



PORT ROYAL MAYOR J. L. RITTER PRESENTS GAVEL
 Sen. Olin Johnston gets gavel of Charles Fort timbers
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Historic SC Port to Re-open Sept. 27

PORT ROYAL — An historic South Carolina port will be re-opened to ocean trade when the South Carolina State Ports Authority dedicates its new \$1,500,000 dock facility here September 27.

The dedication ceremonies, which will open the port at 11 a.m., are expected to draw top-ranking military and Naval officers and leading officials of the state.

A destroyer escort, the U. S. S. Greenwood (DE-679) will steam into the harbor to launch the morning's activities. Aboard the vessel will be Admiral R. H. Daniel, commandant of the Sixth Naval District.

The Greenwood will be open to inspection by the public after the brief ceremonies.

A contingent of U. S. Marines from the nearby training base at Parris Island are expected to take part in the festivities. Jet aircraft from the Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station at Beaufort will salute the opening with low-level flyovers.

Invited guests at the affair will include high ranking Navy and Marine officers, leading state officials and members of the South Carolina General Assembly.

Both Gov. George Bell Timmerman and Gov.-Nominate Ernest F. Hollings are being asked to participate in the rebirth of what

was once one of the state's leading centers of world trade.

In addition to state officers, both Sens. Thurmond and Johnson and the six members of South Carolina's U. S. House delegation have been invited.

"We want to make the dedication of Port Royal a truly memorable occasion," State Ports Authority Chairman Cotesworth P. Means asserted.

"The rebirth of the port is a monument to the foresight, energy and dedication of leaders at every level of our government in South Carolina—state, county and local."

The wharf and warehouse at Port Royal is one of the first major projects completed under a \$21,000,000 state ports expansion program authorized by the General Assembly in 1957.

The project includes a 500-foot marginal pier and 64,000 square feet of transit shed space, both constructed of steel-reinforced concrete.

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