

NEWS STATEMENT BY SENATOR THURMOND, January 5, 1955

Washington, Jan. 5 -- U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina today announced the appointment of five assistants in completing appointments to his Washington office staff.

They are Harry Shuler Dent, St. Matthews; Mrs. Dorothy C. Hope, Columbia; Miss Jean Quarles, Abbeville; Mrs. Sarah Jones Steppe, Charleston; and Mrs. Allien Ward, Chester.

This brings Thurmond's staff appointments to eight. He earlier announced the selection of Alex McCullough of Spartanburg to be administrative assistant, Miss Loretta Connor, also of Spartanburg, to be secretary, and Richard Dusenbury of Florence to be a Senate aide.

Dent, a graduate of Presbyterian College, has worked for the past year as a Washington correspondent for several South Carolina newspapers through Sims News Service. Prior to that, he served in the U. S. Army. He is married to the former Betty Francis of St. Matthews. They have two children.

A native of Florence County, Mrs. Hope was educated at Draughon's Business College and the University of South Carolina. She also has lived in Bamberg, moved to Columbia in 1937

Mrs. Hope has worked at Fort Jackson as secretary to the commanding general. She also has been employed by Governor George Bell Timmerman and Senator Thurmond. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mettie Cale and the late H. T. Cale, Jr., of Columbia.

Miss Quarles, a graduate of Winthrop College, has been employed by Abbeville Mills Corp., Ballenger Paving Co. of Greenville, and Pepperell Manufacturing Co. of Rome, Ga. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Y. Quarles of Abbeville.

Mrs. Ward, also a graduate of Winthrop College, is the wife of Edwin M. Ward of Alexandria, Va., a student at Virginia Theological Seminary. For the past year she has been employed at Trinity Episcopal Church as a college worker at the University of South Carolina.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. William M. Fewell of Chester.

Mrs. Steppe, a native of Greenwood County, is the wife of James T. Steppe, now of Charleston and a native of Greenville. She is a sister of Solicitor William T. Jones of the eighth circuit, Greenwood, and is a graduate nurse. She has been employed as a nurse in Charleston for the past several years.