

Stimson Explains Why Atomic Bomb Was Used In War

Former Secretary of War Was Man To Make the Recommendation

(In this concluding article Mr. Stimson gives a blunt resume of why he advised using the atomic bomb, urged retention of the Emperor and what he thinks of war in general.—Ed.)

In order to end the war in the shortest possible time and to avoid the enormous losses of human life which otherwise confronted us, I felt that we must use the Emperor as our instrument to command and compel his people to cease fighting and subject themselves to our authority through him, and that to accomplish this we must give him and his controlling advisers a compelling reason to accede to our demands. This reason furthermore must be of such a nature that his people could understand his decision. The bomb seemed to me to furnish a unique instrument for that purpose.

My chief purpose was to end the war in victory with the least possible cost in lives of the men in the armies which I had helped to raise. In the light of the alternatives which, on a fair estimate, were open to us I believe that no man, in our position and subject to our responsibilities, holding in his hands a weapon of such possibilities for accomplishing this purpose and saving those lives, could have failed to use it and afterward looked his countrymen in the face.

As I read over what I have written, I am aware that much of it, in this year of peace, may have a harsh and unfeeling sound. It would perhaps be possible to say the same things and say them more gently. But I do not think it would be wise. As I look back over the five years of my service as Secretary of War, I see too many stern and heartrending decisions to be willing to pretend

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Big-Time Circus Here October 10

Cole Brothers' circus, one of the largest traveling in the South this season, will play two performances here on October 10, advance agents announced this week.

The first large circus to play here in years, possibly more than a quarter century, the circus travels by special train, owning its thirty double-length cars.

Williamston is the smallest town on its itinerary this season, it was learned, reports stating that the circus will come here from Kinston, move to Greenville and continue to Norfolk.

It was reliably learned that the circus carries 700 people, including top talent. There are eighteen elephants and hundreds of horses and other animals.

Arrangements have been made to raise the big top on the Williamson Lumber Company grounds, but the field will not accommodate the cook tent and other installations which will be placed just across the road.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's 1947 highway accident figures continue to lead those of a year ago, but the motorists hold about the same contempt for life and far greater respect for limb than they did in the first 37 weeks of 1946. First reports on the 37th week accident record pointed to a possibility of another victim being added to the death column.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

37th Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1947 2	3	0	\$ 795
1946 4	2	0	200
Comparisons To Date			
1947 94	48	3	\$21,070
1947 91	71	3	\$1,200

Big Damage Suits Pending In Court

HARVEST

The 1947 peanut harvest is rapidly nearing a climax in this county, late reports stating that digging operations are under way now in all parts of the county.

Conflicting reports are coming in, some saying that the yield is low and others declaring it to be very high. However, most all are agreed that the crop is better than those of the past two years. The quality of the crop is far better in sandy or light soils than it is in the heavy clay type, but the goobers are shedding badly everywhere, it was declared.

Favorable weather for the next two or three weeks will materially aid the crop, and if they can be saved, peanuts will help relieve conditions aggravated by falling tobacco prices.

Henry D. Mizelle Died Wednesday

Henry Dawson Mizelle, 50, died at his home in West End near Williamson last Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock following an illness of only a few days. In declining health for some time, he was able to continue his work on the Roanoke River bridge project here until last week-end. He was able to be up for a short time last Monday and the following day he suffered a stroke, the end coming gradually.

Mr. Mizelle, son of the late John H. and Ella Peel Mizelle, was born near Williamson on February 15, 1897. He spent his early life on the farm and lived near Williamson all his life except two years spent on the farm in Edgecombe County. He was a willing worker and possessed a friendly disposition.

He was married to Miss Gladys Taylor twenty-seven years ago and she survives with four children, three sons, Elmer Taylor Mizelle of Norfolk, Dallas Mizelle of Williamson and Russell Mizelle of the home, one daughter, Mrs. James E. White of Windsor; a sister, Mrs. Charlie Stalls of near Williamson, a half-sister, Mrs. Herbert Lee of New Bern, a half-brother, John Allen Mizelle of West End and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington and Elder A. B. Ayers. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Minor Bus-Auto Wreck Near Here

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when an automobile plowed into the rear of a school bus on Highway 64 at West End near here last Tuesday afternoon.

When the bus stopped to discharge passengers near Hardy's store, a car, operated with inadequate brakes, struck the rear of the bus, knocking off the rear light on the bus and battering a fender on the car.

The car driver was charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. Cpl. T. Fearing of the Highway Patrol made the investigation.

Plans Go Forward For Court Term

Plans are going forward for opening next week the September term of the superior court postponed here last Monday on account of the illness of Judge Clawson Williams who was slated to preside.

It could not be learned if Judge Williams would be able to fill the appointment, but he advised court officials that in case he was unable to handle the assignment he would appeal to the governor and ask that another judge be given the assignment.

Seven Plaintiffs Seek Damages In Sum of \$60,500.00

Twenty-two Civil Cases Are On Calendar For Trial In Superior Court

Twenty-two civil cases, a third of them damage suits with big figures, have been calendared for trial in the Martin County Superior court here next week.

The schedule for the court was upset when Judge Clawson Williams was unable to report last Monday. The trial of criminal cases will take first place, followed by divorce mill operations and then by the trial of the civil cases.

Seven plaintiffs, victims of highway and train accidents, are asking damages in the total sum of \$60,500. Not in a long time have there been so many damage suits scheduled for airing in the courts of this county, the number revealing the dangerous trend of travel. Several of the plaintiffs are admittedly maimed for life and substantial damages are reasonably expected.

Leading the list of damage suits is the one brought by George Harrell Manning, young Jamesville white man, who was nearly killed along with his brother, Tom Brown Manning, in an automobile accident in Jamesville last October 20. The defendant, his back broken and suffering other critical injuries, was a patient in a hospital for eight weeks, and his brother, suffering similar injuries, was a patient in the hospital for seven and one-half weeks. George Harrell Manning is asking \$25,000 and Tom Brown Manning is asking \$15,000 of Marvin Woodrow Corey, the defendant. The suit is understood to be a friendly one since insurance was carried.

Mrs. Margie Sullivan, critically injured in an auto-truck accident on the Bethel-Greenville Highway last January 18, is suing Amos Cox, driver, and Vance Harrington, owner of the truck figuring in the near fatal accident, for \$10,000. Riding with her husband, J. B. Sullivan, the plaintiff points out that the defendant's truck was improperly parked in the highway and without proper warning lights, and says she suffered extreme, serious and numerous lacerations and bruises on her face and other parts of her body, concussion and shock and loss of nearly all her teeth, and that there was a bone injury to right foot and that her nervous system was greatly upset. In his suit against the defendants, Mr. Sullivan is asking \$5,000 damages, pointing out that he suffered cuts and lacerations to his face and neck, leaving scars, that bones in his right hand were broken and that there was lasting shock to his nervous system.

William Thomas Sullivan, Jr., by his next friend, W. T. Cullipher, is suing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for \$2,500 alleged damages resulting when a B. S. Courtney furniture truck was hit by the defendant's train at a grade crossing on the old Everetts Road last October 3. Riding with J. Clifton Manning, the plaintiff says he was seriously and permanently injured, pointing out that his face was bruised and lacerated in three places, that

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P. T. A. MEETING

Williamston's Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new term next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the grammar school auditorium, it was announced yesterday by President Hildreth Mobley.

Plans will be formulated for an active work program for the year, and all parents and patrons are asked to attend. Committees are being named and the officers of the organization are anticipating a good year.

Holiday Magazine Featuring State In Its Current Issue

Description of North Carolina Elaborately Illustrated In Portfolio

North Carolina is featured in the October issue of Holiday as one of the Nation's outstanding vacation areas.

"It's the richest State in the Old South," says the lead article in the national travel magazine, "yet it remains the pioneers' preserve that the early Americans found it."

This description of the Tarheel State appears in an elaborately illustrated 26-page portfolio which gives Holiday readers a complete guide to the interests that lie within its borders. This year the State will realize \$175,000,000 from visitors seeking "sun, fun and a wonderful opportunity for laziness," adds the review.

According to the publishers of Holiday, more than five million persons will see the North Carolina issue, for which Jonathan Daniels, well-known newspaperman, has written a 10,000-word account of his native State.

More than 100 photographs, most of them in color, depict many of the State's attractions. The magazine's tobacco-tan cover, executed by artist Arthur Williams, carries five scenes of the State, the words "North Carolina" and the State seal.

The State's industries have provided it with the wealth "which has been the basis of the burgeoning of North Carolina in comparison with its sister states in the South," the magazine says. It makes more towels than are produced anywhere else in the world, it produces more denim, and at High Point more furniture is made than anywhere else in this country with the possible exception of Grand Rapids.

Added to this, the magazine continues, it is the leading State in the production of peanuts and American cigarettes and one of the first two states in the manufacture of nylon stockings.

In its pictorial review Holiday roams the State to compile a complete record of the North Carolina scene. Its four-color reproductions capture the black-blue-gray shades of the Great Smoky mountains.

"They are beauty beyond description," observes Daniels, "accessible to eighty million people who live within 600 miles of their breath-taking scenery."

"Established only since 1926, the Great Smoky National Park already outdraws the older and more spectacular Yellowstone," he points out.

The Smokies, highest mountains in the East, are traversed by some of the Nation's best highways, says the article, which claims that "it is new and still incomparable the Blue Ridge Parkway is 'the most beautiful in Eastern America.'"

Also in the color parade are scenes of the bathing at Atlantic Beach, fishermen surf casting at Hatteras, the bus that runs from Hatteras to Manteo, Main Street in Rocky Mount, the City Hall at

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Accepts Call To West End Church

Rev. J. Thad Ashley, Durham native, recently accepted a call as pastor of the West End Baptist Church here and reported to his new station Thursday of this week. The minister will make his home with the W. R. Banks temporarily, it was learned.

Rev. Mr. Ashley is a graduate of Wake Forest College and recently completed his ministerial studies at Texas Seminary. He will conduct his first service in the West End church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and a large congregation is expected to welcome him at that time.

According to present plans, Rev. Ashley will divide his time between the West End church and work in the Roanoke Baptist Association. In use for some months, the new church has now been completed in its entirety and its continued rapid growth is certain.

Club Meeting Is Largely Attended

With one of its largest attendance records, the Williamson Woman's Club opened the fall season with a splendid meeting under the presidency of Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., in the club room last Tuesday evening. Forty-nine of the old members were present and thirteen new members, Mesdames G. P. Hall, Samuel Zemon, Dampy Simmons, Bill Abbit, John Miller, senior and junior, John Wier, Gene Kimball, Marvin Britton, B. G. Stewart, Clinton House, D. L. Reynolds, and Miss Frances Thomas, were added to the roll. Members of the local school faculty were special guests. Mrs. E. R. Froneberger, introducing the elementary teachers and Miss Mary Whitley presenting the high school group to the meeting.

Mrs. Henry Griffin, first vice-president, presented Mrs. Martin, the newly elected president, who graciously accepted the chair and presided.

Tentative plans were made for entertaining the district meeting here on Wednesday, October 1. The sessions are to be held in the Methodist Church and the local unit will serve lunch in the club hall. Mrs. Martin asked the cooperation of all the members in entertaining the visitors.

Mrs. A. J. Manning was named chairman of the American Home and Garden committee, succeeding Mrs. M. M. Levin.

Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed, the entertainment committee serving light refreshments.

Asks Support Of The Farm Bureau

The North Carolina Farm Bureau's simultaneous campaign for 100,000 members should have the support of everyone, "for only through organization can agriculture hope to survive and contribute its share to the prosperity of the State and Nation," C. L. Daniel, Martin County Farm Bureau president, said today.

"Farm Bureau Membership Committees are hard at work enlisting new members to boost the rolls from 62,057 to 100,000 by November 15," Daniel said. "However, this is a task of such importance that we can't be content to let just a few do the work. This campaign means much to the future of agriculture in North Carolina. If we farmers are to be represented properly before our State and National Legislative bodies, we should see to it that the Farm Bureau can point to a membership so large that there will be no doubt how North Carolina farmers stand on important issues."

The drive, headed by A. C. Edwards, Hookerton, North Carolina, has attracted wide interest, Daniel said. District and county meetings of the past two weeks, he added, have shown that the farmers are concerned about the future.

"It is up to the county committees and other members of the Farm Bureau to put the campaign over," Daniel said. "It is up to men and women alike to see to it that we express ourselves freely through a sound agricultural organization and that we express ourselves 100,000 strong."

Hurricane Moves Into Mexico Gulf

After tearing a streak across lower Florida, the hurricane, playing off the Atlantic Coast for several days, is wearing itself out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Complete reports on the damage done in Florida are not yet available. However, two persons were reported missing and seventeen others were reported missing. Considerable losses were reported by property owners, including orange grove farmers.

Weather conditions have been unsettled in this section since late Tuesday, but the condition was said to have been the result of cool air moving out of Canada and making ready to usher in the fall season this week-end.

Conditions on Labor Front Are Little Changed Locally

No new developments on the labor front have been reported here following a complete work stoppage at the Skinner Tobacco Company, a limited interruption at the Williamson Lumber Company mill and a near if not complete strike failure at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company last Monday morning. All plants are operating on a partial if not a regular schedule. The Skinner Company plant resumed operations without much delay when an agreement was entered into to bargain.

The Williamson Lumber Company, in an advertisement today, stated it was ready and willing to have an election conducted among its employees under the direction of the National Labor Relations Board to determine if a majority of the workers are in favor of a union there.

Unopposed by pickets, workers are continuing to report to their posts at the Standard Fertilizer

Company where a small but full seasonal crew is carrying on operations without interruption.

No date, as far as it could be learned, has been set for negotiating a contract between the union (District 50, UMWA, AF of L) and the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company. Operations there are being maintained full blast.

Other plants here have not been struck, but the union is claiming a majority of signers in one or two of them.

Activities at the Williamson Package Manufacturing Company continued at an absolute standstill as the work stoppage enters its sixth week with no immediate prospects for a settlement. It was unofficially learned that some of the men had inquired about the possibility of resuming activities there.

So far no threats have been made and the labor front continues quite peaceful. Police have warned against any bodily threats or disturbances.

Gradual Price Drop On Tobacco Market

Sales Pass Four Million Mark On Market Thursday

Three And One-Half Hour Selling Period In Effect In Belt Next Monday

Aggravated by several factors, tobacco prices followed a gradual but noticeable downward trend on the markets this week, and farmers expressed the opinion that unless the order is soon reversed the current crop is going to fall below the government's guarantee of ninety percent of parity.

Farmers this week admitted that the quality of the offerings was inferior, that the poor quality types were being offered in fairly large quantities. Naturally the price trend would be downward. However, they pointed out that prices for the better grades were not as strong as they were earlier in the season, and there was some doubt if the government grading system was holding up to the level in effect the first week the markets were open in this belt.

Weather conditions have not been very favorable either for the marketing of the crop, and the two factors along with others such as a large crop and heavy offerings are depressing the markets.

Prices held to the lowest level of the season this week, averaging down in the thirties for the first time, and pulling down the average for the season on the local market to \$41.10.

Despite the price trend, sales continue heavy on all markets in the belt, according to reports reaching here. Through Wednesday of this week the Williamson market had sold 4,082,758 pounds. The Thursday and Friday sales will push the total for the season to almost four and three-quarter million pounds.

Bookings are fairly heavy for next week, but selling time will be cut back to three and one-half hours beginning next Monday. Sales will be limited to 1,400 piles each day instead of 2,000 allowed under the current selling regulation.

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MEETING

Meeting in special session with Engineer Henry Rivers, the local board of town commissioners will discuss a drainage improvement program, including extension of water and sewer lines. "If we are to continue to grow we must plan for the future," Commissioner K. D. Worrell said in proposing that a study be made. No other business has been scheduled for consideration at the special meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Veteran Trainees Inspect Projects In Martin County

World War II Veterans Are Planting 200 Acres To Hybrid Corn

Thirty Jamesville veteran farm trainees with their instructors, Ralph Davenport and Leonard Holliday, under the supervision of the teacher of agriculture, made a farm tour on Tuesday afternoon. A test plot of fourteen different kinds of hybrid corn conducted by Bobby Lilley of Dardens was visited by the trainees. Here a study was made of the different hybrids as to the yield, condition of the grain, weevil damage, condition of the stalk, etc. Trainee Bob Davenport's hybrid corn was visited next. Here the trainees observed a comparison between the hybrid corn and a variety corn. The hybrid is estimated to produce 100 bushels to the acre. Trainee John Coltrain and T. W. Holliday's hybrid seed fields were visited next. They are growing N. C. 27 and T 11 seed corn to be marketed for next year. After observing how hybrid seed are grown the tour continued to trainee L. C. Moore's. Here the group examined another excellent mated Moore's corn to produce as much as 100 bushels per acre.

Members of the class are seeing some good results of the hybrid corn they planted this year. Members of the class planted approximately 200 acres of hybrid corn this year and plant to about double that acreage next year. In addition to their many other improvements the trainees seeded approximately thirty acres of permanent pasture last spring.

Members of the class making the tour were: Garland Barber, Simon Barber, Elwood Brown, Bob Davenport, Murry Davis, Seth Davis, Hosea Fagan, Paul Holliday, Jim Brown Holliday, Mayo Moore, L. C. Moore, Alva Roberson, Dennis Mizelle, John Cooper, John Coltrain, Elbert Barber, Elmer Harris, Wilbert Gardner, Gordon C. Price, Robert Perry, Clifton Ward, Gilbert Ward, Thomas Tice, Garland Tice, Hugh B. Griffin, Noah Roberson, Thurman Mobley, Charles Gurkin, William Peele, and Jesse R. Griffin.

Others making the tour were H. F. McKnight and Albert Pleasants of the Soil Conservation Service and J. W. Sumner and D. W. Brady of the Extension Service.—Reported.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Asked to report on their peanut plantings for the past several years, Martin County farmers are slow in returning the questionnaires to the office of the county agent. It was pointed out that it will be to the marked advantage of the farmer to fill in the questionnaire mailed him a short time ago and get it back to the office on or before the last of this month.

Any farmer who planted peanuts in 1942 without an allotment and did not receive a questionnaire should along with others who failed to receive one of the questionnaires, report to the county agent's office immediately.

Hears Four Cases In Mayor's Court

Mayor Robert Cowen heard four cases in his court last Tuesday evening when one of the defendants faced him for the second time and did not come out so well.

James Clark, arrested on a public drunkenness charge the 30th of last month, was back in the court on a similar charge this week. On the first count, judgment was suspended, upon payment of the cost, but in the second case Mayor Cowen fined him \$10 and taxed him with \$7.50 costs.

Held in jail over the week-end for public drunkenness, Virgie Elizabeth Tyner was carried into court, Judge Cowen suspending judgment upon the payment of \$8.50 costs.

Eli Howard was charged with public drunkenness, and was required to pay \$6.50 costs. Howard explained that it was the second time for him in seven years, and pledged good behavior from now on.

William Stokes, burdened with family troubles, was in court again Tuesday evening when Judge Cowen suspended judgment upon the payment of the cost. The action was taken after Stokes said he planned to leave home and remain sober.

Prayer Meetings Been Postponed

The series of cottage prayer meetings that had been planned by the Ministerial Association to begin on September 22nd have been advanced to the middle of October. This change was brought about by the inability of the various churches to secure ministers to hold the meetings as scheduled. Time and place of the services will be announced at a later date.

REPORTS

Although she expressed the hope that she would be excused, Mrs. Bruce Roebuck of Robersonville reported for jury duty at the regularly scheduled term of superior court last Monday.

The first woman citizen in this county to be called for regular jury duty, Mrs. Roebuck had no valid excuse to offer the clerk of court, but it is quite likely that the judge will excuse her when court is convened next Monday morning.

Mrs. John Wier, the other woman citizen drawn for jury duty, presented the clerk with a doctor's certificate and she was excused on that count by the clerk a short time ago.