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Optimist Week in South Carolina

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STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON PROCLAIMING OPTIMIST WEEK IN THE STATE. OCTOBER 26, 1948

Having proclaimed the week of November 7-13 "Optimist Week" in South Carolina, Governor J. Strom Thurmond has notified C. M. Dinwiddie, President of the Columbia Optimist Club, that he wanted to take time out of the busy final days of his campaign as States' Rights Democratic Presidential candidate to commend the Optimists for their work among growing boys.

"Although the pressure of my activities in our States' Rights Democratic campaign are very great," he wrote Mr. Dinwiddie, "I want to take time out to commend the Optimist Clubs of this State for the splendid work they are doing in providing educational guidance and supervised recreation for some of our less fortunate boys.

"It is my understanding that the local club is aiding 150 boys in this way, and that thousands are assisted nationally. No work could be more important to the future of our State and nation than proper supervision for our growing boys."

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