

# R. S. STEWART ELECTED MAYOR

## Tie of Last Week's Election Broken Today in a Second Election in Which Mr. Stewart Won By a Majority of Fourteen Votes

Mr. R. S. Stewart won the honors in the race for mayor of Lancaster in a second election held today to break the tie created by the vote in last Tuesday's election. Mr. Stewart received 110 votes to Mr. Jones' 96. There were 207 votes cast, the same as was cast in the election of last week. One was thrown out. The voting was spirited and when

the polls opened at eight o'clock this morning there were several present to cast their ballots. At 9:30 o'clock eighty votes had been cast and at noon 150. Today's election, like that of last Tuesday was quiet, and the short campaign preceding it, while spirited, was devoid of bitterness and

mud-slinging, and the result is received with satisfaction by the people of the city. The fact that there was so near an equal division in the vote does not mean that the successful candidate will not have the undivided support of the people of the city. It was merely a case of deciding between two good men.

### SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Lancaster, S. C.,  
December 15, 1917.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I want you to bring me a doll and pair of vases and set of dishes and pair of gloves, and I want some fruit and that is all for this time. I will close for this time.  
Yours truly,  
Annie Harris.

Lancaster, S. C.  
Dear Santa:  
I take pleasure in writing you a few lines as it is almost time for you to come again. Pa says you are gone to the war, but I know you are not, for you are too old. I think I will open the door again, Santa, if you will come. Please bring me some candy, apples, oranges, a knife and a .22 rifle. I am a little boy, seven years old, and going to school. I like to go and love my teacher. Her name is Miss Jessie Smith. Please don't forget her.  
Otto Adams,  
Lancaster, S. C., R. No. 8.

Lancaster, S. C.  
Hay Santa:  
How are you by this time? I hope you will be well and feeling good the 25th, Xmas, and come around with your sack on your back to see all of the little children again. I am a little girl, four years old. I want you to bring me candy, apples, oranges and a tea set and a dolly. Just anything will please me. Santa don't forget the children where their pa is gone to the war.  
So I close.  
Lanora Adams,  
Lancaster, S. C.

Hello Santa:  
They tell me you are Santa. Well then Santa, I am a little boy, two years old. I want you to come Xmas and bring me a little waggon, a bugle and some candies and nuts. So I close with best wishes and hoping to see you soon.  
Shuford Adams.

Heath Springs, S. C.  
My Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you? I go to school every day at Caston school. I am looking for you Xmas. As the war is on I won't ask for you to bring me much. I want a bicycle and some fruit. Please bring that, but remember our dear boys at the army and send them some Christmas things.  
Yours truly,  
Curtis Sims.

Dear Old Santa:  
Hope you will come to see me this Christmas. I want you to please bring me a ring, bracelet and a pair of kid gloves and candies, fruits, nuts and firecrackers. That is all, I guess.  
Your little girl,  
Lena Hinson,  
Heath Springs, S. C., Dec. 10, 1917.

Dear Old Santa:  
I thought the Germans had captured you until I heard that they had not shot close you. Please Santa I want you to bring me a ring and necklace and some fruit, candies, nuts and firecrackers. So I will close hoping the Germans won't catch you.  
Your little girl,  
Sarah Reeves.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl only two years old. Santa if you please bring me a little wagon, a rocker, a doll, some candy and nuts and fruits.  
Your little girl,  
Ruth Blackmon,  
Rich Hill, S. C.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
R. F. D. No. 5,  
December 15, 1917.  
I am a little boy, 10 (10) years old, and I want to ask a few things of him. I want some apples, oranges and chewing gum; some firecrackers. My little brother is seven years. He wants an apple and some chewing gum, and some firecrackers. My little sister wants a doll and some apples.  
Your true friend,  
Clarence Williams,  
Alma Mae Williams.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Hope you have had a fine time since last Christmas. I want you to please bring me a few things this Xmas. I will not ask much as it is war time. I want a raincoat and a wrist watch, and ring, and pair gloves, and fruits, nuts, candies, and Roman candles, firecrackers, and that's all for this time.  
Your little girl,  
Fannie Lee Blackmon.

Dear Santa:  
Christmas will soon be here and I thought I would write and tell you what I want you to bring me. I am thirteen years old and go to school and am in the seventh grade. Santa I want you to please bring me a pair of skates, a bracelet, a ring and nuts, fruits, candies and some firecrackers. I guess that is all for this time.  
Your little girl,  
Inez Hinson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy, three years old. Please bring me a doll and a rocking chair and bed and fruits, candies, firecrackers.  
Your little boy,  
I. W. Hinson,  
Rich Hill, S. C.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will let you know the few things that I want. It is fireworks and a little cash register, and story book, and also fruits and candy, and if you will bring them to me I will be obliged indeed.  
Your little friend,  
Ezralee Bailey.

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll carriage that can ride my big doll in. I want a doll bed, a set of furs, some fruit and nuts.  
Your little friend,  
Eleanor Blackmon,  
Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 16, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl, nine years old. I want you to bring me a muff and a fur and a pair of rubbers, and candies and fruits and raisins.  
Your friend,  
Katherine Cook.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am five years old and ma says I am not so bad. I want the soldier boys to have most of my Xmas but send me an airplane and some large firecrackers. I want to get the Kyzer.  
W. P. Caskey.

Hello Santa Claus:  
I hope the Germans have not killed you and you will be able to make your usual round this year. I am a little boy, four years old this Xmas. I have a little twin sister. Please bring her something nice. On your journey do not forget  
Your little twins,  
Gary and Fay Small,  
Heath Springs, S. C., R. No. 2,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me some fireworks and all kinds of fruit and nuts. I am eight years old and have been a smart boy this year.  
Your friend,  
Herbert Small,  
Heath Springs, S. C., R. No. 2,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy, eight years of age, and I want you to bring me a riding whip and some fireworks and fruits, and nuts of all kinds and some candy.  
From your little friend,  
Eugene Small,  
Heath Springs, S. C., Route No. 2,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 15, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a large doll and a buggy and a tea set. Dear Old Santa the war is on and that is all I ask for this time.  
Louise Jolly.

Please send me a great big sleepy doll and a buggy.  
Evelyn Jolly.

Please bring me a large wagon and a train.  
Boodbye,  
Woodrow Wilson Jolly.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a box of paints and a cannon and some fruit and that's all I'll ask for this year. Our grade sent \$19.12 to support a French child. Don't forget to stop at my house.  
Your little friend,  
John Poag Drennan.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa:  
I am in the third grade. My teacher is Miss Brock. I like her fine. I am eleven years old. Dear Santa, I want a watch bracelet and a little piano. I want a doll that can open and shut her eyes, and a cart and a bed and a trunk and fruits.  
Your friend,  
Jannie Starnes.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 17, 1917.  
Dear Santa:  
I am in the thrd grade and I am eleven years old, and I am very good. I hope you will bring me a shotgun and some firecrackers and fruits of all sorts. I wish you a merry Christmas.  
R. J. Helms.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl, age ten years, and go to school and am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Smith. I like her fine. Please bring me a rocker, a doll carriage and a doll and fruits, nuts and candies.  
Your little girl,  
Loree Blackmon,  
Rich Hill, S. C.

Lancaster, S. C.,  
Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am in the third grade. I have been on the honor roll every time so far. I am ten years old.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a watch bracelet and a little piano. I want a dolly that can open her eyes, and some apples and all kind of fruit and some candy and fireworks. My teacher is good to us, and I like her. I think I am good at school. I hope I am. We are supporting a little French child. We have given \$19.12. I want some raisins and oranges.  
Your friend,  
Frances Culp.

**TAX NOTICE.**  
Public notice is hereby given that the books for collection of City Taxes will be open from December 1st to December 31st, inclusive.  
E. C. SECREST,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS**  
**DR. J. REECE FUNDERBURK,**  
Dental Surgeon.  
Office Hours:  
8:30 to 12:30 A. M.  
2:00 to 6:00 P. M.  
And by Appointment.  
Office, 160.  
Residence, 16.  
Office over B. C. Hough.

**BUSINESS NOTICES**  
**GET YOUR CHRISTMAS** fruits, nuts and other things to eat at Bennett-Terry Co., the Pure Food Store. 19-2t-np.

**FOR SALE**—One Berkshire sow, entitled to registration, one year old; weight about 250; first check for \$85 gets her. Also several shoats from 50 to 125 pounds. Two good Jersey milk cows. W. B. Faulkenbury, Heath Springs, S. C. 19-1t-np.

**FOR SALE**—We have 2 adding machines and will sell one good standard adding machine at one-third cost for quick sale. Bennett-Terry Co. 19-1t.

**FOR SALE CHEAP**—20 Movable Colony Chicken Houses, made in the most up-to-date manner. Will hold as many as 30 chickens. Delivered Lancaster \$17.50 or will sell on the ground for \$14.00. This is about one-half of what it would cost to construct them. J. Roy Cunningham. 18-2t-pd.

**BENNETT-TERRY CO.** is headquarters for choice nuts, fruits, and all Christmas eatables. You'll find the best of everything at this store. 19-2t-np.

**WANTED**—Cow hides, horse hides, mule hides, sheep hides, goat hides, mink skins, muskrat skins, coon skins, red fox skins. Will pay highest market price. See me before you sell. Capers Cauthen, Lancaster, S. C. 17-3t-pd.

**FOR SALE**—Buick Racer—submarine type, excellent running condition. Suitable for truck. Big bargain. Apply Plyler & Mackey, Lancaster, S. C. 15-tf.

**DR. W. S. HOLLY,** Veterinary Physician, Surgeon and Dentist. Office at Gregory, Hood Live Stock Co. stables. Phone 226, Lancaster, S. C. 16-1m-pd.

**NOTICE.**  
All hunting, fishing, trapping or otherwise trespassing on the Foster Farm is prohibited under penalty of the law.  
17-2t-np. LEROY SPRINGS.

## Mr. R. S. Stewart, Candidate for Mayor, Replies to Mr. Jones

To the Citizens of Lancaster:

During the dark hours of the night preceding last Tuesday's Municipal election, my opponent for Mayor, Mr. C. D. Jones, distributed over the town of Lancaster a certain circular, which was later reproduced and favorably commented upon in The Lancaster News.

In this circular Mr. Jones very properly states the policies for which he stands in his candidacy for re-election; but at the same time charges, by inference and innuendo, that I, and those associated with and supporting me, stand for lawlessness, "Blind-tigers, Gambling Dens and worse Places." My first impulse was to treat these insinuations with a dignified supreme contempt, which they so richly deserve; but since they are being privately repeated and amplified, I feel that it is only fair and just to myself and my friends to say to the public, that ANY AND ALL STATEMENTS PUBLISHED OR SPOKEN TO THE EFFECT THAT I, OR MY SUPPORTERS, STAND FOR ANY FORM OF LAWLESSNESS REPRESENTS A TISSUE OF ERROR AND UNTRUTH.

In my race for Mayor, I have the warm friendship and support of good, noble-hearted, Godly men, whose character and worth need no circularizing, nor newspaper commendation and praise. I have studied the Registration lists with diligence, but in vain, to discover the names of those registrants to whom Mr. Jones might refer to as "The Lawless Element." My study of these lists only served to warm within my bosom a feeling of pulsing pride in the splendid citizenship found enrolled there.

Unlike my opponent, I own and control no Newspaper and printing press to extol my talents and praise my virtues, even should a proper modesty permit; but I entertain a child-like faith that Time, in its remorseless march, has discovered, and will discover, to our fellow citizens, the virtues and the faults of us both.

As good as I may be, or as bad as my opponent would have you believe I am, he and his friends have never failed to welcome my aid and assistance in their public and political affairs. But now that I have shown the temerity to exercise the universal right of citizenship and offer for an office to which they aspire, I am viewed by them, as is said in The School for Scandal, with a "Damned Disinheriting Countenance."

I wish to say most emphatically to the people of Lancaster that I DO AND WILL STAND for "Law and Order" and "Civic Righteousness," whether I become Mayor of your town or remain a private citizen.

In my race for Mayor, I have made no promises, but now I desire to make one. It is this: IF I AM ELECTED, I WILL TAKE THE PEOPLE INTO MY CONFIDENCE. THEY SHALL HAVE FULL INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR AFFAIRS. AMONG MY FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS WILL BE A PROPER AUDITING OF THE BOOKS OF THE TOWN AND THE WATER WORKS COMMISSION; AND PUBLISHED STATEMENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE PEOPLE AT REGULAR INTERVALS, SHOWING THE TOWNS REVENUE AND THE MANNER OF ITS EXPENDITURE.

Whatever may be the results of next Tuesday's election, I shall be neither arrogant and arbitrary on the one hand; nor cast-down and ill-tempered on the other, for—

**"ETERNAL JUSTICE AND ETERNAL TRUTH ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD."**

R. S. STEWART.

December 15th, 1917.