

Stimson Explains Why Atomic Bomb Was Used In War

Former Secretary of War Was Man To Make the Recommendation

(Having detailed the work of the advisory committee, Mr. Stimson continues in these articles to throw more light on the reasons for his approval of the use of the atomic bomb on Japan.—Ed.)

The Committee's function was of course entirely advisory. The ultimate responsibility for the recommendation to the President rested upon me, and I have no desire to veil it.

The facts upon which my reasoning was based and steps taken to carry it out now follow.

The principal political, social, and military objective of the United States in the summer of 1945 was the prompt and complete surrender of Japan.

Japan, in July 1945, had been seriously weakened by our increasingly violent attacks.

In the middle of July 1945, the intelligence section of the War Department General Staff estimated Japanese military strength as follows: In the home islands, slightly under 2,000,000; in Korea, Manchuria, China proper, and Formosa, slightly over 2,000,000; in French Indochina, Thailand, and Burma, over 200,000; in the East Indies area, including the Philippines, over 500,000; in the by-passed areas, about 100,000.

Two affrays got the week-end started here Thursday night and Friday morning. Charlie Mack Jenkins of Robertsonville ran afoul of Olivia Purvis and her ready knife in the Cotton Club about 11:15 Thursday night and was cut about the face and arm.

Two Affrays Get Into The Courts

William Davis was also ordered held in \$50 bond for county court, charged with slapping Annie Purvis at 10:30 Friday morning.

ROUND-UP

An even dozen persons were arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end, the alleged violations running almost the entire criminal scale from murder to disorderly conduct.

Report Unionization Race Under Way on Labor Front

A race to unionize local industrial plants was reported under way the latter part of last week, but no discernible developments have materialized, according to meager information gained during the past few days.

It was reliably learned that the CIO, represented by a white man and a colored man, had contacted one or two plant managers, while representatives of John L. Lewis's District 50, had talked with other factory owners-operators.

During the meantime the work stoppage at the plant of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company here entered its third week today. No progress on reopening the plant has been made, as far as it could be learned.

Opening Of Schools Delayed One Week

BUDGET

In special session tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock, the local town commissioners are scheduled to again tackle the current fiscal year budget.

The public is invited to appear before the board at the meeting and offer suggestions.

Alonza L. Hardy Died At His Home Early On Sunday

Funeral Service Held In Biggs Funeral Home Monday Afternoon

Alonza L. Hardy, well-known farmer, died at his home on the Bowen farm in Bear Grass Township Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock.

The son of the late Thomas and Mamie Griffin Hardy, he was born near Williamston 56 years ago on March 22, 1891 and lived all his life in this county.

When a young man he was married to Miss Nellie Burroughs of near Williamston, and she survives with four children, Lance D. Hardy of the home, Calton Hardy of Williamston, Martel Hardy of Washington, and Mrs. June Beach of Everett; one brother, Albert Hardy of Bethel; and three grandchildren, Barbary Ann Hardy and Linda Beach, and Little Miss Dale Hardy who had made her home with her grandparents most of her life.

His old pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry of Robertsonville, conducted the last rites from the Biggs Funeral Home here Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

4-H Club Member At Short Course

By Amanda Faye Rogerson On Monday morning, August 18th, eleven of the Martin County 4-Hers attended the short course at State College in Raleigh for one week.

No official information could be gained from the organizers of the two unions or from plant managers-operators. Rumors were heard frequently, however, but none of the work stoppages, more or less scheduled, has materialized.

Elections have been talked after a sane and sensible fashion, and a more reasonable approach on the part of the organizers was said to have been employed in recent maneuvers to organize some of the local plants.

Late Harvest Of Tobacco Crop Is Cause For Delay

Attendance Would Have Been Hardly Fifty Percent, Officials State

Martin County white schools will open Thursday, September 4, and the colored schools Monday, September 8, one week later than originally planned.

The one-week postponement, Superintendent Manning said, is necessary to permit the housing of an unusually late tobacco crop so that all schools and districts can move along on the same schedule.

Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Mobley

Funeral services were held in the Everetts Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Mrs. Kate Mobley who died at the home of her son, Archie Mobley, here last Friday night.

Mrs. Mobley, widow of A. Drew Mobley, was born in this county 69 years ago. She spent most of her life in the Everetts Community, later living in Oak City for several years before coming to Williamston to make her home the early part of this year.

Surviving are five sons, John, Archie, and George Mobley of Williamston, A. L. Mobley of Hobgood, and Nathan Mobley of Oak City; a daughter, Fannie Belle Mobley of Oak City; a half-sister, Mrs. L. H. Lilley of Jamesville; a half-brother, Sylvester Simpson of Elizabeth City; and 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LARGE BUSES

The school bus problem in Martin County is much improved this year with the addition of five large new buses, Superintendent J. C. Manning said last week-end.

The five large buses cannot travel conveniently on all county school routes so that some re-arranging of routes has been necessary to use the facilities to the best advantage and not to overtax some of the roads.

There is an ample supply of drivers this year, all students, and they have taken their driver's tests. The tests were given last Thursday. A few drivers who had been given first-choice ratings because of locations were unable to pass the tests and the jobs went to the next in line.

Opening-Day Tobacco Prices Approximately \$10 A Hundred Under Those Of Last Season

Quarter Million Pounds Sold For Average of \$45.00

Over 200 Farmers Join the Stabilization Corporation Yesterday

After setting an all-time high record last year, tobacco prices started leveling off rather sharply here yesterday when the first sales of the 1947 season averaged just about \$10 per hundred pounds below the 1946 opening-day figures.

Ordinarily the price average received on the opening day would have been well received, but the \$45.90 figures come following one of the most expensive crops ever grown. However, few takers were turned, thanks to the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation, and farmers registered no strong verbal complaints.

The opening yesterday attracted thousands of visitors to town, but the crowd broke no record.

Possibly farmers and others, too, were more interested in the first sales than at any other opening in years. They hardly knew what to expect and they feared for the worst.

Checking the early morning sales as they progressed, The Enterprise averaged the first 4,434 pounds. Selling for \$1,867.92, the lot averaged \$42.13. Of the 29 piles checked, nine of them were turned into the stabilization corporation, or about one out of every three piles.

When the first sales were completed, approximately 225,000 pounds were left on the floors for the first sale today. It is likely that the block will be cleared this afternoon or early tomorrow.

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Band Day To Be Observed Friday, September Twelfth

Friday, September 12, has been set as Band Day, the deadline for raising a fund of \$1,500 for the purchase of uniforms and materials for the Williamston High School Band.

The day was decided upon at a business meeting of the Band Parents Club in the High School auditorium last Friday night when various ways and means of raising the money for about 20 new uniforms to match those already on hand and a few other items, were discussed.

Rev. John L. Goff was named as chairman of the drive and will appoint his assistants to conduct the drive.

Even before the names of his assistants had been announced or plans for the drive were put in concrete form a donation of \$100 was voted by the Firemen of the town for the fund.

All funds raised before Band Day will help to reduce the strain on that one day but if the money is not on hand by that day it is planned to have it before sunset.

While the plans have been formulated and advanced by the Band Parents Club it was emphasized that the responsibility of making the High School Band a distinct credit to the town when it goes on parade is one for the citizens and business interests of the town to consider.

Man Held In County For Alleged Murder

Fred Little Shot And Killed Early Sunday in Parmele

William Kirkman, Unable To Arrange \$1,000 Bond, Remains In Jail

Fred Little, 44-year-old colored man, was fatally shot by William Kirkman, also colored, between 12 and 1:00 o'clock last Sunday morning in Parmele, the attack climaxing an argument between the two men a short time before at the home of Charlie Phillips.

There was a large crowd attending a barbecue supper in the Phillips home that night, but as far as it could be learned there were no witnesses to the fatal attack, officers declaring that they had been unable to learn all the details about the argument leading up to the attack or about the attack itself.

After investigating the killing for several hours, officers said that the two men, both residents of Parmele, attended the Phillips barbecue supper and had an argument.

Kirkman returned from the trip and Phillips got him to go for some bread, Phillips stating that he had his .32 caliber pistol, that he left it on the seat in Kirkman's car when they returned with the bread.

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Four Accidents Reported During Week-end Period

Cyclist Badly Cut On Arm When Struck By Car On Jamesville Highway

At least one person was hurt and a property damage running into the hundreds of dollars resulted in a series of highway accidents in this county during the past week-end. Complete reports could not be had immediately on two of the accidents, but as far as it could be learned no one was badly hurt in them.

A large truck, loaded with asphalt, turned over a few miles west of Parmele last Thursday, reports stating that the driver tried to miss a stray dog on the road and lost control of his truck.

An automobile was reported to have went out of control and turned over in Griffins Township Sunday, but the details could not be had.

Sunday morning at 2:45 o'clock, R. R. Sparrow of 816 Duke Street, Norfolk, driving a 1941 Dodge belonging to Geo. Franklin Andrews, 1109 E. Onley Road, Norfolk, tore into and ripped away a barricade at the river bridge here.

Sunday afternoon, Robert Grimes was driving his car toward Jamesville. Pet Bell, riding a bicycle, was meeting him on his (Bell's) left side of the road just as Grimes was meeting a car on his left.

A window ventilator struck Bell's arm and ripped a 15-inch laceration in an employee at the local hospital, was admitted as a patient, last reports stating that he was getting along very well, according to Patrolman Saunders who made the investigation.

Tobacco Barns Burn In County

Three more tobacco barns, all located in the upper part of the county, were destroyed by fire last week, according to reports reaching here over the week-end. Fifteen curing barns have been burned in the county so far this season.

Two of the barns destroyed last week were equipped with oil burners and the third was equipped with a coal stoker.

J. W. Cherry reported a barn loss, including 800 sticks of tobacco, on his farm near Hassell, C. L. Taylor lost a barn and 700 sticks of tobacco on his farm between Hassell and Hamilton, and Robert B. Nelson lost a large barn on his farm near the county line in Hamilton Township.

Young Man Shoots Self Accidentally

While cleaning his .22 caliber rifle at a tobacco barn on his farm in Williams Township last Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock, Noah Roberson accidentally shot himself in the left shoulder. The wound while painful, was not serious.

Carried to the local hospital, the young farmer was operated on Sunday and the bullet, lacking about two inches of penetrating the shoulder, was removed.

COUNTY SING

The Martin County fifth Sunday sing will be held in the Everetts Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart. A splendid program, including special numbers by choruses, quartets, trios, duets, solos and instrumental selections, is being planned.

The public is cordially invited to attend and participate and a large crowd is expected to attend the event, one in a series planned in the county this year.

DONATION

Local volunteer firemen, anxious to give worthy causes and undertakings a helping hand, dipped into their small treasury last night and voted a \$100 contribution to the Williamston High School band. The donation is the first of a \$1,500 fund the band plans to raise to finance the purchase of additional uniforms, and other material for the young musicians.

Nutrition Group Continues Work

Miss Ida Roberts attended the district meeting of the Nutrition Committee of the Home Economics Teachers of this section of the state which was held at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville Tuesday. Representatives were present from every agency interested in better nutrition for Eastern North Carolina.

Plans were made to continue the work of the Nutrition Committee that was created during the war. A definite need for this work was noted since the draft records show a high rate of service selectees were disqualified because of malnutrition in North Carolina.

The educational material suitable for class room nutrition is being prepared by Miss Hattie S. Parrott, who heads the standing committee in the field of public instruction and will be ready by October.

Ninety County Teachers Report For TB X-rays

Dr. John Williams of the Martin County Health Department stated yesterday that out of the 225 teachers employed in the county only 90 had been x-rayed for tuberculosis. All teachers are required to be x-rayed and the health department authorities ask that the law be complied with as early as possible in order to avoid a last minute rush.