

Dear Son

I was a teacher  
in the C. St Louis Ill  
public schools from  
Sept 1928 to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940  
during which time  
Martin Luther King attended  
schools in that city.  
The family also was in  
Chillicothe Mo. when I  
attended St Joseph's Academy  
there. The school in which  
I first taught, the Franklin  
became a negro school  
after I was transferred  
from there. When I taught  
there, I had John Fitzgerald  
Kennedy, and some other  
notables in my room,  
also I taught Betty Oswald  
there.

Some negro escapes

from Jordanland ran through  
my bedroom one night  
last winter. They were  
E. St Louis men. One had  
red hair on his head  
and was very black. A  
straight haired, light brown  
skinned negro was with  
them. He left the room,  
came back again and threw  
something or shot them  
I was fainting.

The day Martin Luther  
King was killed, there  
was a white mountain  
lumber my fields I was  
alone and frightened. Soon  
I noticed a car or horse  
trailer in the brush. A  
man who looked like Eric  
Salt got out. The lion  
gang a den, had kettles,  
watched the road awhile.  
The man cleared his trailer

and went on. The lion  
had what looked like an  
old door stop doll. It looked  
like a maimed person first  
but after watching a few  
minutes I saw it was  
not.

Eric Salt, James H. Gray  
and Richard Speck were  
names of genieters at the  
Academy. also of people  
at Sacred Heart Church in  
E. St. Louis Ill.

Yours truly  
Mrs. Ernest Caldwell  
(Rose Conley)  
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