

## Estill Man To Be Candidate For State Senator *1954*

ESTILL, Feb. 24 (Special)—W. A. (Streak) Lawton of Estill announced today that he would be a candidate for state senator from Hampton County in the Democratic Primary this summer.

An honor graduate of Clemson College in 1937, Mr. Lawton has made his home in Estill since 1946, when he purchased the C. M. Clarke Oil Company and which he now operates as the Lawton Oil Company, distributors of petroleum products in Hampton, Allendale and Jasper Counties.

In making his announcement, Mr. Lawton said he was offering for state senator "entirely on my own" and that, if elected, he intends to serve "for the best interests of all of the citizens of Hampton County and the State of South Carolina."

"I have no commitments or obligations to any individual or group and I feel that the future of Hampton County will be one of expansion and development provided honest, progressive and intelligent leadership is available to guide and direct the future of the county," he said.

Mr. Lawton was born in Freeburn, Ky., on May 15, 1915, the son of Tressa Stokes and the late Dr. F. A. Lawton. As a boy, he worked in the mines of West Virginia. He entered Clemson in the fall of 1933 and was a star back on the football team. After graduation, he taught and coached at Walterboro High School. He was later teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of Olympia Schools in Columbia.

*State* South Carolina's Largest Newspaper

COLUMBIA, S. C., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1954



**HAMPTON SENATOR SWORN IN:** Hampton County's new senator, W. A. Lawton of Estill, is shown being sworn in by Secretary of State O. Frank Thornton, center, in the

State House last week. Accompanying Senator Lawton to watch him take the oath of office are Mrs. Lawton and their children. (Munn-Teal photo). *2-11-54*