

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ANNOUNCING APPOINTMENT OF
MR. O. L. BRADY AS CHIEF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. OCTOBER 29, 1949.

I have today appointed Mr. Oren Lindsey Brady, of Spartanburg, as Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Mr. Brady succeeds Mr. Joel D. Townsend, who was appointed as a member of the Industrial Commission earlier this year. During the interim, Lieutenant J. P. Strom has been serving as Acting Chief, and is to be commended for the splendid job he has done.

Chief Brady has enjoyed a long and noteworthy career as a law enforcement officer and public official in his native Spartanburg County, where he has served under three sheriffs. He is at present serving that County as Chief of Rural Police, and has also served his people as Chief of Detectives and as Register of Mesne Conveyance.

I feel that our State is fortunate in securing the services of Chief Brady as head of the Law Enforcement Division. His record of achievement is distinguished by his outstanding ability as a peace officer, and he has always held a place of high regard in his community.

Chief Brady was born May 15, 1891, on a farm in the upper part of Spartanburg County, the son of the late Joseph M. Brady and Emily Hester Brady. He began his police career January 1, 1928, and on May 1, 1930, was promoted to Chief of Rural Police for Spartanburg County. When the County organized a Detective Division 8 years later, he was elected Chief of Detectives. His long experience and special training in police work well qualify him for his new post.

He has been a resident of the City of Spartanburg for 21 years, and comes highly recommended. He is married to the former Miss Gussie Mae Edwards, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Edwards, of Spartanburg County, and they have five children. Chief Brady and his family will move to Columbia when a residence can be found.

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