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MARTIN MOORE IS CONVICTED

Murder of Helen Clevenger Asheville

Jury Finds Verdict in Less Than Hour - Execution Date For Moore Set For October 2nd - Moore Taken To Death Row at Raleigh Immediately After Trial

Asheville, Aug. 22. — Martin Moore, gaunt black man, was convicted today of slaying little blonde Helen Clevenger with a pistol in her Battery Park hotel room here July 16 and was sentenced to die October 2 in the state gas chamber.

Judge Don Phillips asked the negro: "Martin, have you anything to say?"

"I want to thank the jury," he says he wants to thank the jury.

Then the judge asked Moore: "Have you anything else to say, Martin?"

The defendant shook his head. Joseph F. Clevenger, 61-year-old father of the slain five-foot-one New York University student, rubbed his pale cheek briskly with his hand as Foreman John S. Hersey read the verdict in the hot, packed courtroom.

A slender, yellow sister of the defendant, garbed in blue, broke into tears, but if the verdict stunned Moore he failed to show it. As throughout the trial, he maintained an appearance of apathy.

Ordered to his feet for the verdict, he slowly raised his lank figure from his chair and, balancing himself with one ham-like hand on a chair in front of him, his head drooped slightly.

The jury was out almost an hour, although one member said only one ballot was necessary to decide the case.

The defense filed notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court after Judge Phillips denied a motion that the verdict be set aside.

Swift Climax

Conviction in the four-day trial came as the swift climax to a day largely devoted to arguments by counsel for and against the negro who once confessed, and then denied, that he crept through the hotel's familiar aisles and out to wash blood from his hands in a driving rain after the killing.

The jury decided with the contention of Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles and prosecuting officers that the confession was valid, and conformed to facts known about the crime prior to Moore's arrest. It turned aside the defense contention that the 22-year-old negro confessed only after being subjected to beatings with a rubber hose in his cell.

Judge Phillips praised the jury for its decision and said Moore had received a fair trial. The same view was taken, for the most part, in a statement, by Rev. M. L. Breeding, an observer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who said, however, "there are some few points in the trial that are not quite clear to me."

To Consult Main Office

"We will take the matter up with our main office in New York or helping the appeal of Martin Moore. In the main the procedure was orderly and apparently fair, but there are certain questions in my mind. x x x Our only object in watching the trial was to see that Moore was given a just trial. We are not interested in trying to obstruct justice if he is guilty."

Breeding said the Asheville branch of the association would meet tomorrow afternoon to consider an appeal to the supreme court in Moore's case.

Speed Away In Car

At 6 P. M., four deputies took Moore from his cell on the 14th floor of the courthouse-jail and sped him away in Sheriff Laurence E. Brown's armored car.

Presumably the negro was taken to the state's prison in Raleigh.

As the deputies walked the prisoner out of the building they were talking about dice games.

"I don't reckon I'll shoot any more craps," the negro commented. "But if I do, I guess I'll shoot a seven or eleven."

Miss Clevenger was shot and her face battered in her room at a hotel about 1 A. M. July 16, while a thunder storm roared.

Her body was found at 8:30 A. M. by her uncle, Prof. W. L. Clevenger, of N. C. State College at Raleigh. She had been traveling with him in this section on what her father, Joseph F. Clevenger of Staten Island, N. Y., described at the trial as an "educational and recreational" tour.

Pajama clad, she lay, legs



M. J. STOKES

Who was recently elected by the State Junior Order Council, National Representative, Mr. Stokes is a Franklin County boy and a member of the Louisburg Council, although at present he is living at Rocky Mount.

In addition to Mr. Stokes election the following state officers were elected:

Councilor—E. L. Gavin, Sanford.

Vice Councilor—V. R. Johnson, Pittsboro.

Secretary—Sam V. Vance, Kernersville.

Assistant Secretary—J. C. Coston, Hendersonville.

Treasurer—Guernsey P. Hood, Raleigh.

Warden—W. E. Blake, Raleigh.

Conductor—Edward O. Johnson, High Point.

Inside Sentinel—S. R. Cechols, McAdenville.

Outside Sentinel—N. P. Parker, Clinton.

National Representatives—M. J. Stokes, Rocky Mount; Chas. F. Tankersley, Henderson; Monroe Adams, Statesville; J. C. Kesler, Salisbury; D. H. Harris, Tarboro; Grover Glenn, Raleigh; Mose N. Goodwyn, Durham.

School Age

The question of young children entering school the coming term has been commanding much interest among parents and school officials. As a result the State School Commission has issued the following ruling:

"It is ordered by the Commission that children entering school for their first time for the school year 1936-37 must be six years of age on or before October 1st, 1936, to be eligible for enrollment during the school year 1936-37 and must enroll during the first month of that school year."

Therefore the local school authorities have no choice in this matter and cannot admit children whom they know become six years of age after October 1st, even though it is the next day. The ruling seems to be arbitrary and is not concurred in by many of the patrons who feel that it will deprive their children of a year's schooling.

J. S. PLACE

Funeral services were held for J. S. Place at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Cash, on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Chas. B. Howard, and interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. Quite a large number attended both services and the floral tribute was especially large and beautiful. The pall bearers were as follows: Active—Ed. Collier, George Foster, N. L. Moseley, Macy Brewer, Hill Yarborough, J. S. Howell, Honorary—J. P. Timberlake, Jr., A. W. Perry, A. W. Person, Perry Wheeler, Floyd Waters, W. J. Cooper.

Mr. Place leaves four children, Earle, Mamie Pearl, Mrs. C. F. Cash, and Mr. J. G. Place, all of Louisburg, and one brother, Mr. R. H. Place, of near Louisburg. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

FRANKLINTON SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 11TH

Supt. G. B. Harris announces that the Franklinton School will open on Friday, September 11 at 8:45. September 8-10 will be used for High School registration. The Commercial Department will begin work on Monday, September 14. A small tuition fee and this department is open to any person in the county not enrolled in High School.

Faculty members are as follows: Elementary—Miss Helen Stoneham, Miss Annie Tucker Moore, Mrs. Thelma Green, Miss Edna Davenport, Mrs. W. A. Shearon, Miss Nell Joyner, Miss Clara Kearney, Mrs. Carl Pridgen, Miss Leslie Chandler, Miss Annie Belle Smith, Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Miss Annie Wester.

High School—Mr. V. R. Brantley, Miss Frances Winston, Miss Frances Smith, Miss Pearl Fishal, Miss Elizabeth Brittle, Mr. F. C. Winston, Miss Louise Matthews.

crumpled behind her, almost in the door of her room where, in a confession he later repudiated, Moore said he left her after killing her in panic when she screamed as he entered her room with the intent of robbing it.

BUYS POST OFFICE SITE

The U. S. Treasury Department, in a letter to Postmaster T. M. Harris Wednesday, announced the purchase of the corner of the Taylor lot from Mrs. Missouri Pleasants for a government postoffice building. The lot purchased is 122 x 155 feet and the price paid was \$8,900.00. The letter gave no information as to when the actual construction was to begin but it is hoped and expected that it will be at an early date.

Recorder's Court

In the absence of Judge J. E. Malone, Judge Pro-Tem Paul Strickland presided over Franklin Recorder's Court Tuesday. The following cases were disposed of: Jeff Webb was found not guilty of P S L for sale.

Henry Smith was found guilty of P S L for sale and given 90 days on roads. Upon payment of \$50 fine and costs execution of sentence not to issue.

Manuel Debnam was found guilty of assault with deadly weapons and given 12 months on roads.

Coy Wright was found guilty of assault with deadly weapons. To be discharged upon payment of costs and doctor's bill.

MRS. STALLINGS DEAD

Mrs. Meta Stallings, age 60, died at her home in Franklinton Aug. 26 after seven months illness. She was buried in Fairview cemetery, Rev. R. L. Randolph officiating. Surviving are her husband, Henry Stallings, and four children, Elizabeth, Lena, George and James, two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Allen of Franklinton, and Mrs. Fannie Harris of Richmond, Va., two brothers, Elvin Crews of Franklinton, and George Crews of Richmond, Va.

The pall bearers were: A. B. Allen, W. S. Pepper, H. F. Fuller, Carl Neal, Joe Cheatham and George Meade.

HARVEST FEAST IN SPRING HOPE

Spring Hope, Aug. 26.—A little different from the frequent family reunions in Nash County was the dinner given Friday noon by Tat Upchurch and Acron Greekmore at the old Upchurch place on Spring Hope, Route 2. It was termed "Feast of the First Fruits" and celebrated the curing of the last barns of tobacco of the two hosts and the promise of other good crops.

About 50 people, including all helpers in the harvest, families, neighbors and friends of the two men, enjoyed a bountiful dinner. John C. Matthews of Spring Hope made a brief talk and returned thanks at the table.

MRS. STURGESS ENTERTAINS

Members of the Friday Contract club were the guests of Mrs. Conrad B. Sturgess at the home of her parents Friday afternoon. Progressive contract was played at two tables, and the club prize was won by Mrs. Hill Yarborough, Mrs. J. R. Allen received the visitors prize. Both gifts were note paper. Mrs. Frank Cuipepper, a special guest, was remembered with a pair of silk hose. Mrs. Clyde G. White, Miss Max Allen, and Mrs. F. H. Allen assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments in two courses to the following players: Mrs. Hill Yarborough, Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis, Mrs. Robert W. Alston, Mrs. F. W. Wheelers, Jr., Miss Max Allen, club members; and Mrs. Frank Cuipepper, Mrs. J. R. Allen, and Mrs. W. C. Perry, visiting players.

Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Aug. 29th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Tom Keene in "Drift Fence" and Owen Davis, Jr. in "Bunker Bean".

Sunday—Barbara Stanwyck and Gene Raymond in "The Bride Walks Out".

Monday—Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor in "State Fair." Matinees daily from this date on.

Tuesday—Warren William and Claire Dodd in "Case Of The Velvet Claws".

Wednesday—Bank Night—Jack Holt in "Crash Donovan".

Thursday-Friday—Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in "To Mary—With Love".

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Which Way The Straw



ROOSEVELT LONDON

\$50,000 CLAIM HOLD-UPS AT HENDERSON

County Attorney Chas. P. Green informs the TIMES that on Tuesday he filed a claim with the special legislative committee for the return to Franklin County of \$50,000 road money Franklin County had expended on cooperative road propositions, grants and usages, among which is included the road across Gold Mine and Cedar Rock townships, and Tar River bridge in Louisburg.

Franklin is as much entitled to these amounts as many of the other counties making claims.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

The schools of the Gold Sand district, composed of Gold Sand and Wood, will open for regular work Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 8:30 o'clock, according to announcement of Principal W. O. Reed. Parents are urged to see that their children enter the first day, for if the pupil is to get the maximum benefit from his school he should attend as regularly as possible. Frequently the first day is considered lightly, but book list must be given, assignment of lessons made, and many other routine activities gone through before regular and consistent work can be begun. There is no better time for those things than the first day of school.

We hope this year will be the most successful in the entire history of the school. To bring this about, it will be necessary for parent and teacher to cooperate to the fullest extent. Parents are invited to visit the school and inquire into the progress of his child. Friendly chats between parent and teacher add to the child's success in school. Where your child is, there let your interest be also, if we may paraphrase a portion of the Bible.

The following teachers will serve in our schools this year: Gold Sand: High School Department—W. O. Reed; D. J. Dark, W. H. Wetzel, Miss Lillie Harper, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Betty Cooper Davis, Elementary Department—Mrs. M. E. Williams, Miss Ruth Parrish, Mrs. R. W. Gupton, Mrs. M. E. Bledsoe, Miss Fannie Gupton, Miss Lois May, Mrs. P. C. Perdue, Mrs. W. S. Person. Miss Ruth Parker will teach piano.

Wood School: Mrs. J. W. Neal, Miss Mary Dickerson, Miss Pattie Beasley, Miss Adelaide Duke.

Mr. W. H. Wetzel, the Agricultural teacher, and Miss Betty Cooper Davis, the Home Economics teacher, are coming to our school for the first time this year. They are well recommended, and we are wishing for them a most prosperous year in their new endeavor.

SOUTHSIDE WAREHOUSE

Attention is called to the advertisement on another page of the Southside Warehouse making announcement of its opening and the personnel of its force for this year. The new management expect to sell a big lot of tobacco as they say they are in position to serve the growers better.

MRS. WHITE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. W. E. White, Jr., was hostess to members of her contract club Tuesday evening, players at four tables enjoying five progressive of bridge. Mrs. F. R. Rose and Mrs. W. N. Fuller, Jr., scored high for club members and visitors respectively. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Earle, Jr., served refreshments after play.

MORE OFFICES MOVED

In order to make room for workmen the Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds and Sheriff's offices have been moved to the vacant store room next to the Ford place. Those having business with these offices will bear this in mind. Recorder's Court was held in the old Opera House Tuesday.

MANGUM WAREHOUSE

Mangum's Warehouse of Rocky Mount in an advertisement in another column, is extending the tobacco growers of Franklin and adjoining counties an invitation to visit his warehouse on the opening sale, Sept. 1st, and later. Read this advertisement.

MRS. FORD HOSTESS

Mrs. E. S. Ford charmingly entertained her card club Wednesday morning, guests playing progressive contract bridge. After the game, the hostess served tempting refreshments. Mrs. M. S. Clifton was awarded the high score prize.

HOME COMING

Home Coming Day will be observed by Duke Memorial Baptist Church, August 30, 1936.

All former pastors and members are especially invited. You will be expected to bring lunch.

CONTRACT CLUB

Members of the Friday contract club were the guests of Miss Edith Yarborough at her home on Friday morning, guests playing contract at three tables. Mrs. M. S. Clifton won the club prize, and Mrs. Gaither M. Beam the visitors award. The hostess served sandwiches and iced tea after cards were removed.

No Person county farmer voted against tobacco grading on the

FIRST RETURNS FROM 18 STATES IN NATION-WIDE PRESIDENTIAL POLL

Landon Leads Roosevelt On Count Of First 75,000 Votes

MILLS SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 9

The Mills School will open September 9th at 8:45 with two additions to the faculty of last year. Mr. Minton's place will be filled by Mr. J. L. Brown who is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and taught in the Chapel Hill High School last year. He is highly recommended by the officials of the Chapel Hill High School and the faculty of the University. Mrs. Hugh Hayes Perry has been transferred to the first grade taking the place of Miss Mary Best, who is not teaching this year. Miss Patterson of Chapel Hill, a graduate of Meredith College and the New York School of Fine Arts will also teach in the Elementary school. High School students should not buy second hand English books, since the use of last year's English Texts have been discontinued. This change includes the Composition and Grammar and Spelling Book. All other High School books will be the same as those used last year.

To enter school for the first time a pupil must be six years old on or before October first 1936. This regulation was made by the State School Commission and the principal has no authority to make exceptions. Pupils should bring lunch the first day.

"TO MARY -- WITH LOVE"

A story that strikes deep and sure at love today, comes Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3-4, to the Louisburg Theatre, in the Twentieth Century-Fox picture of Richard Sherman's sensational successful novel of modern romance, "To Mary—With Love."

Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy, together for the third time cinematically, are co-starred and their performances opposite each other are said to surpass the heights they reached in "Broadway Bill" and "Penthouse."

Ian Hunter, as Myrna's childhood sweetheart, who still loves her, and Claire Trevor, as the good-time girl who almost disrupts the romance, are featured in the cast which also includes Jean Dixon.

Darryl F. Zanuck, chieftain of the Twentieth Century-Fox studios, selected John Cromwell to direct "To Mary—With Love," and Kenneth Macgowan associate producer.

In the 18 states, where the first national returns were tabulated, Landon shows first majorities in 10 of the 18 states. They are as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Roosevelt shows first majorities in the 8 following states: Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio and Texas.

First Figures For Debates

Despite some seeming political inconsistencies shown in these first national returns, the release of first figures always afford a basis for speculation and discussion which voters everywhere enjoy. As points in question the vote in Ohio, Virginia and Maryland might easily start quite lengthy discussion between partisan folk.

On the other hand, the Michigan and Minnesota vote is of sufficient volume to bear out the percentage average of the entire poll to date and thus justify the total returns as presented above for first perusal.

That final returns in this nationwide poll from small town and rural America voters should be extremely interesting is indicated by the hundreds of new polls that have been started during the last ten days in weekly and small town daily newspapers in all parts of the country. The publishers of these newspapers, irrespective of their paper's policy, Democratic, Republican or Independent, were invited to join in the poll. The votes of the readers of those newspapers will soon be forthcoming to swell the totals already pouring in and thus make possible the most comprehensive straw vote ever recorded from country America in a national election year.

You're Invited To Vote

EDITOR'S NOTE: . . . If you haven't yet voted in this nationwide presidential straw-vote, we suggest you do so at once. The FRANKLIN TIMES straw-vote presidential ballot will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The FRANKLIN TIMES is cooperating in this nationwide poll, thus affording its readers the opportunity of showing their fellow voters in other states who we here in Louisburg and North Carolina prefer for President during the next four years.

All legal voters are invited to clip the ballot, vote it as they wish, then mail or bring it to the office of the FRANKLIN TIMES. The local vote is announced weekly. The ballots are then sent on to New York for national tabulation.

Voters are under no obligation to sign their names. The space on the ballot for the name of the town and state, from which you expect to vote in November, is placed there only to assist in an accurate national tabulation at straw-vote headquarters in New York.

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Early Scattered Vote From 32 States Affords First Glimpse Of 1936 Political Trends—Vote Still Open Here In Louisburg

(By John Thomas Wilson) New York, August 25.—Approximately 100,000 ballots from 32 states in the Nation-wide Presidential Straw-vote, which is being conducted by newspapers in small town and rural America, poured into national straw-vote headquarters here during the last 10 days.

As between Roosevelt and Landon only, total of 69,602 votes, first tabulated returns from the 18 states, show:

Landon 37,937 54.5%
Roosevelt 31,665 45.5%

In some of the far outlying and smaller states the vote received here was yet too small to be included in the state by state tabulation. However, from 18 of the 32 states the vote was of sufficient volume to afford tabulation and present first returns sentiment in some of the key states. That these trends, as expressed in this first national tabulation, will hold throughout the poll might easily be the subject for many hot debates between voters, never the less here they are, as the many-times checked score sheet discloses them.

In the eighteen states the total vote of 74,703 are distributed to favorite candidates, as follows:

Landon 37,937 50.8%
Roosevelt 31,665 42.3%
Lenke 3,485 4.7%
Thomas 720 1.0%
Colvin 3265%
Browder 5507%
Total 74,703 100%

In the 18 states, where the first national returns were tabulated, Landon shows first majorities in 10 of the 18 states. They are as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

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