

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, Dec. 11. — Moving to take advantage of a new surplus property administration order authorizing federal agencies to turn over immediately to state or local governments without charge any surplus property adaptable to housing, Gov. R. Gregg Cherry today instructed Wilmer Z. Betts, who is in charge of securing surplus property for North Carolina, to "get all of this temporary housing possible in the name of the State of North Carolina." Cherry emphasized that property secured in this manner would be used for housing returning veterans, and as an additional measure to relieve a pressing housing shortage he said that he is strongly recommending that the federal government give priority to veterans in the construction of small homes costing up to \$5,000.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. — The house gave right of way today to legislation outlawing asserted racketeering practices by labor after sidetracking another measure aimed at contract-violating strikes. By a vote of 259 to 168, the house agreed to consider a bill levying heavy penalties on anyone interfering with the interstate movement of goods "by robbery or extortion." The measure itself is scheduled to be voted on tomorrow. Earlier, the house defeated by a vote of 200 to 182 a move to bring up legislation to penalize unions violating no-strike contract provisions. Even some proponents of the measure favored delay to give more time for study of labor legislation asked by President Truman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. — The United States tonight reaffirmed a stern peace for Germany and promised her "an exceedingly hard winter." But it foresaw German economy beginning a gradual recovery next spring and getting back on its feet about 1948. But the state department announced a broad scale economic policy for Germany which calls on the United States and other allied powers to finance a program of German imports over the next two years. Such aid will be necessary to "prevent disease and unrest" in the shattered nation, the department said. There was no estimate of the amount of money involved in the proposed financial aid, but it was believed the American share might run into hundreds of millions.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11. — The C. I. O.-united steelworkers, rejecting President Truman's appeal to continue at work, today set January 14 for the beginning of a general strike in the nation's steel mills. Unless it is forestalled, the strike will be the largest in the history of American industry, affecting an estimated 700,000 workers at basic steel mills and in the allied aluminum and iron ore industries. At issue is the steel workers' demand for a \$2-a-day pay increase, which was turned down by the steel companies on the ground that wages could not be raised without commensurate increases in the price of steel products.

INTERNATIONAL

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 11. — Gen. George S. Patton, his neck fractured in an automobile accident Sunday, was slightly improved tonight as Mrs. Patton arrived at his bedside after a dangerous trans-Atlantic flight thrown off schedule twice by bad weather. After conferring with eminent

Proclamation
BY HIS MAJESTY
Santa Claus
only 2 weeks
until
Christmas
1945

BADLY IN NEED OF LEGISLATIVE STRIKE ACTION

Secretary Of Labor Calls For "Fact-Finding"

STEEL WORKERS NEXT

Strike Of 700,000 Men Will Have Effect That Will Be Felt By All

ECONOMY THREATENED

With the C. I. O.-United Steel Workers of America having announced a strike of 700,000 steel, aluminum and iron ore workers for January 1, which will be felt in Elkin as well as throughout the nation as a whole, Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach told Congress Wednesday the nation was in "critical need" of President Truman's fact-finding labor program.

"The situation is one in which the national interest clearly calls for legislation action," he said. "The inability of labor and management to rediscover the instrumentalities of collective bargaining... has resulted in extensive industrial unrest."

Schwelienbach testified before the Senate Education and Labor Committee in favor of legislation embodying Mr. Truman's proposals. The president recommended that he be authorized to set up fact-finding boards whenever labor disputes threatened the national economy.

While Schwelienbach urged approval, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor went before the House Labor Committee to restate his vigorous objections to Mr. Truman's program.

The A. F. L. and other segments of organized labor are especially opposed to a provision of the pending legislation which would forbid unions to strike while the fact-finding process is underway.

FUNERAL HELD FOR A. D. STOUT

Well Known Jonesville Citizen Passes At Hugh Chatham Hospital

A NATIVE OF IREDELL

A. D. Stout, 70, of Jonesville, died last Friday morning at 8:30 in the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital resulting from pneumonia and complications of which he had been critically ill for one day.

Born in Iredell county on September 28, 1875, he was a son of S. G. and Martha Bynum Stout. Mr. Stout was a member of the Jonesville Baptist church, where he had lived for forty years. He was married twice, first to Miss Bertie Pearson and the second time to Miss Bertha Crater.

He is survived by the widow and four sons, of the first marriage, L. F. Stout, of Pfafftown; Roy B. Stout, of Winston-Salem; Claude Stout, of Miami, Fla.; and John B. Stout, of Los Angeles, California; four brothers, C. W. Stout, of Charleston, W. Va.; E. J. Stout, of Bradford, Ohio; E. S. Stout, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and L. B. Stout, of Reno, Nevada; two sisters, Miss Lucy Stout, of Moravian Falls; and Mrs. E. V. Parlier, of Ridgeway, Va.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Zion Baptist church, in Iredell county. The body lay in state at the church from 2:30 until 3. Rev. Joe Hogan, Rev. D. G. Reece, and Rev. Glenn Mendenhall were in charge of the rites, and interment was made in the church cemetery. Nephews acted as pallbearers.

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Floyd C. (Tom) Forester, 64, of North Wilkesboro, one of the most widely known citizens of North-western North Carolina, died Tuesday at noon at Davis Hospital in Statesville. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Forester, known as "Tom" to his many friends in this section, as well as all over North Carolina, was one of North Wilkesboro's best-known businessmen. For many years he was active in politics in his county and State. He served as chairman of the Wilkes County Democratic executive committee for a number of years, was a member of the State executive committee, and a delegate to the national Democratic convention in 1932, at Chicago, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated as the party's standard bearer.

Up until a few days prior to his death, Mr. Forester was active in carrying on his oil business which he operated at North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville.

Mr. Forester was born on June 2, 1881, the son of the late Albert and Sarah Virginia Forester. He was married a number of years ago to Miss Mary Lina McLain, who, with two daughters, Mrs. F. P. Blair, Jr., and Mrs. Watson Brance, survive. Five grandchildren also survive.

The funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church at North Wilkesboro. Burial will be in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Guernsey Officials In Meeting At Pinehurst

The winter meeting of the Executive committee of the American Guernsey cattle club and the Advisory council of Golden Guernsey, Inc., which met at Southern Pines Wednesday was well represented by several northwestern men who attended.

Among those from the northwest who attended the meeting were T. F. Cooley, Elkin, president of the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders Association; M. F. Shore, Cycle; R. W. Pou, Forsyth county agent; T. Holt Haywood, Winston-Salem; J. L. Quinn, Clemmons.

This was the first time in history the American Guernsey cattle club has held an Executive committee meeting in the south.

Surry Men Delegates Farm Bureau Meet

Neill M. Smith, Surry county farm agent, P. N. Taylor, of White Plains, secretary of the Surry farm bureau, and Ray Norman, Route 1, Elkin, successful member in farm bureau membership campaign, are delegates to the American farm bureau convention which is to meet in Chicago next week at the Sherman hotel.

Approximately 5,000 farm bureau leaders throughout the nation will attend this convention.

The Surry county delegates will leave Mount Airy on Friday on a special bus for the convention, along with 200 other representatives of the bureau from North Carolina.

The supply of sugar for the first quarter of 1946 will be sufficient to maintain civilian rationing at present levels.

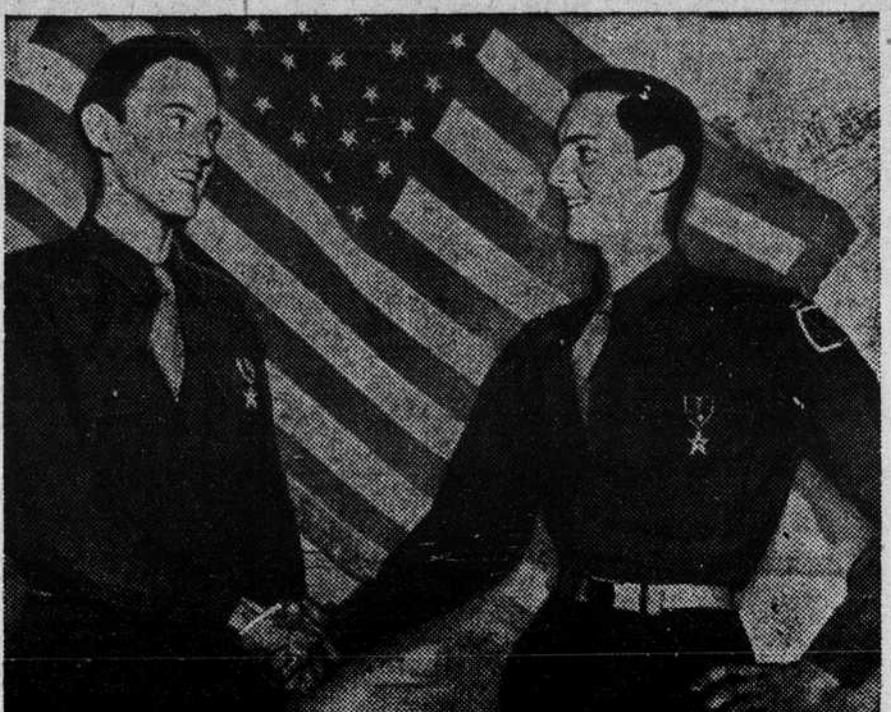
The oldest known rocks come from Carilla, Russia and are believed to be one billion-eight-hundred-fifty-million years old.

Farmers Urged To Fill Out 1945 Reports

All farmers of Surry county who have carried out soil-building practices on their farms in 1945 and want to apply for a soil conservation payment, must fill out a 1945 performance report, according to Hal E. Collins, secretary of the Surry County A. C. A.

Mr. Collins requests that you see your local community committeeman or stop by the ACA office in Dobson at any time. No applications for payment will be approved that are filed after February 15, 1946, and the sooner you fill out your report, the quicker your check will be sent to you, he stated.

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado is bordered by Arizona on one side and Utah on the other.



TWINS WIN SAME AWARD — Heroism is a family trait with the Longmore twins of Pittsburgh, Pa. Sons of Mrs. Charles Longmore, both were presented with the bronze star, won in Italy while fighting with the U. S. Mountain troops. William is at left and his twin Charles at right.

F. C. FORESTER DIES TUESDAY

Prominent North Wilkesboro Citizen Was Widely Known In State

MERCURY DROPS TO 16 AS ELKIN DONS GOOSEBUMPS

Elkin joined with the remainder of the state Tuesday night to experience the coldest weather of the winter thus far, the mercury registering an unofficial low of 16 degrees early Wednesday morning.

This was a drop of two degrees over the night before, when the mercury went to 18.

If local residents thought the weather cold here, the residents of West Jefferson and Boone should be given their full share of condolences, because according to reports, the mercury went to six above zero in both those mountain towns.

It's not guaranteed, but the report of the weatherman for Wednesday night and today (Thursday), was for somewhat warmer in the mountains, with increasing cloudiness followed by rain Thursday evening or night.

HALE RESIGNS RED CROSS JOB

Officers Of Organization Hold Meeting At Blue Ridge Hotel, Mt. Airy

ELKIN MEMBERS ATTEND

Officers of the Surry county chapter of the American National Red Cross met on Thursday night at the Blue Ridge hotel in Mount Airy in a dinner session.

Kellock Hale, Jr., who has been chairman of the Surry county chapter for the past six years resigned that position at the meeting. Mr. Hale will be succeeded by Robert Smith, of Mount Airy.

Mrs. J. O. Bivins, chairman of the Elkin branch; Miss Bettie Allen, treasurer of the local chapter; and C. J. Hyslop, chapter controller, attended the meeting and each were given a certificate in recognition for meritorious personal service, which signifies that these three have given 200 hours each of their time to Red Cross work.

National Red Cross service pins were also presented to Mrs. Bivins, Miss Allen, and Mr. Hyslop.

Lions Officials To Attend Friday Meet

Lions International Director John H. Kalte, of High Point, and District Governor Okey J. Allison, of Winston-Salem, and Guy Ward, of Winston-Salem, will be special guests here Friday evening at a steak dinner meeting of the Elkin Lions Club, to be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA at 6:45.

During this meeting forty-nine new members, recently enrolled during a special membership drive, will be formally installed.

A special program has been arranged for the meeting.

City Auto Tags To Go On Sale December 15

Elkin city tags, which must be purchased by all motorists who live within the city limits and be displayed on their automobiles, will go on sale at the City Hall here Saturday, December 15, it was learned Wednesday from Chief of Police Corbett Wall.

Mr. Wall said the tags will cost \$1.00 each, and must be purchased by January 1, 1946. He said a determined effort will be made to enforce the city tag law, and motorists who fail to buy will be cited to court, where they will be taxed with the court costs in addition to the cost of the tag.

FATALITIES ON N. C. HIGHWAYS SHOW INCREASE

77 Persons Killed And 436 Injured In October

IS 26 PER CENT GAIN

Many Of Fatal Accidents Caused Through Pure Carelessness

564 KILLED THIS YEAR

The State Department of Motor Vehicles at Raleigh, said Wednesday that there was a 26 per cent increase in fatalities on North Carolina's highways and streets in October of this year as compared with the same month in 1944.

A total of 77 persons were killed and 436 injured in October, the department said, as compared with 61 killed and 332 injured in October, 1944.

During the first 10 months of 1945, the report said, 5,714 accidents were reported with 564 persons killed and 3,313 injured, while during the same period last year there were 4,876 accidents with 512 persons killed and 2,780 injured. This is an increase for the 10-month period of more than 10 per cent.

T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of motor vehicles, said that the "pathetic part of this report is that practically, if not all of these accidents could have been avoided through careful, efficient and courteous driving."

He pointed out that so long "as motorists continue to drive carelessly and recklessly with a total disregard to the safety of themselves and others—the tragic toll of human life will continue to be exacted."

"It would seem," he said, "that the living would eventually learn the mistakes of the dead and maimed. Unfortunately, their story must be told by others."

Fatal accidents reported for October were listed as:

Motor vehicle in collision with motor vehicle, 27; motor vehicles ran off highway, 22; motor vehicle and pedestrians, 16; motor vehicle and train, 3; motor vehicle overturned on highway, 3; other noncollision, 3; motor vehicle with fixed object, 2; and motor vehicle and bicycle, 1.

ELKIN SQUAD IS GUEST OF CLUB

Junior Chamber Entertains Football Players At Banquet Monday

LETTERS ARE AWARDED

Members of the Elkin high school football squad were special guests of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce at a banquet staged at the YMCA Monday night.

Frank Spencer, sports editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, was guest speaker for the event. He lauded the local boys on the fine spirit they showed during the football season and stressed the fact that boys learn much more than the game on the gridiron. "They learn cooperation," he said, "that is not only necessary during a game, but necessary in the game of life."

Mr. Spencer also lauded Coaches Carpenter and Abernathy for the job they have done in producing a winning team, and had high praise for the members of the Junior Chamber for the leading part they have shown in the school athletic program.

N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of the local school, and one of the football coaches, thanked the Jaycees for backing the team. He expressed the opinion that the team had had a successful year. "I'm proud of the varsity," he said, "but even more proud of the scrubs, for the scrubs make the varsity what it is." He paid tribute to all the boys on the squad for a job well done.

Coach Carpenter concluded his talk by recognizing those members of the squad who had earned their letters, and awarded letters to the following: ends, Bob Lawrence and Bob Harris; tackles, Jack Park and Sam Shugart; guards, Fred Ratledge and Ketchel Adams; center, Dickie Mayberry; fullbacks, Tom Parker and Brady Osborne; halfbacks, Bob Ratledge and Dewey York, and Sam Adams and Bob Sparks.

Bill Price and Joe Myers were also recognized as co-managers of the 1945 team.

Present at the meeting as guests of the Jaycees were Mayor Garland Johnson and the following commissioners: C. N. Myers, R. C. Freeman, J. W. L. Benson and J. O. Bivins. Members of the Elkin school board were also invited, but due to illness or other reasons only one member, Jaycee Claude Farrell, was present.

President Alex Biggs opened the meeting and turned it over to Jaycee Dr. Vernon Taylor, who arranged the program. Dr. Taylor said he had planned to show motion pictures of the recent Wake Forest-Duke game, but the film failed to arrive.

Toward the close of the program Ketchel Adams, speaking in behalf of the football team, expressed thanks to Coaches Carpenter and Abernathy for their efforts and patience during the season, and presented each with a Chatham Blanket.

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MINISTERS OF AREA IN MEET

Rev. R. G. Tuttle Heads Elkin-Jonesville Area Ministerial Group

ARE TO MAKE SURVEY

The ministers of the Elkin-Jonesville churches met on Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A., to reorganize the Elkin-Jonesville Area Ministers Association which had lapsed for about two months due to so many of the ministers having left Elkin and Jonesville recently.

During the meeting officers were elected to serve for the 1945-46 year as follows: President, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of the Elkin Methodist church; vice-president, Rev. Ralph Ritchie, of the Elkin Presbyterian church; secretary and treasurer, Rev. C. Marvin Boggs, of the Jonesville Methodist church.

Among many other matters discussed, tentative plans were made for conducting an area-wide religious survey within the near future.

Kiwanis Club To Be Host To Troop 46

Boy Scout Troop No. 46, sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club, will be guests of the club this evening (Thursday), at the Gilvin Roth YMCA at 6:30 o'clock.

Gordon Finley, district commissioner of the Wilkes District, Old Hickory Council, will be guest speaker.

Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of the Elkin Methodist church, and a member of the club, was speaker at last week's meeting, using as his subject "The World Situation."

Legion Auxiliary Expresses Thanks

The American Legion Auxiliary wishes to extend its appreciation to merchants and citizens of Elkin for the cooperation given them in collecting Christmas gifts to be presented to veterans in the Camp Butler Hospital on Christmas day.

Many useful and attractive gifts were given, among which were seven radios.

Donations have already been sent to Camp Butler for distribution.

Annual Christmas Party To Be Held

It has been announced by the Y. M. C. A. officials that the annual Christmas party for all the elementary boys and girls from Elkin and Jonesville will be held on Tuesday evening of next week at 4:00 o'clock at the Y.

All the boys and girls are invited to attend and enjoy the short movies that will be shown, the group singing, and refreshments.



HE'S MAD — Patrick J. Hurley, who recently resigned as U. S. ambassador to China with charges that professional diplomats in the state department were sabotaging the basic principals of American foreign policy, has threatened to carry his story to the public since a Senate investigating committee decided to cancel their investigation of his charges.

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E-Bond Sales Continue To Lag In Drive

Surry Bonded Indebtedness Is Reduced

Surry county's bonded indebtedness was reduced to \$877,000 with the December payment of \$26,000 on maturing bonds, it has been announced by George E. Welch, county accountant.

During the fiscal year payments on principal totaled \$121,000, Mr. Welch said.

Payments on interest during the same period — July 1 through December — amounted to \$24,856.25, the summary for the first half of the year shows.

Surry Is Over Top On Overall V-Bond Quota

With a little over two weeks remaining in the Victory Bond drive, "E" bond sales are still lagging, although the overall quota has been over-subscribed.

According to Miss Mattie Mae Powell, chairman of the local drive, Elkin's total "E" bond sales to date are listed at \$146,800.00, which is an increase of \$42,680.25 over last week's report.

J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, county chairman, has announced that "E" bond sales in Surry county as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, dated December 8, amount to \$218,075.00, which is 47 1/2% of this county's quota that has been set for \$454,000.00. This does not, however, include additional sales which were not sent in until the 8th, which it was believed, would total approximately \$75,000.00, thereby making this county short of its quota by \$150,000.00.

Every effort is being made to cover this shortage, Mr. Yokley said. Neill M. Smith, county farm agent, is urging each of his leaders to put on a person to person canvas, and both Beulah and Pilot Mountain have auction sales scheduled within the next few days. With the shortage of Christmas goods a reality, it is believed that bonds, "the present with a future," will be used as Christmas presents.

Surry county has met every bond challenge heretofore in all of the seven War Loans, and it is firmly believed by the officials that the Victory Loan that is now in progress will prove successful by the end of the drive which ends on December 31.

State War Finance chairman, Clarence T. Leinbach has recently appealed to North Carolinians to take advantage of the "last opportunity to show their patriotism in bond-buying" by purchasing nearly \$900,000 worth of "E" bonds per day during the remaining selling period of fourteen days in the Victory Loan campaign. Investment in this amount, said Mr. Leinbach, is necessary in order that North Carolina reach its E bond quota of \$30,000,000.

"We've still got a large challenge before us," he said, "and the thing that should be realized is that the boys went across for us, and now it's our opportunity to come across for them."

It has been pointed out that even though the fighting is over and the glamour is gone, bonds must still be bought in order to get the boys back home.

A bond selling rally was conducted last Friday night in Dobson under the direction of J. Sam SENTRY, principal of the Dobson school. Neill M. Smith and Herman Coe, auctioneers, were largely responsible for the \$27,000.00 bond sale resulting from the rally.

SCHOOL HEADS HOLD MEETING

Business Session Is Held In Office Of Supt. John W. Comer

DR. ANDREWS SPEAKER

Surry county school principals met on Wednesday night in a dinner session at the Dobson hotel at 6:30, after which a business session was held in the office of John W. Comer, County school superintendent.

Featuring the program was an address by Dr. Ralph Andrews, consultant of the community health service program, sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Andrews, in co-operation with the State Board of Health, proposed to promote a better health program to be conducted throughout the schools of Surry county, due to the fact that more nurses and doctors are available now to the county.

Mr. Comer has announced that Dr. R. E. C. Franklin, who has been away on a leave of absence as a member of the armed forces, is back and that the Board of Health expects him to return to his duties in the county as administrative head by the first of February.

It was also learned from Mr. Comer that Miss Harris, former army nurse, of Mount Airy, will begin work in the county on Monday, along with Mrs. Pauline Irwin.

ELKIN SPLITS OPENING GAMES

Boys Easily Defeat Ronda 39-7, While Girls Are Losers By 29 To 22

TO PLAY WEST YADKIN

Opening the basketball season at the Elkin school gymnasium here Tuesday night, the locals split a double header with Ronda, the Elkin boys winning easily by 39 to 7, while the Elkin girls lost 29 to 22.

Key and Mathis stood out for the Ronda girls, while Steelman was the big offensive threat for Elkin, scoring 14 points.

In the boys' game, Bob Harris and Fred Ratledge were high scorers for Elkin, Harris netting 23 points and Ratledge 8. The entire team played an excellent game on the defense.

The Elkin teams will meet West Yadkin school at the local gym this evening (Thursday), the first game to start at 7:00 o'clock.

Discuss Golf Course At Wilkes Meeting

A meeting was held Tuesday night at North Wilkesboro by citizens interested in the construction of a golf course in that vicinity.

It is understood that North Wilkesboro golfers have a plan for the construction of a course jointly with a number of Elkin citizens, with the course to be located midway between the two towns.

Action taken at the Wilkes meeting was not learned.

Elkin Schools To Close 19th; In County 21st

The Elkin schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 19, and reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 1946.

According to Surry county school superintendent, John W. Comer, schools in the county will close on Friday, December 21 for the Christmas holidays to reopen on Monday, December 31.

It was said, however, that this ruling was amendatory in some cases where the schools have good reasons for a change in the holiday schedule.

Several Are Sent To Army Camps

Several white and colored boys were sent to Fort Bragg last week, from Yadkin county. Some of them went for induction and others for pre-induction examination. Those sent were:

For induction, white: Foy Melvin Scott, Jack Nathan Wishon, J. D. Groce.

For induction, colored: William Henry Phillips, Chas. A. Kimber, Cornelius Rudolph Horton, and Ernest Onsalow Spillman.

For pre-induction examination, colored: Roy Hampton, Jr., James Junior Reinhardt, Alfred Herman Hauser, Chester Leo Porter, Vance R. J. Martin.