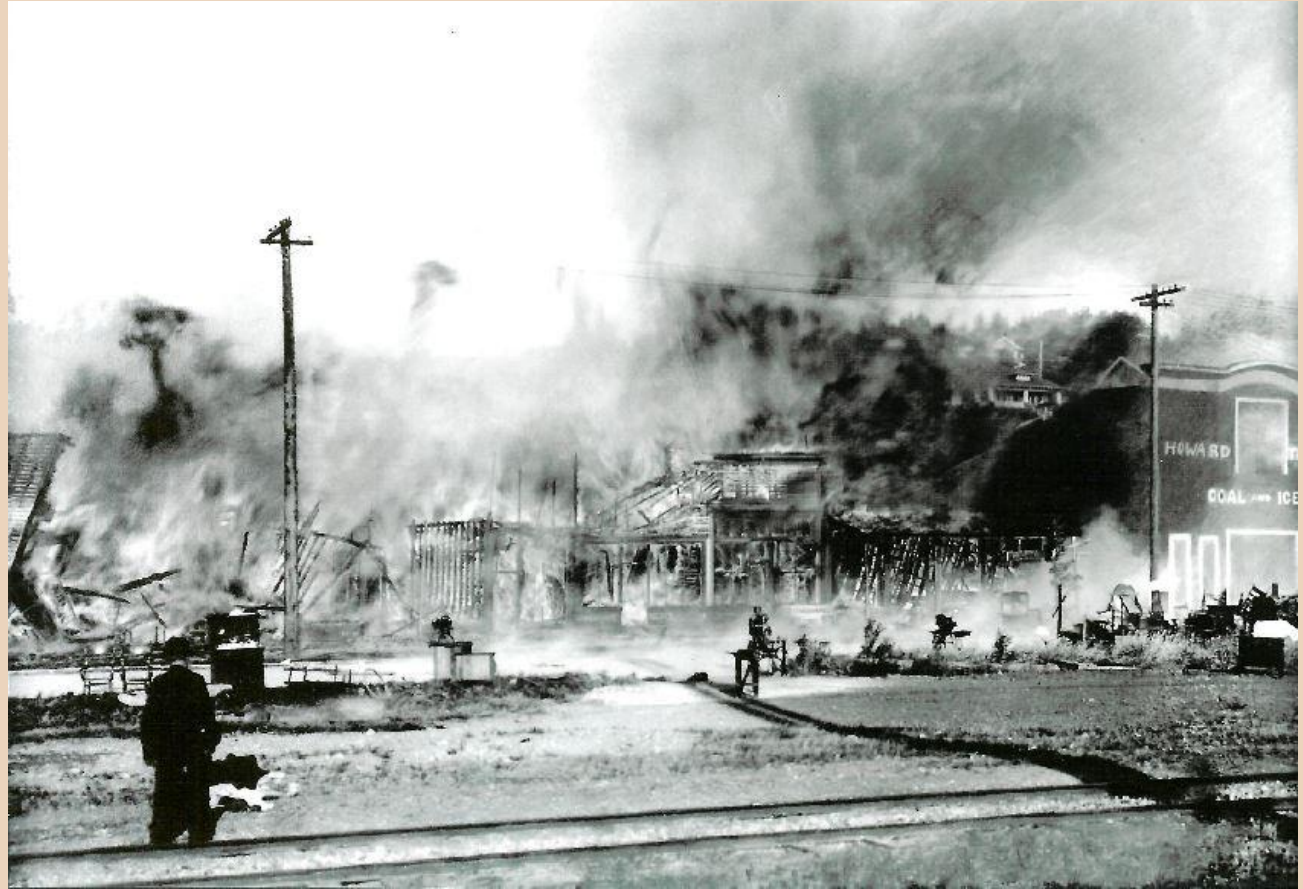
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We came across a great photo of Mr. Brecver (Becvar?) with a buggy full of kids from 1915! This photo was taken on South Central Ave.

Also pictured are: Sarah Pinkerton, Austin Casey, Clarinda Pinkerton Calvert, Cornetia Casey, Reathel Sheehan Norberg, Bea Von Brocklin Geimer, Cornelius Casey, Gordon Taylor, Dale Pinkerton, Pete Decker and Vern Taylor.

All of the smoke in the air from the fires brought to mind this photo- Railroad Ave. on fire from Gowe St. to Titus St. on July 3, 1914. What a scary sight that would've been!





Here are a couple of photos in Kent's past of people dealing with the snow!

The first is in front of Kent's Jamieson Drug Store c. 1910

The second is a man shoveling snow in 1914



Check out that baby walker!
Definitely not as safe as today's
standards! Sylvia Rasmussen c.
1915

We have several scrapbooks full of photos from the Rasmussen family, from Kent, WA. Here is a photo of their car with a horse right behind it- a sign of the times.

George Hallock is at the wheel, next to him is his wife, Stella Rasmussen Hallock, in the back seat on the left is Edna Hallock (George's sister), and next to her is Helen Rasmussen (age 15). c. 1915, place unknown.



This photo was taken at the Rasmussen Home c.1915. It was located at 711 W. Meeker in Kent. Unfortunately we don't know who this great group of kids are.

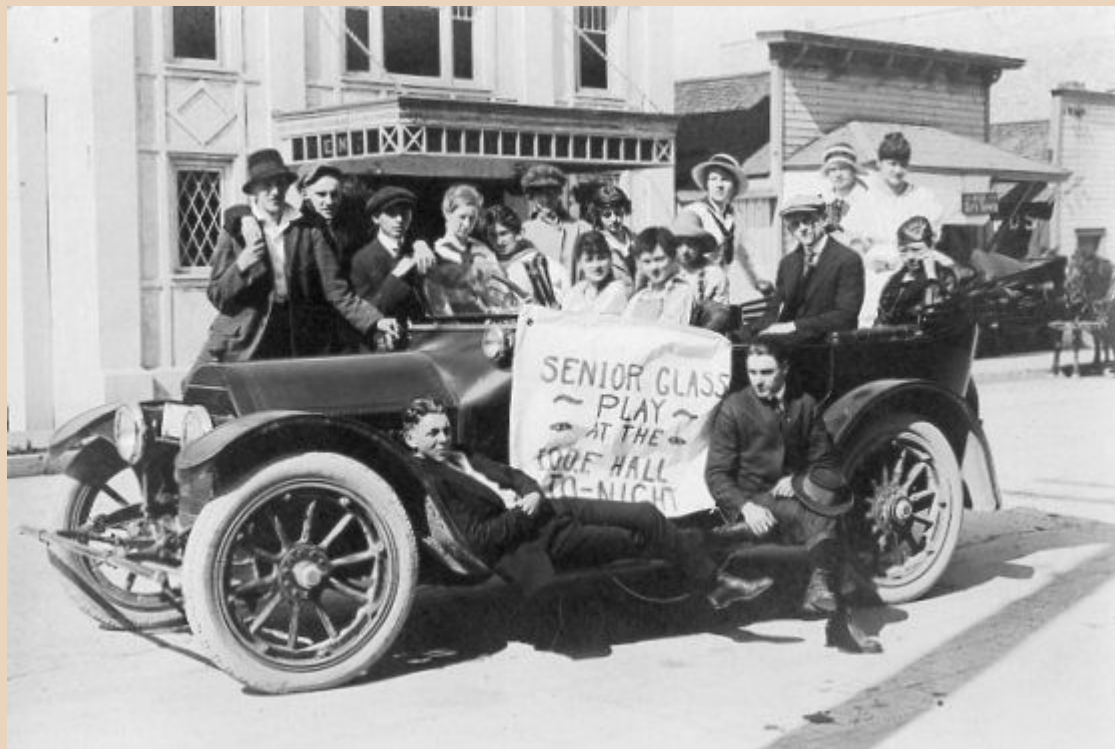


RECORD OF ATTENDANCE		School District No. 10, Meridian, County of King		Month of September, 1916	
NAME OF PUPIL		Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4
1. E. Bunt, Harry	17	X			
2. J. Clark, Edith	18				
3. J. Cooney, Helen	19				
4. J. Cooney, Elizabeth	20				
5. M. Cooney, Emma	21				
6. M. Cooney, Julia	22				
7. J. Cooney, Emma	23				
8. J. Cooney, Emma	24				
9. M. Cooney, Emma	25				
10. M. Cooney, Emma	26				
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13. M. Cooney, Emma	29				
14. M. Cooney, Emma	30				
15. M. Cooney, Emma	31				
16. J. Cooney, Emma	1				
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46. M. Cooney, Emma	31				

School records from Meridian High School in September 1916.

The Rasmussen family of Kent having a picnic around 1915. Left to right: George E. Hallock Sr., Helen Rasmussen, Matilda Rasmussen, Alma Rasmussen, Nels Rasmussen (leaning), HP Rasmussen, Edna Hallock (black dress), Julia Rasmussen/ or Mrs. Hallock Sr.





Senior Class Play 1916



Shown is a class of students in teacher Mrs. Naomi Snell's class from 1916 (which school was not noted).



This is a photo of the 1917 Kent High School's Girls Basketball Team! (no names were noted).

Soldiers leaving for WWI saying
goodbye at the Seattle train
station. It is on a glass plate
negative. The photographer
was L.W.Clark.

Come to our Annual Gala "1917
One Hundred Years Ago", to
learn more about WWI in
Washington State.

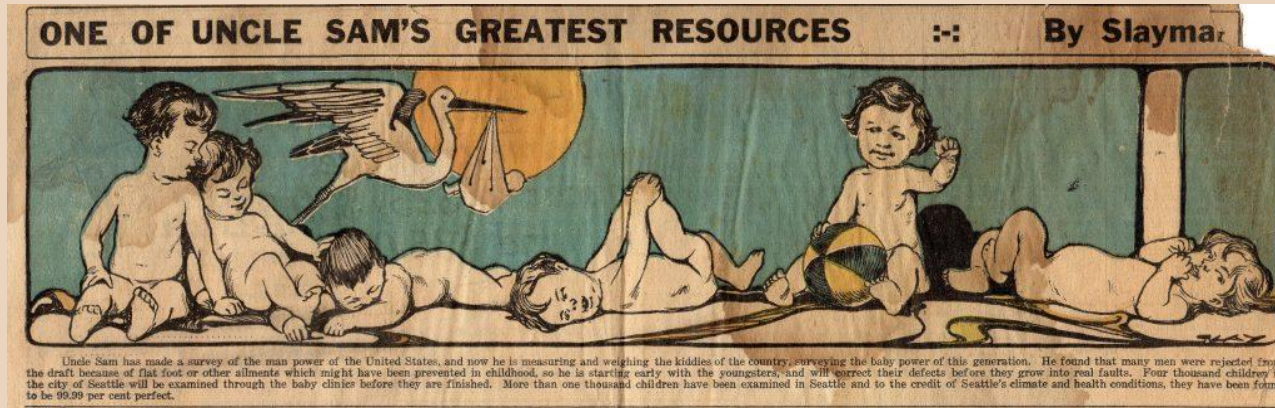




Kent's Matilda
Rasmussen's photo
during WWI in
France.

This was on the front page of The Seattle Daily Times on June 4, 1918, during WWI. It is interesting that they started giving children preventative healthcare to grow better soldiers one day.

"...to the credit of Seattle's climate and health conditions, (children) were found to be 99.99 percent perfect"



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An add found in The Kent Journal & Des Moines Intercitian Newspaper in 1918.

This photo was shared on another Kent history page. "Picture is dated July 4th, 1919. Says it was taken on Meeker Street. 4th person from the left is Klinkensmith, 5th is Jennie (Jensen) Johnson". -John

The conversation afterwards thought it was related to Women's Rights. ... "just one month earlier from this picture on June 4, 1919 the 19th amendment was sent to the states for ratification. With their white dresses I'm fairly confident these women are suffragettes and are advocating for passage of the amendment." -Julie

"The little house was Townes (Mary, Henry and Florence) and the big house was the house we lived in (Farman's) across from where Valley Elementary" -Lynn

Also added was "1919.....women were winning the right to vote and Kent went dry from 1919 to 1933.

The Kent gents would go to what they called little Kent (Thomas) to wet their whistles.

Also the saloons were still up and running in O'brien during these trying times. Lol" -Eric

Social Media is an excellent way to share the bits of history people know and pull it together into a larger story!

Thank you for allowing us to share this John!

