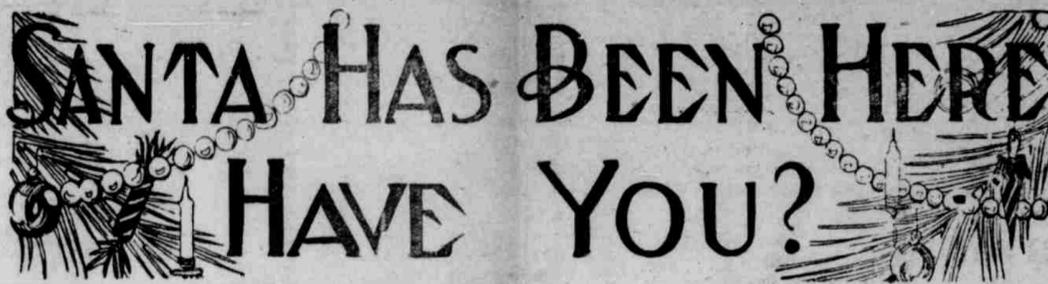


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Happenings in Society

WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES ROUND.

When Christmas time comes around it seems
As though the long, long years
Roll back and take away our cares.
And dry up all our tears;
I don't know why it is, but when
The great day comes along,
I get to feelin' young again,
And kind of turn to song.
And whistle and go on just like
A boy would, I'll be bound,
The old world seems to brighten up
When Christmas times comes round.

I'm tickled at the Jumpin' Jack
And all these kind of things;
I like to watch the toys that play
By windin' up the springs,
And somehow—don't know why it is
Love seems to fill the air,
And I forgot I've enemies
Or troubles anywhere;
And every little while I sort
Of listen for the sound
When they get up and found
Their stockings fairly bustin' out
When Christmas times comes round.

Oh, happy time of jingling bells
And hills all white with snow;
Oh, Joyful day that takes us back
To carefree long ago.
I wonder if up there above
Where happy angels roam
They do not get to thinkin' of
The happy times at home
And turn in fancy, back once more,
To listen to the sound
Of voices that have long been still
When Christmas times comes round.

—S. E. Kiser.
A Christmas Thought.
"My mother." Our language can convey no more beautiful thoughts than arise at the sound of these words, and although this blessed season means for all Christendom the birth of its Savior, yet we all bow in adoration to the mother who from His birth to Calvary heard His cross. Even the heartrending picture of the Crucifixion would be incomplete without the form of Mary standing by in agonized helplessness and inability to bear His pain and agony.
The great appeal Christ makes to man would lose half its impressiveness if in the background we did not see Mary with her wonderfully hu-

understand. This love does not awe us as that of God who gave his only begotten Son that we might not perish, but have everlasting life. We have been told how much Mary loved the world, but we know how much she loved her Son—loved Him with the devotion that only mothers can give and only mothers can understand. She is the apotheosis of motherhood that we all adore.

Ask any man over fifty years of age what woman has seemed to him the most beautiful in all the world and he will invariably answer—"My Mother." It matters not that her face be wrinkled and worn, he knows that its many seams have come from incessant care which mother love prompted. He never compares her form, which has perhaps grown stout and unwieldy, or thin and angular with fashion's accepted model; he remembers only the many times his head has been pillowed upon her sympathetic breast and his lips hushed with her loving arms.

"My Mother." Some of us, alas must close our eyes to bring back the semblance of the beloved form which, unheeded of our cries, lies quiet under the white drifts of Christmas snow, while the longing becomes a grip of agony about our hearts.

Thrice blessed season of Christmas time, when it brings "Peace on earth, good will to men," when it speaks to them of their eternal birthright, when it makes its fervent appeal for universal love in the great human family, and, most of all, when it implants in everyone's soul, no matter how far he has wandered from the sheltering arms of an all-embracing love, thoughts of—"My Mother."
—Idah McGlone Gibson.

—Idah McGlone Gibson.
Sherrod—Buder
Wedding This Week.
A wedding of great social interest will take place Thursday evening at Shattuck Hall, when Miss Bessie Buder will become the bride of Mr. Henry Pope Sherrod.
Miss Buder will be given in marriage by her brother, Mr. George Buder, of Chicago. Mrs. Fred Cox, of Attalla, Ala. will be matron of honor. Mr. Charley Sherrod, of Jackson, will be best man, and the ceremony will be conducted by Rev. S. L. Pope, pastor of the First Methodist church. Miss Maggie Franklin, of Muldon, will sing, while

the wedding march will be played by Miss Mary Glenn McCaul. Master Lewis Beard will act as ring bearer and little Misses Mary Hays and Frances French will be ribbon bearers.

Among the out-of-town guests for the wedding are Misses Flora Laughlin, of Vicksburg, May Bell Taylor, of Birmingham, Louise Saunders, of Starkville and Lillian Frazier, of West Point.

Miscellaneous Shower in Compliment to Miss Buder.

Among the delightful affairs of the week was the miscellaneous shower tendered by Mrs. Fred Cox at the home of Mrs. W. C. Beard, in special compliment to Miss Bessie Buder, whose marriage to Mr. Henry Sherrod, will take place on Thursday.

The gracious hostess who was becomingly gowned in gray satin, with georgette and gold trimmings, welcomed her guests, assisted by the honoree, who was lovely in an afternoon gown of purple satin and silver lace.

The reception hall, parlor and dining room were all thrown open. The hall and parlor were very attractive in blue, pink tulle and pink carnations. Quantities of vines were used to decorate the mantels and chandeliers. In the dining room Christmas decorations which consisted of holly, mistletoe and Christmas bells were used. Suspended between the parlor and dining room was a huge white wedding bell, from which a great number of beautiful gifts came. "At Dawning" was sung by Mrs. Eugene Beard and "The Chimes" was played as the gifts were showered upon Miss Buder.

Later in the afternoon bridge was enjoyed at five tables and Miss Hattie Wood made a top score and received dainty handkerchiefs. At the conclusion of the games a salad and a sweet course were served. The recipients of Mrs. Cox's hospitality were Misses Hattie Wood, Louise Wood, Flora Laughlin, Mary G. McCaul, Nina Bell, Etta Edwards, Lillian Mosher, Georgia Hopkins, Annie Stephenson, Blossom Hopkins. Mesdames L. E. Walker, Henry Gunter, Ernest Locke, J. W. Slaughter, R. E. Cheatham, L. A. Vaughn, Eugene Beard, Henry Beard, John Beard.

Mrs. M. E. Shattuck will entertain with a dinner party Wednesday evening in Shattuck Hall in compliment to the members of the Buder—Sherrod wedding party.

Pretty Party Given at Twentieth Century Club.

The Twentieth Century Club party given Monday afternoon by the club members was perhaps the most unique and lovely entertainment given this season.

The reception room was very pretty in Red Cross banners and quantities of bright red berries were the attractive decorations. The guests were welcomed by Mesdames T. C. Beard, T. G. Owen, Henry Johns, Parker Reeves, L. I. Brooks, Allison Hardy, Charles Hale and Hunter Walker, who were dressed as Red Cross nurses. Little Miss Susie Johns, also a lovely little nurse, passed the score cards.

Euchre was the game chosen for the afternoon. Miss Sarah Neilson was the lucky winner of the first prize, which was a handy Red Cross kit.

Salad and tea were served by Misses Frances Woodward, Marie Street, Clendenin Baird and Elizabeth Kennedy who also wore the nurse's attractive uniform.

Kennedy—Locke Wedding Solemnized.

The wedding of Miss Lilye Locke and Mr. Edwin Kennedy, which was solemnized on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. T. B. Locke, on Fifth street, south, was beautiful in detail.

The color motif of pink and white was used throughout the home. Cut flowers, tulle and ferns were used in profusion.

Rev. W. L. Duren said the impressive ceremony. The wedding march was played by Miss Mary Flood, who also sang, "I Love You Truly." The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Ernest Locke, and was followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Ernest Locke. Mr. Kennedy had as his best man Mr. Walter Beard.

The bride, who is pretty and attractive, wore a handsome gown of purple panne velvet with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of violets and valley lilies. The matron of honor was unusually striking in a dress of white brocade and carried Kilmarnock roses. A reception and dance was held immediately after the wedding. The music was furnished by a string band.

The groom is one of the most popular employees in the shoe department of Loeb's store and has many friends who congratulate him.

Among the Columbus girls who

are at home for the holidays are: Miss Marie Cady, of Johns, Miss Lucile Symons, of Meridian, Miss Adele Leigh, of Meridian, Miss Lillie Mae Randle, of Collins, and Miss Annette Caine, of Falkville, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wilkinson, accompanied by Miss Virginia Wilkinson, leave Monday for "Deer Mound," the plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanard Eguen at Minter City. They will be joined by Mr. Earle Eguen, of Blytheville, Ark., and Mrs. W. W. Westmoreland, Jr., who has been visiting in Memphis.

Lieut. Paul Peyton, of the Aviation Corps, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., is in the city on a visit to his sisters, Miss Mary Lou Peyton and Mrs. William Connor.

Miss Nancy Moore, who has been teaching school in Louisiana, and Miss Antoinette Moore, who teaches in the Memphis schools, are spending Christmas with their parents.

Miss Eleanor Steele arrived on Thursday from New York to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sanford.

Miss Estelle Rippey left Friday for Grenada to spend the holidays with her parents.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus
I will try and write you and tell you what I want you to bring me a buggy and a drum and some fire crackers and a little bank and also some roman candle and some skyrocket and some fruit. I am a little boy in the third grade 9 years old please dont forget the little orphan children
MEEK BELL.
4 ave 14 Street
Columbus, miss.

Dear santy will you bring me a dolly and a little dolly tabel and a dolly chair.
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Coubus Mississippi

Dear santie ill you pleas Brang me a overcoat and twenty five boxes of twenty two shells.
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