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FEMININITY—DE-HYDRATED

According to the Hoyle of Wise county's fashion Norton has the business; Big Stone has the scenery and Appalachia has the best dressed women. We'll almost admit that the gentleman is correct. Norton has the business, the Gap the aesthetic atmosphere, and Appalachia unquestionably has many well-dressed young women. So has Norton, Coeburn, Wise and the Gap. This is an age of neat dress. One does not need to journey to New York to find the flapper, the ultra fashionable, or the modest maid.

"The best dressed" is a phrase in which are incorporated many argument-provoking possibilities. What does "the best dressed" mean? That is a question of taste, undoubtedly. According to fashion's decree, as we understand that fickle muse, the modern dress is a matter of imagination, consisting mostly of thrills, aided and abetted by exclamation points. The Twentieth Century modiste leaves nothing to the imagination. He is a realist of the first magnitude. This, if text books are to be relied upon, is poor art. Power is supposed to emanate from subtle suggestion—the art of hiding art. The modiste of today hides only what the law compels him to and goes on his way rejoicing. The faxes of slinging English and sheer organics are by nature not compatible; hence the flapper. She is the result of the bastard art—the art which makes itself glaringly apparent. Like the moth her span of brief. She quits when her patent leather pumps begin to crack; or when her drag store complexion ceases to fill the crevices in her Dresden doll features. A season or two and the inborn sweetness of her becomes dehydrated, nourishing neither heart nor fancy.

Flappers in this county are in the minority, as everywhere else. We have our well-dressed women—hundreds of them. We have a way of catering to the saner dictates of Dame Fashion. And we also stick to stately perals and dream-inspiring ginghams. More dreams are spun about the weavers of ginghams and perals than any other fabric. It is the cloth of American womanhood on dress parade. Nothing is neater, nothing so expressive. As the days warm up and Summer advances, perals, ginghams and girlish grace relieve the feat that dehydrated femininity will crush the sweetness of our mothers and grandmothers.

DAVIS AND THE SENATE

After holding the center of the stage in the affairs of this Commonwealth for the past four years Westmoreland Davis steps back into the ranks of private citizen with the very natural satisfaction felt by one conscious of the fact that he has made a good record in a responsible and important office. Westmoreland Davis made a good Governor. And like several others of whom the same thing could be said, he is quite willing to top off his service in the executive mansion with a term or two in the United States Senate, if the people are agreeable.

Hoge Tyler felt the same way about it, and so did his successor, A. J. Montague, the present Congressman from the Third district. But both Governors were unfortunate in that their senatorial ambitions led them to try conclusions with that stalwart Democrat and faithful public servant, the late Thomas S. Martin. In each instant the people sent Senator Martin back to Washington.

The senatorial ambition of Mr. Davis leads to make a test of political strength with Senator Swanson who, like Senator Martin before him, goes before the voters as a candidate for reelection with the full consciousness of duty well and faithfully done. The voters of Virginia are slow to defeat public servants who go before them for reelection on the strength of a satisfactory record. They declined to turn out Martin to make a place for Montague, and later on they declined to turn out Swanson to make a place for Glass, although they recognized the latter's brilliant ability and showed their appreciation of the fact that he was of senatorial calibre when the right time came, some years later.

Judging the future by the past, we feel warranted in making the prediction that Westmoreland Davis, although he made a good Governor and is entitled to credit for his record at Richmond, is facing a disheartening if not impossible task in his approaching effort to persuade the Democrats of Virginia to turn out Claude Swanson to make a place for him in the Senate. It is possible that Mr. Davis would make a very good Senator. But Virginia has two very good Senators now, in the persons of Claude Swanson and Carter Glass, and under the constitution that is all she is entitled to, consequently there is no room in the Senate for Mr. Davis under present conditions.—Roanoke Times.

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Miss Hattie Joe Lettwich, daughter of Mrs. Joe Lettwich, of Benhams, Va., and Mr. Joe J. Whipple, of St. Charles, were quietly married Sunday May, 21st, at 7 p. m., at the home of Rev. J. F. Benton, pastor of the M. E. Church at Norton.

Mrs. Whipple, who has a position in the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office, has made during her stay in the Gap a host of warm friends who regret to lose her from their midst.

Mr. Whipple, who is a young man of sterling qualities, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Whipple, of Newcomb, Tenn. He is now proprietor of the City Meat Market at St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Whipple will make their home in St. Charles after August first.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Mary Evelyn Taylor, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Taylor, entertained a large number of her little friends at her home last Wednesday afternoon in honor of her sixth birthday.

After playing a number of games on the spacious lawn assisted by Miss Lucile Taylor, the young guests were invited into the living room where they were served delicious strawberry ice-cream and cake.

Each guest received a little kewpie doll as a favor of the occasion.

Those present were Little Misses: Anne Barron, Henrietta Lane, Betty Jane King, Helen Marshall, Virginia Gordon, Margaret Cartright, Dorothy Weems, Alice Marie Kilbourne, Anne Scott Taylor, Helen Taylor, Katherine Stone, Elizabeth Morton, Mary Belle Wright, Florence Pinkston, Jim Taylor, Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Mathews, Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, and Mrs. Fred Lee Troy.

MISS DAVENPORT'S PUPILS GIVE RECITAL

On last Friday afternoon, Miss Mary Martha Davenport's music pupils gave their recital in the High School Auditorium. The talent with which the pupils played showed the diligent and earnest work they had accomplished during the school months with Miss Davenport as teacher. A medal was awarded to Miss Margaret Wolfe as the most improved pupil in music during the year. Miss Wolfe is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wolfe, of the Gap. Miss Davenport also taught vocal music to the grades and a beautiful picture was awarded to the grades taught by Miss Garbee for the best work in music for the year.

On the same afternoon, Mrs. H. I. Sulfridge and Miss Emily Fulton, teachers in Art and Home Economics exhibited to the public their work accomplished during the year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

A telegram was received in the Gap Saturday, announcing the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. James Trigg at their home in Abingdon Saturday morning. Mrs. Trigg was formerly Mrs. Retta Marks, daughter of Mrs. Sarah F. Thompson, of the Gap, and grand-daughter of Johnnie Gilley, of the Cove.

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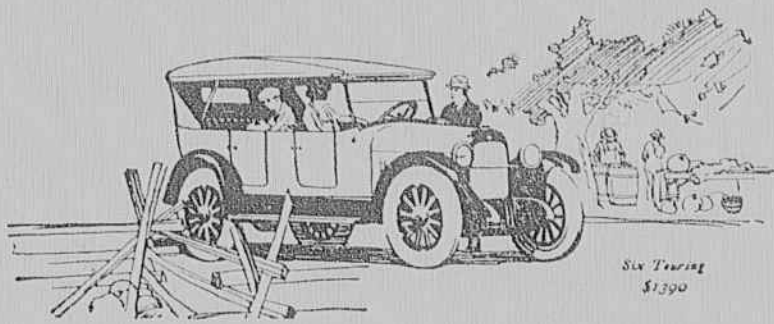
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