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at the post-office at Big Stone Gap as sec-  
ond-class matter.**A Hundred Million Goats.**

When Mr. Wilson was president the administration took the attitude that the present generation should pay all of the huge indebtedness incurred as a result of our entry into the World War. Under Mr. Harding's administration it is proposed that these debts be liquidated within a period of twenty-five years. In addition the allies owe us about eleven billions of dollars which we may never see again. The eleven billions must necessarily come from the pockets of the present generation, as it has already vanished.

But why this frantic haste to liquidate our own debt? Why the insistent attempt to saddle the whole burden upon those who have done the suffering? Why make this generation both suffer and pay while the next generation will have nothing to do but reap the benefits? America did not enter the war from choice, or through any benevolent or chivalrous desire to aid England or France when their backs were to the wall in a losing fight. The government and congress knew that without American aid for the allies Germany would win, and that the next step of a victorious Teutonic army would be to overrun this country or to drive our ships and commerce from the seas.

These are the facts in a few words. It is therefore plain to any one of normal intelligence that we fought not only for ourselves, but for the benefit and preservation of generations of Americans yet to come. Why then, should we of today assume all of the burdens? Why should future generations reap the benefits without any of the hardships? Why not extend this liquidation over a period of fifty or a hundred years, and lighten to some extent the burdens of taxation that are pressing so heavily upon the people of today? Why make slaves of the people of this generation in order that those of the next may live in greater affluence? Why make a hundred million people of today the royal goats for those of tomorrow?

Pity the spoiled child. It is not responsible for its parents.

If you don't want to be known as a nuisance don't run around with a grievance.

Some people keep a light burning in their room at night in order to be able to see in the dark.

Beware of the stranger who effusively offers you his hand. He wants you to put something in it.

To be popular you should listen to the troubles of others. They have no time to waste on yours.

If our public men could write their own histories this country would be overflowing with wise ones.

True, the eyes of the world are centered upon Washington, but we suspect they are beginning to ache.

It's easy to tell a lie, but sometimes it is mighty hard for a fellow to square himself by telling another.

It isn't to be wondered at that some men are unable to withstand prosperity. They never have a chance.

Don't allow the other fellow to value your own time. He might embarrass you by overshooting the mark.

Wise ones tell us that love comes unbidden, but these are the days when a fat bank account accelerates its arrival.

A disastrous rail strike would have been a bad beginning for that disarmament meet. Some one must have thought of it just in time.

There's a reason why wise people are not averse to speaking of their own faults. It knocks the props from under their critics.

Reluctantly we are coming to the conclusion that the good old fashion housewife has about ceased to exist. She objects to being termed old fashioned.

Why can't some genius produce a car that will run on kerosene oil? Perhaps then the trust would produce real gas in order to put the oil man out of business.

No doubt the average preacher would be quite indignant if we were to refer to him as an invaluable aid to the divorce courts. And yet without marriages there can be no divorces.

Rev. I. P. Martin, of Abingdon, a former presiding elder of the Big Stone Gap district of the M. E. Church, South, preached in the church here on last Sunday morning. His many friends were delighted to see him again.

Miss Mary McKenzie, who has been with the Western Union at this place for several months, left this week for Greenville, N. C., where she will hold a similar position.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. R. Taylor, Thursday, January 5 at 3 o'clock. Begin New Year with a full attendance, with renewed interest and with a determination to be loyal and faithful members.

Mrs. Mary Skeen Brown has returned to Middlesboro, where she is teaching in the public school, after spending the holidays in the Gap with her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen.

Howard Nier and Bill Adams, of Bristol, spent a few days of the holidays in the Gap the guests of Howard's grandmother, Mrs. W. R. Gilmer, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmer.

Miss Cora Griffin spent a few days last week at her home in Mt. Vernon, Ky., where she was called on account of the death of her little niece.

Miss Mary Gibson, of Pennington Gap, who is attending school at Stonewall Jackson College in Abingdon, spent a few days in the Gap last week visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Reba and Anna Barron Collier, of Lee county, who are attending school this winter at Stonewall Jackson College in Abingdon, spent a few days in the Gap last week with their aunt, Mrs. George E. Taylor.

Wilbur Fleenor, who is attending school at the National Business College in Roanoke, spent the holidays in the Gap with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fleenor.

Miss Matt Nickels, who is taking a business course at the National Business College in Roanoke, spent the holidays in the Gap with her parents.

Mrs. Curtis Robbins and daughter, Jane, Mrs. Simon Banks, Misses Eleanor Baker and Frances Long spent Wednesday afternoon at Imboden visiting Mrs. Dan Covill, who was formerly Miss Nell Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox, of Chicago, were the guests of Mr. Fox's mother, Mrs. J. W. Fox, in the Gap during the holidays.

Ray Hall, of Lynch, Ky., spent the holidays in the Gap with his wife and baby son, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCormick.

**Meeting at Christian Church.**

Rev. Wm. Burchleigh, of Harlan, Ky., will commence a series of meetings at the Christian church on Thursday night, January 5th, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

**Dies on Way Home.**

Stella Cloud, colored, daughter of Philip Woods, of Big Stone Gap, died last Friday night in the union passenger station at Bristol on her return home accompanied by her father from Burksville, Va., where she had been taking treatment in a sanitarium for several months. She was married about three years ago at this place to Sandy Cloud and first made their home in Washington City. She is survived by her husband and a small child. Stella was well liked by all who knew her, especially by the white people. The body was brought here Saturday and held up until Tuesday pending the arrival of relatives from a distance.

Now we are told that the next war will be waged against soldiers and civilians alike, and that the husband in the trenches will be safer than the wife in the kitchen. That ought to stimulate masculine patriotism when the storm breaks.

# Amuzu Theatre

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th



Constance Talmadge in "Lessons in Love"

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

in

## "Lessons in Love"

Music Club Entertained by  
Miss Ramsey.

Miss Mary Ramsey entertained the Big Stone Gap Music Study Club on Wednesday afternoon December 28th. After a short business session, the following miscellaneous program was offered:

Soprano Solos  
By the Waters of Minnetonka, Clarence Lyles  
He Was a Prince

Mrs. Harvey Brown  
Mrs. Proctor Brown at Piano  
Reading from "A Christmas Carol"

Mrs. R. B. Alsover  
Dickens

Piano Solo  
Second Mazurka Godard  
Miss Mary Stuart Ramsey

Violin Solo  
Caprice de Concert, Herbert Butler  
Mrs. Proctor Brown

Miss Marian Holley at Piano

Piano Solos  
Polonaise in C Sharp Minor Chopin  
Ballade Troisième Chopin  
Mrs. Proctor Brown

At the request of her hearers, Mrs. Brown closed the interesting program with two pleasing impromptu numbers.

During the social hour Miss Ramsey and her sister, Mrs. Marvin Kelly, served a delicious salad course. The following members and guests were present: Mesdames Owens, Harvey Brown, Barham, Alsover, Lane, I. C. Taylor, Mouser, Troy, Ussury, Sewing, Proctor Brown, Kelly; Misses Ruby Kemper, Marion Holley, Ramsey.

Unless otherwise announced, Mrs. W. T. Goodloe will entertain the club on the third Wednesday afternoon in January.

**Dinner Party.**

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelly entertained with a delightful dinner party at their home on Popular Hill Wednesday night in honor of their son, Harry's seventeenth birthday.

Covers were laid for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Graham, of Sharples, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. John Beatty and two daughters, Misses Sara and Leta Maude, of Wise, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kelly, of St. Charles, Henry McCormick and Major Charles Blair Richmond, of Ewing, Va., who is one of the professors at Greenbriar Military Institute at Lewisburg, W. Va., where Harry is a student this year.

J. W. Bish has moved into his new home recently completed by J. F. Mullins on Gilly Avenue. His father and mother and sister arrived in the Gap last week from West Virginia and will make their future home here.

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**Married at Wise.**

Miss Ethel Brooks, of Big Stone Gap, and Charlie Brewer, of Kyles Ford, Tenn., were married at Wise on Tuesday, December 20th. They were accompanied by an uncle of the bride, John C. Davis, of Rogersville, Tenn. They spent Tuesday night at Pennington Gap visiting relatives and went to Rogersville the following day. They will make their future home at Kyle's Ford where the groom is engaged in the farming business.

**Miller-Crouse.**

The marriage of Henry Miller, of the U. S. Army, and Miss Ethel Crouse, of Wise, was solemnized the past week. Mr. Miller returned to his headquarters in South Carolina, where his bride will join him in the near future. He had six more years of service with the army, before being retired on government pay.

Both are popular with many friends, who extend best wishes for their future happiness.—Coalfield Progress.

**New Year's Dinner Party.**

Mr. and Mrs. I. Tilden Gilly entertained a number of their relatives with a delightful dinner party New Year's day. Following were the guests present: Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Payne and son, of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gilly, of Wise, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young and daughter Miss Bess, of Stonega, Mrs. M. V. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gilly, Mr. J. M. Gilly and Miss Edna Gilly.

The M. D. Collier House Furnishing Company, formerly the Appalachia House Furnishing Company, have moved into their new building across the street from the Houston Hotel. In the large display windows sets of furniture and also individual pieces are neatly arranged. The whole building is well heated and it is really a pleasure to walk through the building and see the display of various kinds of furniture.—Cumberland Progressive.

**Injured on Train.**

R. E. McKinney, conductor, of Appalachia, and R. B. Hill, brakeman, of Big Stone Gap, were painfully injured last Sunday afternoon near Sunbright on the Southern when a draw-head pulled out on their train causing a jam. McKinney was thrown from the top of the caboose and suffered injuries on his head and shoulders. Hill, who was in the caboose, was thrown violently to the floor and bruised considerably. Both men were brought immediately to their homes after being given medical attention at Appalachia.

**Big Attraction.**

The theater going public of Big Stone Gap was given a rare treat during the holidays when the big production, "Over the Hill," was shown at the Amuzu Theater three nights last week. The patrons were high in their praise for this picture and some went so far as to say it was the best production ever shown in Big Stone Gap.

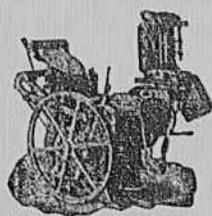
The star player, Mary Carr, played her part to perfection and easily won the hearts of the many people who saw her in this super production. Two other important characters in the play were two of her children. Although different actors represented the family in the play at the age of ten and twenty they had a marked resemblance which attracted unusual attention.

**Enjoyable Occasion.**

John and Bess Gilmer entertained a number of their friends Friday afternoon from three to six o'clock. The mode of entertainment was music, rook and fortune telling.

Mesdames Guy Gilmer and Axley Gilmer served delicious punch and other refreshments. Guests present were: Misses Frances Sayers, Katharine Painter, Nello Lytle, Janette Gilmer, Margaret Ramsey, Sarah Painter, Bess Gilmer, Robert Alsover, John Hill Goodloe, John Goodloe Tinsley, Philmore Gilmer and John Gilmer.

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