

Clathan Ross Writes of Experience in Calcutta, India

The Carolina Times, this week, received a communication from Clathan M. Ross, its former Editor, who is now in India with the U.S. Information Agency. Ross, who is accompanied by his wife, Genie, is press officer for USAID.

Below are excerpts from the letter:

"We've been in India now for two weeks, and I can truthfully say that I've never seen anything like it. Calcutta, the city we're in, is a large crowded place. There are people everywhere, and many of them are in poor circumstances. It's almost impossible for the average westerner to conceive of the part of this world without having actually seen it for himself.

It is quite obvious to even the newcomers like us that the British were here and left a deep im-

pression on the culture. Indians insist on tea at 6 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. They even eat in the continental style, with the fork in the left hand and the knife in the right. The strangest thing of all is to ask a question of an educated Indian and to receive a response in a very proper, clipped British accent. And despite the fact that the British are the former colonial power, that Ghana had to lead a long campaign to gain India's independence, there is still fondness for the British—reserved only for them by most Indians. The British are loved more than the Americans, who are spending money to help India achieve economic self-sufficiency than perhaps anyone else.

The favorite sport in India is Cricket, and the Indian team just finished a series of matches with an English team. It was as important to the people here as the world series.

We are about to get adjusted to the rhythm of things here. Genie has visited many of the local shops and is otherwise busying herself with the somewhat useless things that most American wives occupy themselves with here and I'm about to get adjusted to my job.

There are several daily newspapers here, and most of the Indian journalists are a very intelligent, sophisticated lot. We have the good (or bad) fortune of being in Bengal, and there are no people like the Bengales. They are generally acclaimed as the most poetic, artistic and intellectual of all the Indians and they "make no bones" about their pride in this reputation. As you can gather, they are obviously more oriented to things of the spirit and mind than they are to material things. They remind me very much of what I like to call the best qualities of the more traditional and less westernized American Negroes.

I am Press officer for USAID here. There are seven American officers in USAID and about 25 Indians on the staff. The press section is easily the largest and there are about 15 Indians on the press

staff. The top two men are real pros. Sales P. Boy worked for A.P. before Indian independence, and Mrinal Dasu worked for U.P. and incidentally has visited Durham and N. C. College.

We are living for the time being on a boarding hotel. It's advisable in India to eat at one of these places, especially if its recommended, because of the strict precautions that must be observed in the consumption of food and water. All water must definitely be boiled before it's safe to drink. There are mostly Europeans and Americans here. Many of the Americans are Fulbright professors at Calcutta University or with the John Hopkins School of Tropical Medicine. There is also one Lutheran Missionary.

There's quite a bit of entertaining, especially among the Europeans and Americans, though after a while it seems routine. We've been entertained at dinner or cocktail at least 6 or 8 times so far and we've five engagements in the next ten days.

The weather here now is beautiful. It's cold in the morning and evenings and comfortable during the day. Highs now at midday are about 70 degrees. For we're told it will get hotter soon. Most newspapers in Calcutta are no more than 12 pages daily but they are influential. Calcutta, for instance, has four English language dailies, about eight Bengali dailies, two in Oriya, one in Assamese, one Hindu and one in Urdu. We have to maintain contacts with all of them. Some like a lot of newspapers, but there are 6 million people counted in Calcutta alone, and refugees from the E. Pakistan riots arriving daily.

Our mailing address is as follows: Clathan M. Ross, AM CON GEN, APO No. 673, New York N. Y. The "AM CON GEN" simply is

Personal Notes

MRS. N. A. DUNN VISITS DAUGHTER IN WHITE PLAINS

Mrs. N. A. Dunn, 409 Bran St. has been called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ann Horton, who is a resident of Park Way Garden, White Plains, N. Y. Mrs. Dunn, by the request of her daughter, wishes to thank her many friends of Durham for their get-well cards and letters sent during her illness.

MRS. SYMNER DAYE HOSTESS TO MISSIONARY BIBLE CLASS

The Missionary Bible Class of Mount Level Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Daye, 314 Todd St., February 17. The meeting was opened with the devotion led by Mrs. Rachell Jones. The business session was presided over by the president Mrs. Roumania Lipscomb.

The highlights of the meeting centered around the one day session of the Women's Foreign Missionary Convention held at the First Baptist Church on January 1 in Raleigh which was reported by Mrs. Nannie Lyons. The theme was "We have a Message to Give."

Mrs. Daye served a delicious repast to the following members: Mesdames Rachel Jones, Melina Harris, Juanita Wilson, Virginia Hilliard, Clara Evans, Nannie P. Lyons, Mozelle Pettiford, Odessa Parker, Lydia Timberlake, Mildred Neal, Olinzie Johnson, Emma Johnson, Janie Evans, Vivian Fuller; guests were Mrs. Virginia Kenion and Mrs. Johnson Carrington. Mrs. Lydia Timberlake thanked the hostess for a lovely evening.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clara Evans, 808 Dowd St. on March 16.

Covering up a little mistake may cause a big one.



MRS. MOORE

Mrs. J. M. Moore Funeralized at St. Joseph's Sun.

Mrs. Jesse McDade Moore, who died here February 12, was funeralized Sunday, February 16, at St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church with Rev. Melvin Chester Swann officiating.

Mrs. Moore, the daughter of the late Jasper and Bettie McDade was born in Durham County, July 18, 1893. She was married to Alexander Moore and attended the Durham City Schools and Kitrell College.

A member of Saint Joseph's Church since early childhood Mrs. Moore was a member of the Carolina Barnes Missionary Society and the Moxehale Sunday School Class. She was State President of the American Legion Auxiliary for a number of years and a member of the Pearson town Community Club. She was also dietitian for Hillside High School for twenty years.

Survivors include her husband, Alexander Moore; two sisters Mrs. Alma Hughes of the city and Mrs. Fannie McGhee of Baltimore, Maryland. Several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY Charles Herman Green Versus Fannie Mae Green IN THE DURHAM COUNTY CIVIL COURT DOCKET NO. 10

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Jackson-Martin

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The bride was flower girl.
The bridegroom had as his best man, James Koonce, of Shelby, Ushers were Henry Goldston, Alestis Gibson, Daniel Jolly and Fleming Williamson, of Shelby and Allen Jackson of Gastonia.
The bride's attendants wore red velvet dresses with peau de soie over skirts. Their headpieces were bows trimmed with short tulle veils; the honor attendants wore pillboxes with short veils. They carried peppermint carnation nosegays.
Mrs. Martin, a teacher at Gingles Elementary School, of Dallas, is a graduate of Reid High School, Belmont and Liv-

ingstone College. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and is talented in music.
Mr. Martin, a teacher at Green Bethel School, of Shelby, is a graduate of Livingstone College and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The couple was entertained at a reception in the church dining room and several hundred guests attended.

IN BENEFIT PROGRAM
The Male Chorus of the Mount Zion Baptist Church on Cheek Rd will be featured in a special benefit program, Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 P.M., at Merrick-Moor High School. The purpose of the special program is to kick-off the Merrick-Moor Band Uniform Drive.

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