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PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Mildred Griffin
President,
The National Association
of University Women
Winston-Salem Chapter

Purpose of organization: "To sponsor, promote and conduct educational activities designed to produce closer union and fellowship among university women."

Number of local members: 27.

Native of: Winston-Salem.

Why did you join? "I joined in to be a part of raising educational achievement and standards in universities, mainly WSSU, other colleges and institutions of higher learning. I also joined to engage in constructive work in education, civic activities and human relations."

When did you join?: 1982.

What do you feel is the organization's biggest accomplishment or program? "The NAUW's scholarship, given to Winston-Salem State University each year. We also distribute money, clothing and other necessities to the community when a request is made."



Personal goals for organization: "To provide an all-around program of interest to the extent that inactive members will return. To promote and stimulate academic and intellectual assistance to obtain the purpose of the organization."

The Presidential Suite will appear weekly in the Chronicle; it will profile the presidents of community organizations and clubs and provide information on their groups. If you would like the president of your organization to appear in this section, call Robin Barksdale at 723-8448 or 723-8428.

(Photo by James Parker)

Aldridge

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A source close to the Commission told the *Chronicle* that a total of 52 applications were submitted at the breakfast meeting.

Hill said that both the city and the Commission are interested in having the position filled as soon as possible. No timetable has been set, he said, but he guessed that the position will be filled within the next 30 days.

A notice advertising the vacant position says that the Commission is looking for a person "with proven experience in the field of community relations, fair employment and fair housing."

The position also requires a college degree and good interpersonal and communication skills.

The salary range for the

position is \$30,472 to \$44,033.

The human relations director's position has been vacant since April when former Director Herman L. Aldridge was suspended without pay and fired

the following month. Aldridge was named director of the department at its inception in 1978 and has been the city's only director.

Aldridge's salary as human relations director was \$35,921.

NEA conference attended by Forsyth area teachers

Seven local school teachers recently represented the city as delegates to the NEA convention held July 1-5 in Los Angeles.

Local persons attending included Wyvonne Campbell from East Forsyth High, Clara Corry

from South Park High, James Franklin from Glenn High, Mildred Griffin from Lewisville Elementary, James W. Brannon from West Forsyth High, Bobby Robinson from Carver High and Nicole Transau from Carver High.

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Robert Clemmer is just about settled into his new office at Carver High, and he says he's ready to begin work as the school's new principal (photo by James Parker).

Clemmer: Ready for the challenge

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Robert F. Clemmer says he's ready to face the challenge of his new job as principal of Carver High School.

Last week a group of African-American Carver High School parents attended the city/county school board meeting to protest the system's principal selection process.

The group said they are not pleased with the former principal, L. James McDaniel and that they do not know anything about Clemmer.

Clemmer, 42, said in an interview Monday that he is ready to meet with the parents and discuss any concerns that they may have about him.

"I am more than willing to meet with them to hear them air out their frustrations and discuss what I can do as the new principal to work toward solving them," he said.

One parent, Pauline Fulton, told the *Chronicle* last week that one of her concerns is whether Clemmer, who is a former principal at Philo Middle School, will be able to make the switch from being an administrator at the middle school level to the high school level.

Mrs. Fulton's son is a rising senior at Carver.

"I am aware of the senior high set up and how it operates," said Clemmer who has taught and

coached at the high school level. "It will be interesting to see how I grow at the senior high level since I taught at that level."

Clemmer said that he's glad the parents are questioning him. "That's the way it should be," he said.

He described himself as very student-oriented. "I firmly believe that the schools exist for the students," he said. "I sometimes feel we lose sight of this. My ambition is for the students to have a good experience at this school."

"I think students will find that I have a positive tone," he said. "Hopefully it will spill over to the students and faculty."

He said that his experience at the high school level has also centered around his active involvement as a parent, along with his wife, Phyllis, Clemmer said he has the necessary experience and education to do the job at Carver.

Clemmer, a Gastonia native, has about 20 years of experience in education.

He attended Lees-McRae College for two years, transferred to Appalachian State University and graduated in 1967 with an undergraduate degree in social studies.

He received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and obtained a specialist in education degree from ASU.

His first job was in Yadkin County teaching eighth grade. He came to the city/county school

system in 1969 as a teacher at Mt. Tabor High School.

In 1970 he left to teach and coach football at a high-school in Rockingham County. He returned to Winston-Salem in 1975 to teach at Atkins School. It was while at Atkins that he decided to take the administrative route in education.

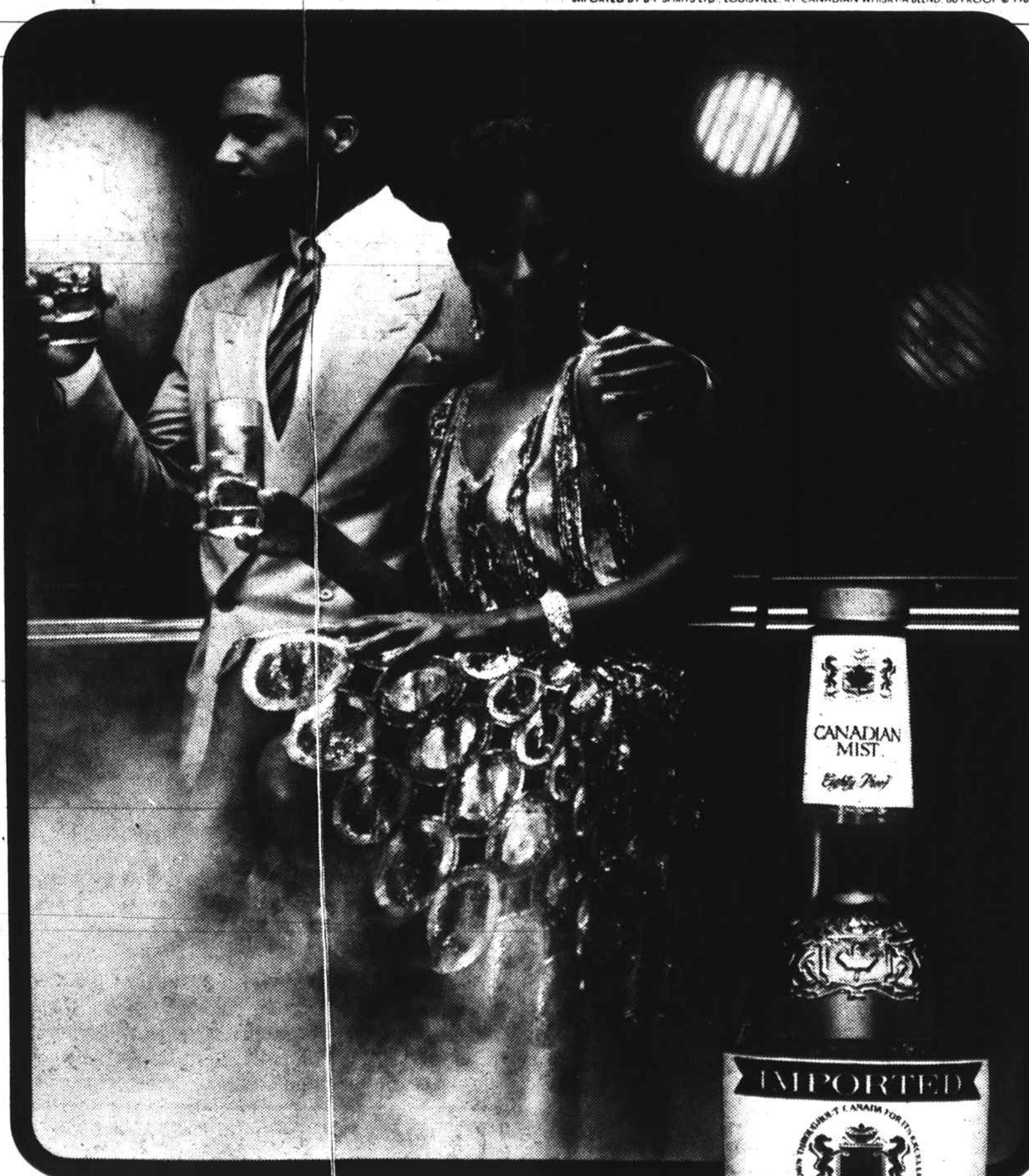
After receiving his master's degree, he transferred to Paisley Middle School as an administrative intern. In 1978 he was promoted to assistant principal at the school. He was appointed principal of Philo Middle School in 1980 and has spent the last seven years there.

He and his wife Phyllis, have three children, Jean, a rising junior at ASU; Robbyn, a rising senior at Parkland High School and Billy, a rising junior at Parkland.

Clemmer said that changes are definitely on the way at Carver. Some of the changes may even be radical, he said. "Any new person would have a certain way they do things which would involve change," he said. "I would not want to make radical changes at first. Certain things will be done as the year progresses."

A lot of Clemmer's time at first will be spent familiarizing himself with Carver's background and getting to know the teachers and staff and the students when they come.

When school does start, Clemmer said that he will spend a lot of time in the classroom, observing teachers and students.



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