

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MISS JUDY  
HAGINS, OF LANCASTER, S. C., AS OFFICIAL PRINCESS  
TO REPRESENT SOUTH CAROLINA AT THE 14TH ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
NOVEMBER 25 - 29, 1947.

The City of Birmingham is having its 14th annual  
Christmas Carnival celebration on November 25, 26, 27, 27 and 29,  
1947. The theme of this year's pageant is "The Christmas of the  
Americas." The countries of Central and South America have been  
invited to participate, and the acceptances indicate that this  
year's event will be the biggest ever held.

The Carnival is sponsored by civic and business interests  
of the Community and is arranged and directed by the Junior  
Chamber of Commerce. This year they anticipate spending approxi-  
mately \$40,000.

I was invited to designate an official Princess to go to  
Birmingham and represent the State of South Carolina. I have  
named Miss Judy Hagins, of Lancaster, South Carolina, a student  
at Limestone College, Gaffney, as the official Princess.

This young lady will be an official guest of the City and  
will participate in all of the Carnival events, which will include  
numerous luncheons, dinner parties and a gigantic parade. The  
highlight of the Carnival will be her presentation to the Royal  
Court of King Cheer and Queen Joy before a large audience at the  
Municipal Auditorium during the Coronation Ball.

Miss Hagins' escorts will be selected from the Birmingham membership of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. She will be chaperoned on all occasions. Some chaperones will be at each hotel to see that every Princess is properly housed and that her participation in the events runs smoothly.

The following expenses will be paid by the Carnival Committee: Her railroad fare to and from Birmingham, her hotel reservations, luncheons, dinners, and all other social functions of the Carnival.

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