

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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