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GET CLEVENGER MURDERER

Martin Moore, Colored Bellboy Confesses

Entered Room To Steal, Girl Screamed, He Shot Her, Prisoner Says; Guarded In Jail; Found Pistol Under Porch; Re-Enacts Crime; Gaddy Released; N. Y. Detectives Help Solve Mystery.

(Washington Herald)
Asheville, N. C., Aug. 9.—A colored bellboy at the Battery Park Hotel today confessed the murder and mutilation of Helen Clevenger, 19-year-old New York University coed, here three weeks ago.



Martin Moore, 22, broke after all-night questioning, and admitted the slaying, to Sheriff Laurence Brown, when he was confronted with a gun found concealed in his home.

Moore admitted it was the weapon with which he shot the pretty brunette coed in the breast after he had entered her room about 1 a. m., the night of July 16, for purpose of robbery.

Moore, who made his confession early this afternoon, is held on the fifteenth floor of Asheville's skyscraper jail, but may be moved to the State Penitentiary for safekeeping.

He has been formally charged with the murder after signing a complete confession, and re-enacting the crime in the hotel room for investigators who included two New York detectives who came here late last week at request of Sheriff Brown.

Trapped by Gun
Detective John Quinn, instrumental in solving the Titterton murder in New York, a few months ago, and Detective Sergeant Dan Martin, helped trap Moore after Banks Taylor, another employe at the hotel told officers he had a gun like the one with which the girl was murdered.

Asheville authorities also were aided by Arthur Melville, Washington manager of the Burns Detective Agency, who has been here a week. It is understood he was engaged by private individuals interested in the case.

In his confession Moore said he entered her room, No. 224, thinking it was unoccupied, and found Miss Clevenger sitting on the edge of the bed.

She arose, asked him what he wanted, and told him to leave or she would call for help.

Girl Screamed, Shot
He said:
"I was scared and drew my revolver. She did not notice the gun at first but when she did, she screamed and I shot her. Then I struck her in the face with the butt of the gun so she wouldn't scream again. She fell to the floor."

Moore's confession, coming after three weeks of investigation by a triple battery of detectives, county, city and outside forces—bears out statements made to the sheriff by guests.

Cry Heard by Guest
E. B. Pittman, who had a room across the hall, had related he opened his door when he heard a woman's screams. He said a shadowy figure lurked in the doorway across the hall, and he said:
"I wonder what that noise was."

The shadowy figure—which turns out to be Moore, according to the confession—replied:
"I was wondering that myself."

Today Moore told police he had stood there in Helen Clevenger's own half-open doorway—her body only 10 feet away—and awaited a chance to slip away safely.

Taylor, colored pantry boy at the Battery Park, gave Sheriff Brown the "tip" which broke the case—the tip that Moore owned a gun of the same caliber as the one which shot her to death in her hotel room.

Detectives Martin, Quinn and local officers went to Moore's shack Saturday night.

Suspect Frightened
They demanded of the frightened colored man:
"What did you do with the pistol you killed that girl with?" Moore was quiet a few moments, then sneeringly replied:
"It's under the porch there. But I didn't kill her. Roddy killed her."

L. W. Roddy was another bell boy held as a suspect in the case but released shortly afterwards, the authorities convinced he knew nothing of the murder.

Willing to Talk
The officers took Moore and the pistol to the courthouse and went for Roddy. The two colored men were locked in a room together for an hour.

After Roddy was taken away again, Moore told officers he would talk, and admitted that he alone had murdered "The Great Smokies" with her bachelor college professor uncle. He told of

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FRANKLINTON YOUTH KILLED IN COLLISION

Joe Cheatham, Jr., Fatally Injured As Auto And Truck Crash; Rites Thursday

Franklinton.—Funeral services for Joe Cheatham, Jr., 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cheatham who was instantly killed here late Tuesday night when a truck loaded with watermelons owned by W. N. Gardner, of Blacksville, S. C., collided with an automobile driven by Bill Jenkins in which Cheatham was riding were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The accident occurred at the north end of town. Cheatham was riding on the rear seat on the left side which was crushed by the impact with the heavily loaded truck.

The other occupants of the automobile, Jenkins, Sarah Alice Morris, John Green, Mary Coleman Henderson, and Edith Jackson, escaped with only a few cuts and bruises. The truck driver was not injured.

Cheatham graduated from the Franklinton High School in 1935 and attended the University of North Carolina last year.

MISS GRIFFIN SUICIDE

Miss Lottie Griffin, daughter of the late A. T. Griffin, of near Centerville, ended her life about 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of her brother, Mr. Johnnie R. Griffin by emptying a load from a double barrel shot gun into her breast.

She was 37 years of age and leaves several brothers and sisters, among whom are, Mr. Maurice Griffin, of Edenton, Russell Boone Griffin, of Murphy, Mrs. J. J. Lancaster, of Boone, and Mr. Johnnie R. Griffin, of Centerville. No reason for the rash act was known to the family.

She was a very pleasing and amiable lady, well loved and admired by those who knew her. She was a member of Red Bud Baptist Church.

The funeral services will be held from Red Bud Baptist Church Friday and will be conducted by Rev. John Edwards, her pastor, and interment will be made in the family burying ground.

The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The TIMES has been requested to announce that a Home-Coming and Memorial Service will be held at Maple Springs Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in August. The services will be especially dedicated to the late Rev. George M. Duke, who served this church as pastor until his death on July 28th, 1918, as well as a number of other churches in Franklin and adjoining counties.

All former members of this church as well as all friends of the church and the late Rev. George Duke are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to join in the day.

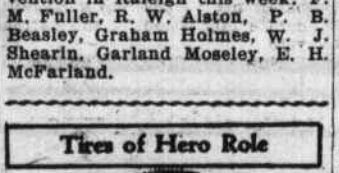
GETS STILL

Officer R. L. Harris reports the capture of a 30 gallon copper still outfit near the head of Jacksons ponds yesterday morning. He was assisted by Constable F. E. Frazier.

FIREMEN TO CONVENTION

The following members of the Louisburg Fire Department attended the State Firemen's Convention in Raleigh this week: F. M. Fuller, R. W. Alston, P. B. Shearin, Graham Holmes, W. J. Shearin, Garland Moseley, E. H. McFarland.

Titles of Hero Role



LONDON . . . Gordon Dick, 36, (above), a traveling salesman going his pleiad way a fortnight ago, has found the role of hero rather trying. He is the man who knocked the gun from the hand of the assassin, now charged with threatening the life King Edward recently.

Girl, 17, Admits Killing Mother with Hatchet



NEW YORK . . . Gladys McKnight, 17, and her 18-year-old brother Donald, who she had just killed with a hatchet, were shown in a photograph. Gladys admitted the murder of her mother, Donald holding the mother while Gladys battered her down and to death with a hatchet. It was all over a trivial quarrel because Gladys had to get an early supper for herself so she might play tennis with Donald. They say the mother had a knife in her hand.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL BOOMS NATION-WIDE

Big Vote Predicted As New Papers Launch Poll

National Straw-Vote Headquarters Report Keen Interest Of Voters On All Fronts

BALLOT ELSEWHERE FOR LOCAL VOTING

The nation-wide Presidential straw-vote being conducted by the weekly newspapers throughout the country gives all promise of being the most representative poll of small town and rural America political sentiment ever recorded in a national election year.

Reports from the weekly newspapers' straw-vote headquarters in New York, as this issue of the Franklin Times was going to press, told of leading weekly newspapers far and near launching the poll in their respective territories with promise of returning a convincing vote to extend the scope of the poll and thus afford a national tabulation for interesting political speculation.

That the poll will be non-partisan in every respect can be accepted as a fact inasmuch as it is being conducted by Democratic, Republican and Independent newspapers located in states throughout the nation.

Growth of National Poll
The nation-wide straw-vote Presidential poll of small town and rural America political sentiment in a national election year was first launched in 1920 by weekly newspapers being served by Publishers Autocaster Service, which company produces a newspaper feature service for weekly newspapers.

In each succeeding national election year since then, 1924, 1928 and 1932, the weekly newspaper poll has grown in popular acceptance due to the fact that a greater number of newspapers were participating in the poll and further that the accuracy of the poll could not be doubted, the final national results of the poll always proving to be within 5% of actual official returns in the following November election. In 1932 the poll was within 3.5% of being correct, the slight variance being the distribution of electoral votes.

Roosevelt vs. Landon
In a special pre-convention straw-vote poll last winter, nation-wide in scope, wherein voters expressed a preference for Presidential candidates, the weekly newspaper poll again proved its worth. It showed Republican choice as between Borah and Landon, the Landon landslide starting during the last 3 weeks of balloting. In the last week of voting, Landon polled a greater vote than Borah, passing the Idaho senator. Landon was the only candidate to draw a larger popular vote than Borah during any one week of the voting. Roosevelt was the undisputed choice of Democratic voters.

In that pre-convention poll, the publishers of the weekly newspapers conducting the feature decided to open the doors wide and invite publishers of weekly newspapers everywhere to join in and conduct a poll in their respective territories. Hundreds of progressive publishers accepted that invitation, as they are doing in this poll now under way. This poll now gives promise of being the

most successful ever conducted. As a result of this wide spread in number of newspapers participating in the poll, the first national returns may not be available for a week or two. However, they should prove to be most interesting when they start coming through. All voters will then have the opportunity of knowing just which way the political winds are blowing in this year of 1936.

Let's Show Our Strength
Have you yet voted in this nation-wide Presidential poll? If not, then reach now for pen or pencil, clip the ballot elsewhere in this paper, vote your choice then mail or bring your ballot to the FRANKLIN TIMES office.

Just as you may be interested in knowing how fares the fate of your presidential choice in other states throughout the country, so do the voters there wish to know how we here in North Carolina are thinking, politically, and how we intend to vote in November. That is the reason that the voters of Louisburg should cast their ballot in this nation-wide poll and so register the full strength here for each of the respective candidates.

Local and National
Remember . . . your favorite candidate is depending upon you to help show his strength in this territory. So clip, vote and mail your ballot today. The result of the local voting is being published herewith each week, then the ballots are sent on to straw-vote headquarters in New York for national tabulation.

You do not have to sign your name on the ballot, nor do you commit yourself in any manner. You are asked to write in the name of town and the state from which you expect to vote in November. This identification of the ballot makes possible a more accurate tabulation of the national vote.

Now . . . help pile up the vote for your favorite. Clip and mail the ballot right now.

S. W. Fuller Dead

Mr. S. W. Fuller, one of Mapleville Community's oldest and best known citizens died yesterday. He was 70 years of age and leaves eight children, besides two brothers Messrs. W. T. Fuller, of Rocky Mount, and E. G. Fuller, of near Ingleside, two sisters Mrs. Laura G. Bryant, of Chapel Hill, and Mrs. C. B. Kearney, of near Ingleside. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The bulk of the Montgomery county peach crop has gone to market. The peaches were good and growers were well pleased with their returns, reports the county agent.

County supervisors and local supervisors for checking farmers' compliance in the soil-improvement program have been selected and trained in a number of counties over the State.

\$100,000 TOBACCO COMPANY BOARD LETS CONTRACTS

ORGANIZED IN LOUISBURG WEDNESDAY

To Buy Tobacco On Louisburg Market This Season—Extend Its Buying To Other Markets Later—Have Strong Buying Staff

At a meeting of the business and professional men of Louisburg Wednesday night a tobacco company with authorized capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) was organized for the purpose of buying leaf tobaccos.

A committee was appointed to select an experienced buyer who will be in Louisburg when the tobacco market opens with orders sufficient to bid on all grades and types of tobacco grown in this section of the country.

In addition to opening up a new field of business in Louisburg and guaranteeing to the farmers who sell on the local market that each grade of their tobacco will bring the highest dollar obtainable, this new company expects soon to establish a prery in Louisburg and place buyers on other markets. All of which will be of untold value to Louisburg and Franklin County.

With a tobacco crop of from ten to fifteen million pounds grown in Franklin County each year, and of the very finest type, there is every reason to believe that this new tobacco company, which is composed of the very best business men in this city who have made good in their own affairs, should be a success and soon take its place beside the other big independent tobacco companies.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Friday morning, August 7th, 1936 with all members present the following business was transacted:

The land of G. M. Beam in Sandy Creek township and listed in Gold Mine was ordered changed to its proper township.

A motion to receive bids on the remodeling and repairing the Court House prevailed and bids were received as follows:

Beaman & Royall \$3,260.00
W. M. Wiggins & Co. 3,095.00
Plumbing
W. M. Wiggins & Co. 1,459.00
Heating and Plumbing
W. M. Wiggins & Co. 4,520.00

General Contract
W. B. Barrow & Son \$33,480.00
J. M. Gregory 24,890.00
Good Construction Co. 34,267.00
A. Loyd Goode 31,920.00
F. N. Thompson 33,110.00
C. A. Ragland 28,935.00

A motion was offered to give the general contract to A. L. Goode & Co. at \$31,920.00 and was rejected.

A motion was offered awarding the general contract to C. A. Ragland for \$28,935.00 and was adopted.

A motion was offered to award the contract for the heating and plumbing work to W. M. Wiggins & Co., at a cost of \$4,520.00 was carried.

M. S. Davis was employed to supervise the construction of the remodeling of the Court House for the sum of \$350.00.

This completing the work of the Board adjournment was taken.

HELD FOR MURDER

Robert Wiggins and Walter Williams were arrested Wednesday and placed in jail awaiting an investigation of the shooting to death of Bickett Stallings, at the home of a friend named Mason, according to reports of the killing reaching Louisburg. The shooting took place on Tuesday night and it was a load from a shot gun that struck Stallings. It is said Wiggins was shooting a pistol. All parties are colored. Coroner R. A. Bobbitt held an inquest yesterday afternoon to try to clear up the responsibility.

LARGER PREMIUM LIST

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Premium books for the 1936 State Fair are now available at the office of Manager Norman Y. Chambliss in Raleigh.

Exhibitors are offered a total of \$15,000 in prizes, an increase of 15 per cent over last year's premium list. Awards are limited strictly to exhibitors residing in North Carolina, although outsiders can show their products without engaging in competition.

Dr. F. E. Miller, of the State Department of Agriculture, is in charge of all agricultural exhibits again this year. Thus far, 20 per cent more exhibit space has been taken than at the corresponding time last year, leading operators of the exposition to believe that an unusually wide variety of displays will greet visitors to the Fair, which will be held the week of October 12th.

Encouraging North Carolinians to compete for the rich purses offered in the various departments, Manager Chambliss declared "We want to make this a State Fair in every sense of the word. It belongs to all of North Carolina, and we urgently invite every citizen in the State to take a personal interest and part in the Fair. We are working to the end that all sections of our State shall be represented, and it appears now that we will reach our goal successfully."

In addition to stressing the educational side of the fair, Manager Chambliss is cooperating with George Hamid, internationally known showman of New York, in booking a wide variety of entertainment attractions. Interesting special events will mark each day's program.

"This will be our fourth year of operating the Fair for the State and we have heard no complaints about dishonesty on the midway," commented Manager Chambliss. "We expect to keep the Fair clean and thus maintain a reputation that has won favorable comment throughout the country."

Chained Sons to Post

DENVER . . . His boys, Jimmie, 12 and Wayne, 10, would not mind him or their mother, said Ray Hamblin, 42-year-old Brighton WPA worker, above, and as both he and his wife had to work, he chained them to a post in the basement of their home. . . . The court fined him \$50 and 60 days in jail.

A Son
Spring Hope, Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lassiter, of Spring Hope, announce the birth of a son, G. Calvin, Jr., on Tuesday, August 4.