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Someone You Should Meet...

Name: William Bess
Job Title: Room Walter
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in One Word: Ambitious
Hobbies: Horseback riding, music, swimming, tennis
Favorite Book: "The Color Purple"
Favorite Movie: "A Soldier's Story"
Persons admires most: My parents, James and Bernice Bess, and Patti LaBelle
Career Goal: To become a professional entertainer

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.)

NEWS DIGEST

King's life, contributions subject of textbook

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ATLANTA — The life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are the subject matter for a new textbook being published to coincide with the first national observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday later this month.

Written by King's sister, Christine King Farris, the text is a vehicle for elementary and intermediate schoolchildren to study his philosophy, achievements and personal style.

The textbook is published by Ginn and Co. and is co-sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change Inc.

Mrs. Farris, an associate professor of education and director of the reading program at Spelman

College in Atlanta, says, "We have a responsibility to help our children understand and appreciate not only the charisma, commitment and courage of Martin Luther King, but his dream as well."

"This new national holiday," she adds, "gives us the opportunity to do that by bringing our ideas as a society to the citizenship and the national and personal values of idealism, participation and humanity."

The history of Mrs. Farris' Nobel Prize-winning brother details the characteristics of the man and outlines the sequence of events which culminated in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Excerpts from key speeches and writings further personalize the book. The text is illustrated by photographs, many of them published for the first time.

Couple receive life-threatening Christmas card

PHILADELPHIA — An interracial couple, targets of racially motivated harassment since moving into a Southwest Philadelphia neighborhood last November, received a handwritten Christmas card threatening their lives last week.

"Get ready ... you're next, nigger," was scrawled on the card left at the house of Gerald and Carol Fox of 6400 Buist Ave. in the Elmwood section of the city.

"Have a merry Christmas. It will be your last in Southwest and f--- your NAACP friends. We will take care of them too," the message continued.

The Fox family, along with a black couple, had been targets of large demonstrations and vandalism

by white neighbors opposed to their moving into the predominantly white neighborhood. The black couple have since moved, but last week their house was damaged by an arson-caused fire, destroying their clothing and home furnishings.

The local NAACP, among other groups, has responded to the families with support and aid. NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks visited the homes three weeks ago and called for state and federal intervention.

"The NAACP will not panic," said Alphonso Deal, head of the North Philadelphia Action branch. "This is a replay of what the NAACP has

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Racial hate

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Both couples had bought their homes from the Veterans Administration in a public bid.

The interracial couple, Carol and Gerald Fox, have stayed in Elmwood with their two children.

The black couple, Charles Williams and Marietta Bloxom, and their 7-year-old daughter, moved out. A fire intentionally set at their vacant home two weeks ago prompted Mayor Wilson Goode to extend through New Year's Day the state of emergency in the area that prohibits gatherings of four or more people.

The incidents have brought worldwide attention to Elmwood -- and negative publicity to Philadelphia. Reporters from newspapers in France and Great Britain have toured the neighborhood.

But along the streets of two-story rowhouses, there is no feeling, that events of global significance are unfolding -- only fear that the neighborhood is being eaten away.

The former Williams-Bloxom house, its brick and wood blackened from the cornice down to the porch, scars the 2500 block of 61st Street. The front door is padlocked. Three police officers keep warm in a car outside the house while a fourth paces the sidewalk.

Up Buist Avenue, near 64th Street, other uniformed officers protect the Foxes from their neighbors.

Between the two houses yet more police officers guard another family, a white family -- Bruce and Sandy Goldey and their five children.

Bruce Goldey, a hulking man with his wife's name tattooed on his left arm, does not subscribe to liberal politics, and probably in some minds is not particularly progressive on racial matters.

At a community meeting two days before the march on the Williams house, Goldey attempted to be a voice of reason.

If you have problems with the way the two families obtained their houses -- whites in the community believe Williams and Bloxom were unfairly awarded the property by the VA -- try to kick them out through legal channels but don't take the anger to the streets, Goldey argued.

He did not recommend that the new neighbors be greeted warmly or welcomed in any overt way, just that no one break the law by harassing them.

Goldey's moderation, and the fact that some of his neighbors suspected him of informing police about their actions -- which he denies -- made the Goldey family targets.

On Nov. 26, the Goldeys' Chevy Impala was stolen from the street outside their home and found later that day about eight blocks away. Police said it had been torched, and the words "Nigger Lover" were scrawled on one side.

Oregon pair's home vandalized

By The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ore. -- Vandals ransacked the house of a biracial couple, scratching the initials "KKK" on a wall and tearing the heads from stuffed animals, police say.

Robert and Margaret Blair returned from a Christmas trip to Eugene about 5 p.m. last Wednesday to find their rented one-bedroom home in shambles, said police Detective Jim Eaton.

Eaton said the house was one of three burglarized in Independence but the Blair residence received the most damage.

Eaton said he has informed the FBI of the possibility of a civil rights violation in the case of the Blairs, who have lived in this Willamette Valley town for four years.

However, he said that he feels the crime was committed by a local individual, rather than by an organized group such as the Ku Klux Klan.

Mrs. Blair, 30, who is white, attends Western Orange State College in nearby Monmouth, where she is working on a teaching degree. Her husband, 47, is black and disabled.

The initials of the Ku Klux Klan were scratched in the paneling in their living room and a "K" was scratched on the seat of their moped, she said.

The front door of the house was kicked in. Furniture was knocked over, and some was broken.

Mrs. Blair said clothing and food were strewn about, and someone apparently chewed meat from the refrigerator and then spit it out.

The intruders also ripped the telephone from the wall, she said.

The only items that appeared to be missing were a collector's dime worth about 60 cents and a medallion worth \$3 or \$4.

The contents of the house were not insured, Mrs. Blair said. She said it was the first time in 10 years of marriage that the couple had experienced such trouble.

"I HAVE A DREAM"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

----- Essay Contest -----

"What Dr. King's Dream Means To Me"

The Winston-Salem Chronicle and Winston-Salem State University are sponsoring the First Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest in observance of Dr. King's birthday -- a national holiday -- January 20, 1986!

Prizes, awards, plaques, special recognition and the reprint of winning essays in the January 16, 1986, issue of the Chronicle. Special awards ceremony.

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• Organize in your school to see which class can submit the greatest number of essays!

• Get your teachers to assist you.

• Look for additional details in upcoming issues of the Chronicle.

• Get your church/Sunday schools involved. Activity endorsed and supported by Baptist Ministers' Conference & Associates

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