

**December Gas Tax for County Totals \$7,346**

Special to The Chronicle.  
Columbia, Dec. 28.—Laurens county will receive \$7,346 this month as the county's allotment from the one-cent of the six cent state tax on gasoline which is apportioned monthly among the counties of the state, according to State Treasurer Jeff D. Bates.

A total of \$345,300 is being distributed among the South Carolina counties this month from the gasoline tax collected last month. Distribution is made on the basis of the number of motor vehicle licenses sold in each county.

The remaining five cents of the gas tax is retained by the state highway department.

The county receiving the largest allotment for December was Greenville, with \$32,770. McCormick county received \$1,634, the smallest allotment to any county.

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The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg. Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often 'crashed' by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several 'open houses' sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced 'open house.' But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne."



New Year's Day, aside from its festive connection, may not seem very momentous to the average citizen, but in the past it figured prominently in the making of history.

It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Here is a list of important events that have occurred on New Year's day throughout the ages:

January 1  
38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.

1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.

1735 Paul Revere born.

1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.

1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.

1792 Kentucky admitted to the Union.

1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.

1814 American dragoons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.

1815 General Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.

1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.

1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.

1907 U. S. pure food law put into effect.

1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.

1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

**West Clinton**

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Dunaway. The junior missionary society rendered a Christmas play, entitled "A Kind Deed." Mrs. Louis Ivey sang "O Holy Night." Joan Burgess, at certain places in the play, rendered the familiar song, "Rock-a-bye Baby." The closing number on the program was another play by the junior missionary society, entitled "Grandma Riley's Christmas," followed by a reading by Georgia May Hamilton.

**A Very Unique Service**

On Christmas Sunday morning a very unique service was held. The regular order of worship was arranged so as to create within the hearts of all present the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. Christmas carols were sung, the Christmas story read in unison by the congregation and the pastor delivered a Christmas message on the theme "Christmas in Every Land." However, what made the service unique was special mention of four wedding anniversaries being celebrated during the Christmas season, namely Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas, married forty years; Mr. and Mrs. David Word, thirteen years; Mr. and Mrs. Marcelle Barker, eleven years, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, fifteen years. By request, in honor of these couples, the pastor rendered a vocal solo, entitled "Lead Me to Calvary," after which he made appropriate remarks in which he congratulated them on reaching these mile posts together, wishing them many more happy and successful years of married life.

**A Christmas Party**

On Tuesday evening, December 20, a lovely Christmas party given in honor of the junior missionary society was held in the home of Mrs. Murray Adams, sponsor of the society. The girls, accompanied by Miss Marie Weir at the piano, sang songs appropriate to the Christmas season.

Mrs. Adams served dainty refreshments in Christmas style, after which Santa Claus made his appearance in the room and delivered gifts to all present.

**Preachers Meeting**

On Tuesday, January 3, at 10:30 the regular quarterly preachers meeting of the South Carolina conference of the Southern Methodist church will convene in Bailey Memorial church. The program of the church at large for the new year will be discussed.

**Ginn-Heaton**

Mrs. Quillen Ginn announces the marriage of her daughter, Peggy, to Carl Heaton, Jr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Gause at his home December 24, in the presence of a few close friends and relatives.

**Among The Sick**

Friends of Grady Arnold are sorry to know he is a patient at Hays hospital.

C. O. Owens continues ill at his home on Pitts street.

George McGinnis is a patient at the Moore clinic in Columbia where he underwent a hand operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burns have been ill during the holidays.

**Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

Mr. and Mrs. Marcell Barker celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boyce celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary December 24.

December 18 was Mrs. Victor Mattox's birthday.

**Birthday Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Samples, Sr., entertained at a dinner Sunday in honor of their son, Jesse, Jr., who was celebrating his 22nd birthday.

There were 34 guests present: Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Troy James and children and Ed Hall of Del Rio, Tenn.

**Final Report On State Aid For Teachers Given**

Special to The Chronicle.  
Columbia, Dec. 28.—The financial report of the South Carolina State Department of Education for the 1948-49 fiscal year reveals that the amount of state aid for salaries of teachers for which Laurens county was qualified for the fiscal year was as follows: \$123,073 for white high school teachers, \$268,083 for white elementary teachers, \$31,842 for Negro high school teachers, and \$110,741 for Negro elementary teachers.

The total amounts of the gross salaries paid through state aid in the 16 South Carolina counties for the past fiscal year are as follows, according to the financial report of the department of education: \$5,176,699 for white high school teachers, \$9,866,364 for white elementary teachers, \$1,594,573 for Negro high school teachers, and \$6,769,479 for Negro elementary teachers.

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CHEESE  
Lb. 43c  
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3-Oz. Pkg. 16c

Dried  
Blackeye Peas - 1-Lb. Pkg. 19c  
Golden Maid White  
Margarine - 1-Lb. Pkg. 19c  
A&P Apple  
Sauce - 2 No. 2 Cans 23c  
Iona Sliced or Halves  
Peaches - No. 2 1/2 Can 20c  
Niblets Brand  
Corn - 12-Oz. Can 16c  
Sunnyfield Self Rising  
Flour - 10-Lb. Bag 69c  
Shortening  
Swift Jewel - 4-Lb. Ctn. 75c  
Iona  
Peas - No. 2 Can 11c  
Packers Label  
Orange Juice - No. 2 Can 11c  
White House  
Evap. Milk - 3 Tall Cans 33c

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Delicious APPLES, 4 lbs. . . 43c

Turnip  
GREENS, 2 lbs. . . 23c  
Yellow  
ONIONS, 2 lbs. . . 18c  
Bosc or Russett  
PEARS, 2 lbs. . . 20c  
U. S. No. 1 White  
POTATOES, 10 lbs. . . 35c  
Firm Ripe  
TOMATOES, lb. . . 15c  
Bunch  
TURNIPS, 2 for . . . 25c

Red  
GRAPES, 2 lbs. . . 25c  
Green String  
BEANS, lb. . . . . 15c  
Golden Ripe  
BANANAS, 2 lbs. . . 25c  
Pascal  
CELERY, stalk . . 12c  
Large Head  
LETTUCE, 2 for . 29c  
Florida  
ORANGES, 2 doz. 39c  
Fresh  
COCOANUTS, lb. 7c  
White  
CABBAGE, 2 lbs. . 9c  
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CARROTS, 2 bch 23c  
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