Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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On Friday, Herman Wright Jr. from Mt Union, came into the Banner office and told of a very interesting event. In celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, we are going to tell his story.

"The year was 1958," Wright began, "Martin Luther King had recently survived an assassination attempt in New York City. He was persuaded while recovering, to give a speech at Monterrey Peninsula College in Monterrey California. Willie Brown, who would soon become the Speaker of the California Assembly and the Mayor of San Francisco is from Texas and attended one of the 500 wooden school houses in Texas called Rosenwald Schools. He knew my parents, Herman and Mae Wright Sr. from Mt Union Texas who had also attended Rosenwald schools. Dad attended the Walnut Hill School in Mt Union Texas. Brown called my parents who, at that time, lived on a military base in the Monterrey area. He must have figured that the base would be a secure place for Dr. King. So, Dad called a few military friends and hosted Dr. King at our home. This photo, which is a family treasure is the result. Dad is on the left. I was only 5 years old and I have no memory of this event. My mother and father have since passed, however, we cant wait to show it to my grandson when he is old enough to recognize its historic value."