STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON AREA TRADE SCHOOL. — AUGUST 22, 1947

South Carolina's new Area Trade School will provide the type of vocational training that is essential to the State's economic progress and industrial development, Governor Thurmond declared today.

The school, operating under the direction of the State Department of Education, opens September 15 at the Capital Airport.

"Existing and new industries need men and women skilled in various trades", the Governor said, "and it is the duty of our educational system to provide that training."

The Governor, who has taken a personal interest in the school's preliminary plans and who has conferred numerous times with the administrators, believes that the nine courses offered for men and four for women will enable graduates of the school to make advantageous entrances into the vocations.

The fact that so many applicants are seeking part-time employment in order to take the vocational training means, the Governor said, that the students are earnest and eager to get ahead.

"I know that when boys and girls are willing to sacrifice leisure time in order to get an education we have worthy students. They are certain to succeed because they are so determined to learn."

The Governor said men would be taught machine shop, electricity, radio, carpentry, cabinet making, auto mechanics and diesel engines, air conditioning and refrigeration, drafting and sheet metal work. Women students will study cosmetology, power sewing, commercial dress making and cafeteria and tea room operation.

The Governor predicted that Area Trade School graduates would have no difficulty in getting employment when the courses are completed.

He said rooms were available for $5 a month; board for $30; and apartments for married students at $20 a month. All fees are nominal.