

THE GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT:

Election of Col Manning as Supt State Penitentiary

"On my recommendation, the State Penal Board today elected Colonel Wyndham M. Manning, one of the State's distinguished citizens, Superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

"It makes me very happy that the Penal Board has been able to acquire the services of Colonel Manning, and I know South Carolina can rest assured that our prison supervision is in the best of hands.

"The Board has granted to Colonel Manning extraordinary authority to re-organize, administer and discipline the institution in all of its phases. This means a new day in prison administration and its vital relation to society in South Carolina.

"Colonel Manning's military background, his agricultural background and his administrative background make him particularly qualified to assume his new assignment.

"His military background includes National Guard service, graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Regular Army service and service in both World War I and World War II.

"Colonel Manning has had the advantage of a great deal of administrative training of a type which will prove of great value in this highly responsible assignment. During World War II, he had charge of a large number of prisoners of war, and this experience will also be invaluable to him in his new work.

"The productive operation of the three prison farms connected with the Penitentiary is an important function of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Colonel Manning has devoted much of his life and efforts to advanced agriculture and is a recognized authority on breeding of cattle and hogs.

"In many ways, Colonel Manning is making a personal sacrifice in accepting this position, but his whole life has been marked by a willingness to put public service ahead of everything else.

"South Carolina is indeed fortunate in being able to obtain for this very important task a man of Colonel Manning's proven character, ability and particular experience. There is a most important job to be done in our penal system, and I do not think that we could have found a better qualified man anywhere than Colonel Manning."