

## Stimson Explains Why Atomic Bomb Was Used In War

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

(Quoting further from a memorandum to the President, Mr. Stimson explains what the warning he has recommended should contain.—Ed.)

"This warning should contain the following elements:

"The varied and overwhelming character of the force we are about to bring to bear on the islands.

"The inevitability and completeness of the destruction which the full application of this force will entail.

"The determination of the Allies to destroy permanently all authority and influence of those who have deceived and misled the country into embarking on world conquest.

"The determination of the Allies to limit Japanese sovereignty to her main islands and to render them powerless to mount and support another war.

"The disavowal of any attempt to extirpate the Japanese as a race or to destroy them as a nation.

"A statement of our readiness, once her economy is purged of its militaristic influence, to permit the Japanese to maintain such industries, particularly of a light consumer character, as offer no threat of aggression against their neighbors, but which can produce a sustaining economy, and provide a reasonable standard of living. The statement should indicate our willingness, for this purpose, to give Japan trade access to external raw materials, but no longer any control over the sources of supply outside her main islands. It should also indicate our willingness, in accordance with our now established foreign trade policy, in due course to enter into mutually advantageous trade relations with her.

"The above objectives of the Allies are accomplished, and as soon as there has been established a peacefully inclined government, of a character representative of the masses of the Japanese people. I personally think that if in saying this we should add that we do not exclude a constitutional monarchy under her present dynasty, it would substantially add to the chances of acceptance.

"(6) Success of course will depend on the potency of the warning which we give her. She has an extremely sensitive national pride and, as we are now seeing every day, when actually locked with the enemy will fight to the very death. For that reason the warning must be tendered before the actual invasion has occurred and while the impending destruction, though clear beyond peradventure, has not yet reduced her to financial despair. If Russia is a part of the threat, the Russian attack, if actual, must not have progressed too far. Our own bombing should be confined to military objectives as far as possible.

It is important to emphasize the warning. It was designed to promise destruction if Japan resisted, and hope, if she surrendered.

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## Mayor Proclaims Band Day Here

Friday of this week has been proclaimed band day by Mayor Robert Cowen who is urging all citizens to give the band a helping hand.

Mayor Cowen in his proclamation said, in part:

"Recognizing the great worth of a high school band to the community and to the musicians themselves, I hereby designate Friday, September 12, as band day in Williamston, and appeal to all local people to join in the task of raising \$1,500 to finance the purchase of uniforms and equipment."

In conclusion the mayor said, "In this worthy undertaking let us go forward to success."

## Tobacco Sales Over Two And One-Half Million Pound Mark

### ROUND-UP

Six persons were arrested and jailed in the county last week-end, the group including a 16-year-old boy. Two of the six persons jailed were white.

Two were charged with assaults, two with public drunkenness and two with larceny and receiving.

## Hunting Seasons In Martin County Listed by Warden

### Lawful to Take First Game, Deer and Quail, On October 6th

Pointing out that there had been comparatively few game law violations in the county, District Game Warden Bill Abbott this week expressed the hope that hunters would continue to cooperate in the observance of the regulations. The hunting season gets under way in this county on Monday, October 6 when it will be lawful to take squirrel and deer.

Reviewing the calendar of open season date for taking principal game in this county, Mr. Abbott said:

The deer season opens October 6 and closes January 1, the dates being inclusive. Deer may be taken Monday through Saturday in this county. Pointing out that it is lawful only to take male deer (with antlers), the warden said the bag limit is one per day and two per season.

Squirrels may be taken from October 6 to January 1 in this county, the bag limit being eight per day and no limit for the season.

Quail and rabbits may be taken beginning November 27 on through January 31, but only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in this county. It will be lawful to take eight squirrels, and/or rabbits on those days, but there is a season limit of 150 on quail and no season limit on rabbits.

The season for bear opens October 15 and runs through January 1 with a limit of two per day or two in the season.

It is lawful to take opossum-raccoon with dogs and guns from October 15 to February 15.

Hunting for turkeys is permitted in this county from November 24 through January 15. The bag limit will be one per day and two for the season.

Open trapping season for mink, muskrat, opossum and raccoon runs from December 1 through February 15, but there is no open season on beavers. It will be unlawful to trap within 500 yards of high water during a flood period, and it is unlawful to tend traps between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

The open seasons at a glance:

Bear—October 15 through January 1.

Deer—October 6 through January 1.

Opossum and raccoon, with dogs and guns—October 15 through February 15.

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## Big Rain Falls In This Section

Measuring almost ten inches, heavy rains almost drowned out Greenville and one or two other sections in eastern Carolina last Saturday night, doing damage running into the thousands of dollars.

While Greenville reported an all-time record fall, less than two inches of rain fell locally, according to Hugh Spruill, gauge keeper on Roanoke River.

Traffic was slowed down, but no highways in this immediate section were blocked by rain.

## Jaycees Seeking Removal Of Ban On Dances In Gym

### Committee Named To Discuss Matter With School Board Members Here

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce will seek to get the ban on dances at the local gymnasium removed.

The bi-monthly dinner meeting of the organization was held last Friday night in the local Woman's Club with Charles Manning leading the group in singing America. Invocation was by Edgar Gurganus.

Everything went along very smoothly until after the meal, then the business session opened with a "bang." After swearing in two new members, "Cap" York and Jack Butler, Jaycee Paul Simpson took the floor to oppose the action recently taken by the School Board in closing the High School Gymnasium to dances and other civic gatherings.

Simpson pointed out that the Jaycees and other civic clubs had been very instrumental, financially and otherwise, in the promotion of the high school athletic association and the high school band; that the funds raised by the civic groups were the result of dances and other programs carried on in the gymnasium from which these groups have been barred.

Jaycee Ernest Mears quickly followed Mr. Simpson to show that it was the desire of the civic clubs to assist the school board in every way possible to maintain an adequate gymnasium for school athletics, pointing out that through dances money could be raised to pay for the upkeep and improvement of the gym.

Neil Ripley then arose and expressed the opinion that the school board had been a little hasty in its decision and had not given due consideration to all sides of the question. He further stated that the board had acted hastily, but that the main facts were not presented as they should have been.

It was then suggested that Jack Butler, newly sworn member of the club, and his guest High School Athletic Director Stuart Maynard, be asked to express their opinion, both being members of the high school faculty.

Butler said he did not wish to "condemn or condemn either the action taken by the school board or the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but merely to express my personal opinion in the matter." He went on to say that in the past the gymnasium has not been a fit place for athletics, and that some action must be taken to assure Coach Maynard that proper facilities will be at his disposal for his training program. He then asked Mr. Maynard to say a few words.

"I am new to this town and this town is new to me," Maynard remarked, "but I have been employed to direct a training course in athletics and that I intend to do." He added that being a new member of the faculty here he had to be careful where he placed his right foot, just as any teacher in

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## Ask Dissolution Of Tobacco Firm

Court action, seeking the dissolution of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Corporation, was started by minority stockholders here last week-end. The complaint was filed in the name of Calvin Ayers, A. P. Barnhill and H. T. Roberson and asks that a receiver be appointed by the court for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the corporation.

### Elder B. S. Cowin Quite Ill At Home

In declining health following a stroke suffered several weeks ago, Elder B. S. Cowin was reported yesterday to be quite ill at his home in Bear Grass. His blood pressure count went up considerably last week-end and pneumonia was reported to have developed yesterday.

## Nineteen Divorce Cases Are Placed On Trial Calendar

### Two Plaintiffs, Alleging Bigamy, Asking Bonds Be Annuled

Nineteen divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the two-week term opening September 15. The first two days of the term have been set aside for criminal action, and all of the third day is to be devoted to the blasting of matrimonial bonds, according to a calendar schedule recently prepared by the Martin County Bar Association.

While most of the divorce cases are based on grounds of two-year separations, two plaintiffs allege adultery and two others maintain that their marriages were bigamous and are asking that they be annulled.

Bonnie E. Bland in his case against Alease Moore Bland bases his divorce claim on two different grounds. They were married on December 8, 1942 and separated the following day, according to the complaint. Declaring that they had lived separate and apart since that time, the plaintiff further alleges that the defendant during the summer of 1944 committed adultery. The defendant, living in Fayetteville, denies the allegations and is expected to contest the action.

Married on March 6, 1944, and separated on June 1, 1944, Luther C. Modlin is suing Mary Modlin for a divorce on two year separation grounds.

In the case of Emmett Thomas against Ethel Thomas of Alabama, the plaintiff says they were married in October, 1938, that they separated in June, 1944, and that two children, born to the union, live with the defendant but are supported by the plaintiff. Contesting the action, the defendant says she was abandoned by the plaintiff while she was with child, and that he has not offered any support for her or the three children.

Basing his action on two-year separation, Beatrice Andrews is suing Mattie Lee Andrews for a divorce, pointing out that they were married January 1, 1940, and that they separated in June, 1944. The complaint also alleges that the defendant left for Philadelphia, declaring she was never going to live with the plaintiff again.

The divorce action of Mary Brown Gray against Felton Gray is based on two-year separation grounds, the complaint saying they were married in December, 1938, and that they separated in September, 1942.

Claiming separation of two years or more, J. E. Strawbridge is suing Benita Strawbridge for a divorce. The complaint alleges that they were married in Bertie County October 22, 1936, and that they were separated in July, 1944.

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## Three Injured In Early Car Wreck

Three H. S. Massives were injured, one badly, when their car went out of control on the Roanoke River detour bridge and plunged about fifteen feet into the swamp this morning at 2:45 o'clock.

Daniel A. Massagli suffered shock and a bad cut on his left arm. B. C. Shipman, owner of the 1940 Ford sedan, was pinned between the top of one of the folding seats and the smashed-in top and is believed to have suffered serious chest injuries. He was treated along with Massagli in the local hospital.

Kenneth G. Johnson, driver, was bruised and suffered shock but did not require hospital treatment.

Shipman was held in the car for quite awhile or until help could be summoned to free the car over on its side and free him. Placed on a stretcher he was lifted out of the swamp by an automobile wrecker and carried to the hospital in a Biggs ambulance.

The three young men were traveling south and were to have reported to their station at Camp Lejeune early this morning.

## Band Uniform Drive Is Gathering Speed

### Town Responding To Plea For More Complete Outfits

### Young Musicians To Make Personal Bid For Help On Streets Friday

Although plans for a high school band for Williamston have been in existence here for a dozen years the chances of success are the greatest today they have ever been.

Two of the major obstacles to a first class high school band are rapidly being overcome. A drive to raise \$1500 for additional uniforms for a 48-piece band is due to end with observance of Band Day next Friday, September 12. With this obstacle out of the way, Professor Jack Butler, already busy with shaping up his personnel and holding rehearsals, can be depended upon to overcome the obstacle of training and directing the young musicians.

Almost before word had gone out that \$1500 was needed as a band uniform fund, the Williamston firemen donated \$100 to the campaign and in the next regular meetings of the Lions and Kiwanis clubs the two civic organizations voted \$100 a piece for the fund, a total of \$300 before the canvassing for the drive had gotten underway.

The progress of the drive which is moving ahead of the original schedule is being indicated on a "thermometer" in front of The Enterprise office where donations are being reported by the canvassers and the red "temperature" indicator is moved up as the money comes in. There is an ample supply of the red paint and the capacity of the "thermometer" is unlimited, a member of The Enterprise staff who is handling the thermometer said yesterday.

While original plans called for canvassing Thursday and Friday, some of the canvassers completed their work within hours of receiving their assignments and it was felt that an indication of the progress being made might as well be shown at once instead of waiting for Friday to come around.

Full details of Friday's program will appear in the issue of the Enterprise which will go on the streets Thursday afternoon.

Struggling along with part-time instruction and various degrees of interest by students, the band was off to a good start when it got its first full-time director Professor Butler, in October, 1940. By the fall of 1941 he had a band ready to march in Duke Stadium at a football game and other appearances were made in 1942, at Raleigh and in Washington. During that time the band appeared in support of various local civic efforts.

The advent of World War II cast a shadow over band activities and it was dealt a stunning blow in June of 1942 when Director Butler answered the call to the colors and entered the Navy.

Although hopes were held that the close of hostilities would result in his early return to Williamston and his band work, Professor Butler was unable to get back to Martin County until late March of this year. He immediately

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## Large Enrollment In Local Schools

Williamston's white schools enrolled 898 pupils last Thursday or 45 more than the number starting the 1946-47 term. Elementary school enrollment jumped from 697 to 755 while the high school registration was increased from 156 to 163.

Opening-day enrollment figures for other schools are listed below with the elementary total first and the high school second: Oak City, 213 and 117; Jamesville, 336 and 96; Farm Life, 135 and 58; Bear Grass, 339 and 64.

No reports could be had from the other schools.

### TO SPEAK HERE

#### Senator W. B. Rodman, representing the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, will address a meeting of civic leaders and other interested citizens in the Woman's Club building here on Thursday evening, September 25, it was announced today by Mr. W. B. Gaylord of the Lions Club.

#### Mr. Rodman, coming here on the invitation of the Lions Club, will discuss the commission's hospital plans, Mr. Gaylord said.

### Former County Resident Dies

W. E. Ambrose, former resident of this county, died in Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium in Wilson last Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock after several years of declining health.

Mr. Ambrose was born in Washington County 39 years ago, but spent most of his early life in Beaufort. He lived in this county eight or ten years before moving to Falkland and later to Edenton.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon near Yeatesville by Elder A. B. Ayers, and burial followed there.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Sadie Lewis of Edgecombe County; and four sons, William, Robert, Gene, and Earl Ambrose, all of the home. Seven daughters, Emma, Margaret, Janice, Shelby, Peggy and Ruth Ambrose of the home, and Mrs. Eula Mae Gray of Edenton; his mother, Mrs. Larcie Wynn of the home; four brothers, Cpl. Henry Wynn, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., and Ellis Wynn of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. C. C. Brabble of Edenton, Mrs. Marshall Savage and Mrs. Howard Williams of Williamston.

## Mrs. Stevenson Dies In Hospital

Mrs. J. T. Stevenson, 46, died in a Washington hospital Saturday morning at 6 o'clock following an operation. She had been ill for about four weeks and entered the hospital ten days ago.

Making her home near Williamston, just off the Hamilton highway, for the past several years, Mrs. Stevenson was a native of Jamesville. The daughter of the Simon and Hattie Moore Haislip, she was born February 22, 1901.

After her marriage she lived in Hamilton for a number of years before moving to Williamston and was a member of the Hamilton Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 4:30 Sunday afternoon by Rev. Ira D. Knight, pastor of the Memorial Baptist church here and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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## New Cancer Test Tried By Experts

St. Louis.—A blood test for early detection of cancer, which has shown strikingly quick and accurate results in animals, was reported by Dr. Louis Herly of the Dept. of Cancer Research, Columbia University, who demonstrated the test in exhibits at the Fourth International Cancer Research Congress.

He examines blood under ultraviolet light. Normal blood shines brightly, or fluoresces, and appears turbid or murky under the black light. But blood of animals with cancer does not show any fluorescence or murkiness.

Some substance in the blood which fluoresces apparently is taken out of the blood when cancer begins to grow, Dr. Herly said.

## Dedicate Room To Memory of Sidney Porter — O. Henry

### Greensboro Observing Anniversary of Great Writer-Author's Birth

The Greensboro Historical Society on Thursday of this week is celebrating the 85th anniversary of O. Henry's (William Sidney Porter) birth with the opening and dedication of a Memorial Room in the Gate City's civic center.

This memorial has been the special project for several years of the Greensboro Historical Museum Society. The Society has assembled and arranged for permanent display a rare collection of O. Henryana, including original manuscripts, letters, documents, and first editions of his works. It has also re-created as part of the memorial, in the atmosphere of the 1880's, a section of one of the city's historic institutions, the old "Dr. Porter's Drug Store."

Porter was the son of a small town physician. His mother died when he was very young and his only conventional literary education was gained in the private school of his aunt, Miss Lina Porter. He stopped school at the age of fourteen to enter his Uncle Clark Porter's drug store for training as a pharmacist. Although he was licensed later, he had to abandon the druggist's career at an early age because of ill health.

He went to Texas then and for two years lived on the ranch of an old ex-Greensboro friend, "Red" Hall, a famed Texas ranger. Recovering his health, he moved to Austin and in 1887 became a draftsman in the Texas Land Office. That same year he married 17-year-old Athol Estes, of Austin. A daughter and only child, Margaret Worth Porter, was born in 1889. About this time he became teller in the First National Bank of Austin, a post which he held for four years. He then became a reporter for the Austin Antonio Daily Express for a short time, transferring his talents to the Houston Daily Post in 1895.

Shortly afterwards he was summoned to Austin to answer embezzlement charges that grew out of his bank connection there. The charges were never substantiated, but circumstances played against him and he was later convicted. He had set out for Austin to answer the summons in July, 1896, but the sense of impending humiliation caused him to flee for sanctuary, first to New Orleans and later by tramp steamer to Central and South America.

Corresponding with his young wife through a friend, he learned in February, 1897, that she was ill. He returned promptly to her bedside and remained with her until her death in July. The following February he was tried and found guilty of the charges against him and served a prison term of three years and three months, long since publicly admitted to have been a gross miscarriage of justice against an innocent man.

In prison, his early training as a druggist served him well. He was given a post in the prison pharmacy and there, with time on his

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## Two Minor Auto Wrecks Reported

No one was hurt and very little property damage resulted in two minor auto accidents on local streets last week.

Driving a 1940 Chevrolet sedan into town last Wednesday afternoon, Steve Stephenson struck the rear of Chas. Felton Keel's Plymouth just as Keel started to make a left turn on West Main Street, doing about \$85 damage to his car and about \$35 to Keel's, according to Investigating Officer Chas. H. Moore.

Last Friday noon, Simon Lee Short of Oak City started to pull out from a main street parking place and drove his car into one driven by Harriet Ann Benoit of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Damage, amounting to less than \$20 on both cars, was accepted by Short, Officer Moore said following an investigation.