

BOOK CORNER

By Mrs. Gladys Coletta

What Manner Of Man?
Biography of Martin Luther King Jr. by Lerone Bennett, Jr. 1964. Pp. 227. Johnson Publishing Co. Chicago.

It was the peace-loving Gandhi who stated: "Perhaps it will be through the Negro that the unadulterated message of nonviolence will be delivered to the world." His prophetic words were fulfilled in later years when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., his ardent follower, grafted the ideas of Gandhi onto the Negro religious tradition in America. The struggle

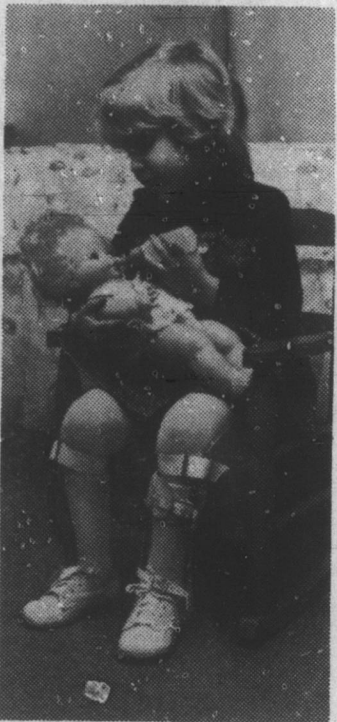
that followed is told by Lerone Bennett, Jr. in his biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. entitled **What Manner of Man**.

Believing in a personal philosophy of a "social gospel" which states that the church should take a direct, active role in the struggle for social justice, King was hurled headlong into the fray by a sudden turn of events. Basically, the Negroes had already changed in spirit, but were slumbering fitfully as if in a nightmare. It took only the right man at the right time to awaken and lead them. The Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott in 1956-1957 triggered the beginning of the crusade for racial justice, in which King became the right man at the right time with the new ideology of nonviolence. King did not seek leadership; leadership sought him. "Tracked down and chosen" by the times, he served as a magnet to attract and release the energies of men and women of varying viewpoints.

From Montgomery to Birmingham, Greensboro, Albany, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, from ghetto to ghetto, the ember King had lighted burst into flames of revolt of unprecedented intensity. Building on the Gandhi tradition, learning not so much from words as words fed by the blood of experience, he gave the Negro a new vision of struggle and a new vision of the possibilities of man. The long sought for victory was waiting for them at the end of the road with the passage of the historic Civil Rights Bill on July 2, 1964.

Although **What Manner Of Man** was written before the tragic death of Martin Luther King, Jr., the author states that nevertheless King believed in a strong sense of destiny, as if he were possessed by God, or fate, or history. As such, he showed that he had conquered all fears when he stated: "A man who won't die for something is not fit to live."

It takes more than Mother Love



Birth Defects are forever...unless you help. March of Dimes

Property Tax Notice

All persons owning property subject to taxation must list such property at the Courthouse in Burnsville during the month of January, 1973. Any person who fails to do so will be subject to the penalties prescribed by law. (Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25)

Cane River Rebel News

By Betty Buchanan
The Cane River Rebels traveled to Spring Creek Friday, December 15, and played two victorious games. In the boys game, the score was 100-78. In this game, James Paul Young scored 52 points, breaking the Cane River record. The girls game ended with a score of 70-44. Linda Doan has scored 20 points for the last 3 games. There was no J.V. game.

By Audrey Renfro
On December 18 the Cane River Beta Club made fruit baskets and delivered them to the Sun Valley Rest Home, the Free Will Baptist Rest Home, and the private home of Elsie Higgins. Everyone gave the baskets and sang Christmas carols. The remaining fruit baskets were taken to the Yancey Hospital and were given to the patients by the Beta Club. The patients enjoyed themselves and so did the Beta Club.

By Pam Fox
During the week of November 13 through 17 a book fair was held at Cane River High School.

The students had approximately 5000 books to choose from. There were many different types of books: mystery, adventure, science fiction, biography, autobiography, humor, suspense, romantic and others. The students were very eager to select the books of their choice. The price ranged from 50¢ to \$2.00. The school collected about \$500.00.

Marine Gets Navy Medal

Marine Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Bundy, husband of the former Miss Marie A. Mele of Cherry Point, N.C., was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

He is a 1965 graduate of Worthington West Franklin High School in Pennsylvania.



WAMY Sponsors Christmas Dinner

Approximately 30 persons attended a Christmas dinner sponsored by WAMY at Arbuckle Community Center December 14. Older persons were special guests for this occasion. Men and women were from Arbuckle, Seven Mile Ridge, Bowditch, Celso, Newdale and Crabtree. Gifts were given to the oldest woman and man present and to the one with the most grandchildren. Turkey and dressing and many other festive foods were prepared and served by volunteers. Volunteers, including Dallas Renfro and Howard Buchanan, assisted with transportation. A get-together lunch also was held at Princes Creek Community Center. Persons attending were from Jacks Creek, Banks Creek, Bowditch and Princes Creek. The main activity for this event was the gathering of gifts for a needy family in Princes Creek Community.

Social Security Questions And Answers

By Doug Butler
Field Representative
Q. I'm a 20-year-old college student getting monthly social security payments. I was recently suspended from school for 3 months but I plan to return to classes again at the end of my suspension. Will my monthly checks continue during my suspension period?

A. No. Your payments will stop for the 3 month period of your suspension. Payments cannot be made to a student for the period in which he is suspended during a school year. Your payments will start again when you return to full-time attendance if you file a new claim and re-establish your entitlement to benefits.

Q. I had worked a job for nearly 25 years until my doctor recently ordered me to quit because of a serious heart condition. Even though my husband is still working, can I receive monthly social security disability payments?

A. If you are found eligible for disability payments on your own work record, you will be able to receive monthly checks. The fact that your husband is still working will have no effect on your monthly payments. You should call, write, or visit

your social security office immediately to apply for disability payments.

Q. I'm a widow getting monthly social security payments. I have a chance now to do some part-time work. Since I've never had a social security number of my own, should I use the number on my check?

A. No. The number on your check is your late husband's social security number. You should apply for your own number. To get one, just call your social security office.

Q. I'm retired and getting monthly social security payments. My 30 year old mentally retarded son, who never worked, was also getting monthly checks on my work record until his death last month. Can I get a lump-sum payment to help with his funeral expenses?

A. No. A lump sum payment is made only when the deceased person himself had enough work under social security to be insured on his own.

Q. Since a heart attack a couple of months ago, I have not been able to do any kind of work. My doctor suggested I check into the possibility of getting social security disability benefits. What information do I need to apply for disability benefits?

A. You'll need your social security number, the date (month, day, and year) you last worked, the date (month, day and year) you became disabled, information on the kind of disability you have, and the names and addresses of the doctors, hospitals, and institutions that treated you along with the date of each treatment. If you've received any treatment or examination by the VA, you should also have your service serial number and your VA claim number handy.

In addition, you should bring along information about the kinds of jobs you worked at most in the 10 years before your disability began and, if you've received Workmen's Compensation benefits, you

should have your Workmen's Compensation claim number available.

Q. My husband is 66 years old but can't get monthly social security checks because he's still working full time and earning too much. I'm 62 but not working. Can't I get a wife's payment on his work record even though he isn't getting payments?

A. No. Since your husband is still working and is not getting monthly checks, you cannot get monthly payments as a wife. However, you may be eligible for payments on your own social security record if you have had enough work over the years in jobs covered under social security. You might also have your husband check with us again, to see whether, with both of you now old enough, he is still earning too much to receive some benefits for the year.

Q. My mother, who's in a nursing home in another state, has most of her care paid by the Medicare program. I would like to report some unsanitary conditions in the home. I heard that social security offices will accept such complaints. Is this true?

A. Yes. Local offices of the Social Security Administration now receive and report such complaints, so that they can be investigated. If you have any nursing home complaints, call, write, or visit any social security office.

Rural North Carolina Narrowing Gap

Rural North Carolinians are gaining on their city cousins in terms of jobs and income.

Dr. Paul Stone, an extension economist at North Carolina State University, reports that per capita income and industrial jobs are increasing faster in North Carolina's 87 rural or nonmetropolitan counties than they are in the state's 13 urban or metropolitan counties.

For example, per capita income in the 87 rural counties increased by an average of 46 percent between 1966 and 1970. The average for metropolitan areas was 32 percent, and the average for the entire state was 41 percent.

Stated another way, Dr. Stone said, "Almost 60 percent of the \$5 billion increase in total personal income from 1966 to 1970 occurred in nonmetropolitan areas." Dr. Stone also noted that 96 of the 143 new industrial plants last

Two of North Carolina's best "native" trout streams--Steels and Upper Creek, both in the Daniel Boone Game Lands--are being threatened by a major highway project on Route 181 from Morganton to Linville.

But thanks to Trout Unlimited, the U. S. Forest Service and the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the renovation of this road may not result in the destruction of these two fine "native" trout streams. That hopeful possibility is a big improvement over some earlier highway construction projects, one of which recently silted the excellent Thomp son River so badly that its ability to sustain a wild trout fishery is highly questionable.

Here's why the outlook seems better for saving Steels and Upper Creek, not to mention several smaller feeder streams where wild native brook trout live.

A few weeks back, members of Trout Unlimited discovered the road construction, part of which goes through the Pisgah National Forest. It was apparent that few, if any, steps to control silt were being taken by the road builders. Furthermore, no environmental impact statement had been prepared, the result of a loophole in the law. Trout Unlimited quickly contacted the U. S. Forest Service, and Forest Service personnel inspected the work. They too were upset.

Meanwhile, one of the Wildlife Commission's biologists reported the potential for destruction to the Commission's headquarters, and both the Forest Service and the Wildlife Commission urged the Highway Commission to take the necessary steps to prevent siltation.

"As of Wednesday, December 6, the Forest Service has declined to grant the Highway Commission an easement to continue the work on Section B from the Fox Camp check station to the top," said Jack Kennedy of the U. S. Forest Service. "This is the area higher up the ridge where the most silt damage could occur. We will not allow work to begin on this section until the state can prove to us that all the stipulations on silt control are working on the first segment of the road where work is already underway."

On Sunday, December 10, Trout Unlimited members again looked at the road where massive cuts and fills are in progress, and some silt controls had already been established. Some of these controls--particularly the silt nets in the gullies under the worst sections--seemed to be working fairly well although there have been no heavy rains to test their real effectiveness. In other places, silt controls were virtually nonexistent, but have been promised as quickly as possible.

Among the controls requested by the Forest Service are settling basins, polyethylene runs at the sides of fills, silt nets, brush barriers, straw and asphalt cover over raw earth and several other measures.

"If these are followed out, they will be effective," said Kennedy. "We also plan to check the controls weekly, and set up two stations on Steels Creek and two on Upper to check the sediment so we can see if the controls are working."

Trout Unlimited members, Forest Service and Wildlife Commission personnel plan to keep a close watch on the operation to make sure the destruction of natural resources in the area is held to the barest minimum.

"Once the problem was brought to their attention, Highway Commission personnel have been very cooperative, and promise to do what is necessary to protect this area," said Del Thomsen, North Carolina National Forest Supervisor.

It is perhaps a little early to announce a victory for environmentalists. After all, some would suggest that the road work could never have been justified had an environmental impact statement been required. But apparently that's water over the dam. The road is being built, and the objective now is to insure that its construction does not harm irreplaceable resources.

But don't breathe a sigh of relief yet. Wait until the road is finished and the soil stabilized. Then, if the streams still run sparkling clear and cold, we can all rejoice. And we can point to the project as an example of how things can be done with the proper cooperation.

If you've got the money, we've got the time.

We've got the time in eight beautiful watches. And the more you deposit in a Northwestern savings plan, the less you pay. With a \$5,000 savings deposit, you select the watch of your choice absolutely free. Deposit \$250 or more, and you pay only \$9.95. On deposits of \$100 or more, you pay only \$10.95, and if you save \$25 or more, your cost is \$11.95. All prices are plus tax.

All eight watches are on display in all Northwestern Bank offices. Visit the one nearest you today!

Offer good only while supply lasts. Other models may be substituted at Bank's discretion.

THE NORTHWESTERN BANK

Member FDIC

THE YANCEY JOURNAL
Burnsville, N.C.
Ed Yuziuk--Publisher
Carolyn Yuziuk--Editor
Pat Briggs--Manager
Jody Higgins--Assoc. Editor
Published every Thursday
by
Twin Cities Publishing Co.
2nd Class Postage Paid at
Burnsville, N.C. 28714
Subscription rates:
\$3/yr. in county
\$5/yr. out of county
Thursday, December 28, 1972
Number 39