# Was Used In War

#### Former Secretary of War Was Man To Make the Recommendation

(In view of the public interest lay in transplanting. and importance of the story, this paper, with permission of Harper's Magazine, is reprinting Former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's historic decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan, and the facts leading up to it.

(The story is rather long, and will appear in installments. The first in the series follows:)

In recent months, there has been much comment about the decision to use atomic bombs in attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This decision was one of the gravest made by our Government in recent years, and it is entirely proper that it should be widely discussed. I have therefore decided on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, on Nagasaki on August 9. and the Japanese decision to surrender, Mill Ground Them on August 10. No single individual can hope to know exactly Out In Less Than what took place in the minds of all of those who had a share in these events, but what follows is Two Hours' Time an exact description of our thoughts and actions as I find Tribunal Expected to Comthem in the records and in my clear recollection.

It was in the fall of 1941 that the question af atomic energy was first brought directly to my attention. At that time President relating to the study of nuclear ing. fission which was then proceedyears thereafter I was directly and none was contested. Without connected with all major decis- repairing to their room for delibdertaking; my chief advisers in men raise their hands time and this period were General Marsh- again, one observer thought the all, Dr. Bush, Dr., Conant, and men were fanning away, flies. Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, the officer in charge of the project. Divorces were granted the following: Archie Mizelle against At the same time I was the Presi- Fay Walker Mizelle, Leona Little dent's senior adviser on the mili- against Ernest Little, Ernestine cent wage, the apparently greedy

ing the earliest successful devel- Booker T. Hardison, William M. reasons for this policy were nett, Nellie G. Ambrose against equally simple. The original ex- Raymond Ambrose, W. B. Baker

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## Tells Club About thy Joyner, Della Whitehurst **Mechanical Picker**

of his experiences with a me-chanical cotton picker in an ad-judgment was not recorded imdress to the members of the Ki- mediately because the court costs venis Club here fast Thursday had not been paid, the court holdnight. Mr. Pope, a former school ing that judgment is not absolute principal, was prompted to buy until the costs are paid. the picker in the fall of 1945 owing to the fact that he could not secure labor to pick several hundred acres of cotton on his farms. "I can't say the machine is a success under all circumstances or conditions but I am impressed not only with its work but also its possibilities," the speaker stated.

working on his farms. It picks one row but two-row tive. machines can be bought for \$6,-

## Stimson Explains Transplanting Of Tobacco Why Atomic Bomb To Be Late In This Section

culty in getting their seed beds led the size of their plant beds prepared and planted, Martin and there will be enough to go County farmers are now worry- around, but they are certain to be ing over a possible scarcity of late. Present indications point to plants and an almost certain de- tobacco transplanting in early

transplanting before about the a certain size. middle of May, and weather con- Unofficial reports from other ditions must be favorable for belts maintain that farmers are them to be ready by that time. facing a plant shortage, that blue

After experiencing some diffi- prospects for plants, others doub-June this year.

Those farmers planting in early | Certain their tobacco plants January have little prospect of will be late and that blue mold if having any plants if they did not it is very severe will delay the sow any more. The seed planted transplanting schedule even fur- vanced at a meeting of local club ested fans virtually completed early came up and were killed by ther, large numbers of farmers officials, players and fans lest plans for launching the playing cold weather in February and are making ready to start spray- week-end March. Seed planted in February ing their beds with fermate. The are just coming up, and farmers spray has proved very successful declare that the plants in those when applied about every four beds will hardly be ready for days after the plants reach about

While some farmers have poor mold has been very damaging.

## Sixteen Divorces In to record for all who may be interested my understanding of the terested my understanding of the terested my understanding of the decided by the standard of the standard for th

plete Trial of Civil Calendar Today

After grinding out sixteen divorces in its mill in less than two Roosevelt appointed a committee hours Monday morning, the Marconsisting of Vice President Wal- tin County Superior Court heard lace, General Marshall, Dr. Van- a few motions, entered several nevar Bush, Dr. James B. Con- judgments and is now working toant, and myself. The function of ward adjournment, possibly some this committee was to advise the time this afternoon. Judge Paul President on questions of policy D. Frizelle of Snow Hill is presid-

The sixteen divorces, only four ing both in this country and in going to white plaintiffs, were all Great Britain. For nearly four based on two years' of separation ions of policy on the development erations, the jurymen merely and use of atomic energy, and raised their hands in passing on from May 1, 1943, until my resig- the issues. The cases were being nation as Secretary of War on ground out so fast that clerk of-Sept. 21, 1945, I was directly re- ficers appeared to be running sponsible to the President for the around so fast that they appeared administration of the entire un- to be in a circle. Seeing the jury-

tary employment of atomic en- Anderson against Walter Ander- fellows are moving to vote themson, Askew Green against Bettie The policy adopted and steadily Ann Green, Isaac Cordon against and his advisers was a simple one. Highsmith against Lester High-It was to spare no effort in secur- smith, Ledger Hardison against opment of an atomic weapon. The Burnett against Cordious C. Buragainst Mary Baker, Goldie Cherry against Bryant Cherry, George Washington Joyner against Dorogainst William Whiteburst, Fld. er L. Gardner against Lola Gardner, and Ransome Knight against Anna Knight. The jury answered Mr. R. Hunter Pope, large land the issues in the affirmative in owner and farmer of Enfield, told the case of Jesse Whitley, colored,

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## **Tommie Gaylord** Scout Executive

He went into detail in explaining young man and for several years fellow prisoners. But it wasn't on a special cooking assignment months. That was when he was Mount. The charge was sustain- tablished will be eligible for suphow the machine works and also a member of the teaching profes- his splendid record that gained at Waves, near Hatteras. After working regular hours. When ed in the courts, but Cotton expresented newspaper clippings sion, was recently named field him a wide reputation among fel- three months and fifteen days he was elevated to the chief plained that he had lost the on the farm does not exceed 2.9 went to James' home where he and photographs of the picker executive of Cherokee Council low prisoners and high state pris- there, I was transferred to Wil- cook's position, Cotton started money. "The machine I purchased cost nouncement just released by John ability and earnestness demon- Cotton said.

## REOPENING

Williamston's white schools, forced to close last Wednesday afternoon by an epidemic of influenza, are reopening tomorrow morning, according to information coming from the local committee today. Officials would offer no prediction, but the attendance while hardly approaching normal will be considerably higher than the 70 percent reported the day the emergency holiday was ordered.

Unofficial reports indicate that influenza is spreading to other schools, that possibly one or two others are considering suspending classes for a few days.

### Legislature Off On Goose Chase

While passing some important times, the current North Carolina General Assembly is still running wild on what some observers de wild on what some observers describe as a goose chase.

After denying approximately 250,000 workers a minimum 40selves a \$6 daily wage increase.

highway patrol from other law world dispute at one time. enforcement agencies. The terms patrolman would be unable to ar- Mrs. Jesse T. Price. permission from the governor. Bragg next Monday.

# Local Entry In

### **Around Park At The** High School

Tentative plans for opening

It was stated that lumber for fencing the high school baseball park has been ordered, that players and fans were planning to start construction the latter part of this or early, next week. Volunteer help will be appreciated, the officials announced.

Heading the local club, Messrs. K. P. Lindsley, Russell Griffin and Lynn Taylor called their first practice Sunday afternoon and a goodly number of player prospects reported, including Garland port, William Rogers, Tom Bran-Brown and Russell Griffin. Another practice will be held next Sunday afternoon.

Assuring sports fans in this section that the best brand of ball possible would be offered, the club leaders are appealing to the community for support. It is hoped that enough ads can be sold to pay for the fence lumber, that enough business firms will underplayers. It was explained that Messrs. Griffin and Lindsley had guaranteed the cost of the lumber, believing interested fans and others would support them in meeting the cost.

Present plans do not call for the construction of a grand stand, but the club promoters are hopeful it will be possible to construct some bleacher seats.

The officials explained that the lub roster would be limited to no salaries are expected, but that

## **Home From Italy**

after a stay of three years in Eu- Carolina State Department of Ag-Final action is expected on the rope. He was accompanied by his riculture too much power. pursued by President Roosevelt Odessa Sykes Cordon, Sadie measure on Thursday of this wife, a native of Italy. During most of his stay in Europe Cap-The legislature is also propos- tain Price managed and edited stamp in bold type the analysis of Wynne home about 9:30 that ing to tear down law enforcement an American newspaper in Tri- the fertilizer on the bags. in the State by divorcing the este, the little spot that was in The other change, Mr. Daniel through a window, ran out of the

### County Baseball Baseball League | League Officials Plans for Season Met Last Night

### Lumber Ordered for Fence More Personnel Changes Are Made; All Positions Now Filled

Meeting in the Thrower Appliplay in the Martin County Base- ance Company store here last ball League on April 20 were ad- evening, officials and other interseason in the Martin County Baseball League on April 20. A 42-game schedule was formally approved and league by-laws were tentatively adopted, the groupt of about thirty declaring that every effort would be made to promote the sport.

Quite a few personnel changes were announced, but all positions are now filled. Lyn Taylor resigned as president of the league to manage Williamston's entry. Mr. Taylor succeeds Joe David Thrower who resigned last week. Howard Gaylord, a disinterested party, was promoted from secretary-treasurer to president. F. M. Manning was elected vice presidon, Hubert Smith, Jr., Elwood dent when the job absolutely urer position.

Several changes were made in the by-laws and they will be redrawn and submitted at the league's next meeting for the club manager's signatures.

It was announced at the meeting that at least two other clubs and possibly a third one were inwrite the purchase of suits for the terested in entering the league, but the meeting voted to hold the number of clubs to eight, the league to include, Williamston,

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## **Bureau Supports** Proposed Laws

Leaders of the Martin County Farm Bureau, meeting in the twelve or thirteen players, that county court house last Friday night went on record as favoring several changes proposed in the players would divide any money left over after expenses North Carolina fertilizer laws, and instructed President Chas. L. There are openings for three Daniel and member V. G. Taylor boys, two to chase foul balls and to support them before a legisla-

Captain Darrell M. Price re- the proposed changes because the Street. The man was released the nual barbecue is being held about tinued, Conway followed him. turned to his home here Sunday new laws would give the North following day when bond was ar-

One of the proposed changes Bell, said to have been drink-

of the bill are not quite clear, but make heir home here for the analysis of an advertised brand could run. on the surface it appears that a present with his parents, Mr. and of fertilizer during a certain Officers were quoted as saying ment of Agriculture.

## Seventy Register Saturday For Town Primary Election

Although no formal candidacies | sary to register if they are to have been announced consider- qualify themselves for participaable interest is being advanced in tion in the April 14 primary. Williamston's first municipal pri- Quite a few attended and particimary election scheduled for April pated in the nominating conven-

nounced yesterday that seventy qualify them for participating in names were added to the regis- the primary unless they are duly tration books on the first day of registered. The fact that many the registration last Saturday, registered for and participated in that possibly 25 or 30 other elec- county, state and national electors visited his office during the tions dos not mean that they are Williams, charged with being day to make certain that their registered and qualified to vote drunk and disorderly, were each names were on the books.

have participated in a TOWN town municipal election. election in the past twenty-five years will not have to register kept open again next Saturday, drew Latham with a knife, Louis again. Those who have not par- March 29, and the following Satticipated in a TOWN election or urday. April 5 for registrations. TOWN election will find it neces- lenge April 12.

tions, but the fact that they had a Registrar John E. Pope an- part in the convention does not

in a TOWN election. Quite a few There still seems to be some registered and voted in the specmisunderstanding about the re- ial school election about a year gistration. No new registration ago here, but that does not qualihas been ordered, and those who fy one for participation in the

The registration books will be who have not registered for a The books will be open for chal-

## Annual Farm Bureau went begging, and D. W. Brady was named to the secretary-treas-

#### **ROUND-UP**

Local, county and state officers had a fairly busy period last week-end, but crime activities were not quite as numerous as they were the week before. Six persons were arrested and jailed here during the last few days of last week. Two were booked for being drunk and disorderly, two for drunken driving and one each for larceny and receiving and trespassing.

The ages of the group ranged from 20 to 62 years and only one of the six was white.

# **Jail Peeping Tom**

would require the companies to ing, was prowling around the night. Mr. Wynne saw him explained, would deny the manu- house and caught him peeping at Capain and Mrs. Price will facturers the right to change the the window before he (Bell)

period without first getting per- that while Bell had been drinking rest a robber unless he first got! Captain Price reports to Fort mission from the State Depart- he was not so drunk but what he

## **Farmers Exceeded** Quotas Assigned and operating a motor vehicle For Leaf Exports

### Fat Stock Show Will Be Held In Williamston Same Day of Barbecue

Meeting in the county courtholding the annual Martin County Farm Bureau barbecue and announced that the quotas assigned in the movement to boost or help the amount including jail fees. maintain tobacco exports had dollars to spare.

Explaining the proposed here late last Saturday evening Chas. L. Daniel to make the arnext Monday. changes in the laws, President by Patrolman W. E. Saunders and rangements. The meeting order-Daniel said that few fentilizer companies were listed among the Officer Arthur Perry for tres-

annual 4-H fat stock show had been scheduled for May 9, the leaders thinking it would be better to schedule the two events for the same day. It was voted by the \$150 in prizes for the approximately 40 boys and girls who are planning to participate in the

The committee named to handle e arrangements for the unnual barbeque assured the leaders that everything possible would be done to avoid confusion and delay at the supper. Between 25 and 35 pigs have been tentatively engaged to feed the approximately 2,-

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April when he is to take official spending four months and tweive ple. But Cotton explains that he thousand dollars. Everything and irish potato farmers were an-Officers chased him for some disleave of his duties as chief cook. days there I was transferred to has been favored. He has made everybody moved along as usual nounced a few days ago by the tance. About 9:30 o'clock, James Cotton, now 49 years old, has Gatesville where I spent 29 and sold rings, pocketbooks, bed until the officers started taking government. Under the 1947 price went to the police station and inmade an ideal prisoner and up months and two days. Going to spreads and other articles, mak- finger prints, and Cotton moved support program for Irish pota- quired if any one was looking for until now has not had one minute | Manteo I spent two months to the | ing as much as four and five hun- out unexpectedly. He was re- toes, producers on farms for him. He explained that he had Tommie Gaylord, Jamesville of trouble with the authorities or day there before I was farmed out dred dollars in three or four turned the next day from Rocky which no 1947 farm goal was es- been to Bertie County. Sheriff acres. To qualify for the support found James' wet clothes and Boy Scouts, according to an an- on officials. It was his natural liamston on January 2, 1946," "cooking his way out." He has He maintains that there's noth- price, the farmer must give ad- learned that the change had been cooked almost around the clock ing to the report that he hid it. vance notice to the county office, made just a short time before.

the advantages, the speaker point- and Caswell County districts, goes business, always made it a point and fifteen days, Cotton explain- more impressed by his tips than that he had tried to be a model goals of three acres or more were mine. You got me." He went on ed out, in having one of the me- to the Cherokee organization to inspect Cotton's kitchen along ing that he could reduce the by any other one thing. "There's prisoner. Trained and experience not established must apply for to say, "But I did not get any chanical cotton pickers, is that it from Monticello High School in about meal time, and there is lit- time to hours and minutes. As- Dr. Brown, the prison physician, ed in the culinary art, Cotton acreage determination on or be- money. I merely went into the ofpicks cotton better and the cot- Guilford County, where he now the doubt but what the manpow- sured by Captain Delbridge that He would come to the camp and plans to start cooking for a high- fore Tuesday, April 1. Only fice to write an order for some ton sells higher than that picked holds the position of principal. er shortage would just about have his good record would earn for occasionally have Sunday dinner way construction force in Com- those Martin County farmers ap- groceries." Oakley said Gaylord "comes to closed the camp had it not been him a few days, Cotton meekly while making his rounds here. So missioner Merrill Evans' first dis- plying to the office of the Martin | Given a hearing before Justice Clayton Crofton, new member, professional scouting with a rich for the man's menus and cooking. suggested that the consideration far he has tipped me to the tune trict just as soon as he clears the County agent's office by that time R. H. Johnson that night, James was presented his pin by Herbert. background as a volunteer scout- Low salaries were not very invit- must come soon or it would be of \$32," Cotton said, his face prison camp gate about the mid- will be eligible to participate in was placed in jail when he could the program, it was announced. not raise bond in the sum of \$350.

### Justices Handle Number Of Cases In The Past Week

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### Brothers Bound Over To County Court For Alleged Assault Sunday

Justice R. T. Johnson had a ing ten criminal cases and tying the more or less fatal knot for a young colored couple.

Albert Williams and Thurman required to pay \$6.75 costs.

Charged with assaulting a female Joe and Leora Bullock were bound over to the county court in \$100 bond each.

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons and cutting An-Freeman, Wannamaker James and Arthur Cross were bound over to the county court in \$50

Frank Daw, facing the court twice in a row for alleged disorderly conduct, was taxed with \$6.75 costs in the first instance. In the second case he was fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.75 costs,

J. Willie Brinkley, publicly drunk, was required to pay \$9.50 costs, including jail fees.

Forrest Edward Brinkley, charged with drunken driving without a driver's license, was required to raise bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance in the county court for trial.

Wannamaker James, charged with larceny, was sent to the higher courts under bond in the

Jake and Gladys Ward and Lehouse last Friday evening leaders Roy Andrews and wife, charged advanced tentative plans for with the possession of illegal liquor, were bound over to the county court for trial

Fred Fraley, drunk and disorderly, was taxed with \$8.75 costs,

Charles and Clarence Pate, been raised with several hundred brothers, were bound over to the county court in \$300 bonds each The annual barbecue is to be by Justice Jas. S. Ayers at a held this year on Friday, May 9, hearing last evening for allegedly a special committee to make all assaulting B. L. Conway, local Saturday Evening arrangements and announce them in ample time for the event. Mesin ample time for the event. Mes- night. Both defendants pleaded srs. Johnnie Gurkin, H. U. Peel, not guilty, but the trial justice committee in Raleigh this Willie Harvey Bell, young Pop- V. G. Taylor and T. B. Brandon found probable cause and sent the lar Point colored man, was jailed were appointed by President case to the higher court for trial

opposition. The Smith-Douglass Company was quoted as opposing the proposed character as opposing the proposed character as a week later than usual, that the The other brother came up when the Central Service station, Conway maintaining that he was talk-

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# Placed In Jail

Wannamaker James, young local colored man. was jailed hors last Thursday night for allegedly robbing the safe of the Standard Fertilizer Company a few hours earlier. Sneaking into the office about 6:00 o'clock while the bookkeeper had his back turned, James is alleged to have lifted the c' ange box from the safe and noved about \$8 in rash

employee turned just in time to see the man duck down and run Potato Growers out a side door.

The robber ran around the fertilizer plant, across Farmer W. G. Plans for aiding small-scale Peel's field and into the woods.

## Debt Paid To Society, Prisoner Leaving Camp Shortly

the air of freedom. Captain John some few exceptions.

orities are certain to miss him, Cotton possesses a wonderful had been tough, no doubt, the hardware store, worked his way but Cotton declares he can hardly memory. "I entered the Tarboro man explaining that it was no lit- through a trap door to the safe wait until about the middle of camp on January 19, 1943. After the job to cook for about 100 peo- and moved out with several

Gaylord, whose service area he is today. Prison officials, until that time he had been in hours. ing, but Cotton, during those ad- too late. Cotton is such a good beaming with appreciation.

His debt to society just about verse periods, would give fat back cook and hand that while the Cotton did not say much mate of the Martin County prison camp acting ployees neid to the posts with

the taste of roasted chicken and they hardly can be expected to to prison. Solicitor George "fire" him much ahead of time and they be the series and they hardly can be expected to to prison. Solicitor George "fire" him much ahead of time and they be the series and the series are series and the series and the series are series and the series are series and the series and the series are series are series and the series are series and the series are series are series and the series are series are series are series and the series are series are series and the series are series are series and the series are series liquidated, Onnie C. Cotton, in- the taste of roasted chicken and authorities will not "cheat" him about the event that steered him

frying pans, Cotton talked freely combe County courthouse, that Delbridge and other camp auth- In addition to his culinary art, of his prison record. Some of it someone went on the roof of a

approximately \$4,000 when new. B. Oakley, Jr., a council execu- strated behind the cook pots and When he was reviewing his stay seven days per week, gaining "Let's don't talk about that," Cot- indicating that he desires to be James denied ownership of the pans that made Cotton the man in the "service," Cotton said up time and a half for the extra ton insisted, all the while prefer- considered eligible for price sup- clothes, but when the officers ring to point out that he had port operations. 000," the speaker stated. One of will include Reidsville, Dan River handling routine checks and other prison four years, three months The man possibly has been humbly paid his debt to society, Producers on farms for which his name on it, he said, "They are dle of April.