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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

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*Time Tested*

▲ *Mrs. Grier*  
*Still on a roll*

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
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Time has slowed Maxwell Grier down, but only a little. Even at the golden age of 95 she is still very active.

"I haven't let grass grow under my feet," she said at her Winston-Salem home last week.

Grier has served as an educator, an organizer and community servant. In every area she has been a leader. Her past activities have awarded her many honors and plenty of fond memories.

Most of Grier's activities now exist in her home, except for going to church. She has the longest membership at First Baptist Church at 65 years. The weather keeps her from going every Sunday, but she goes as often as she can.

"I just love people," she said. "And I try to help where ever help is needed."

Grier taught all grade levels at Columbia Heights Elementary School. She taught school for 30 years. At the high school level she taught students who had dropped out, helping them to graduate. Her classes were at the Old Wachovia Building downtown Winston-Salem.

Her teaching career started soon after she graduated from high school at Shaw University. While teaching, she earned a BS degree from Winston-Salem Teacher's College and a master's degree from N.C. A&T State University.

Grier said in these days and times, education probably would not be her career choice.

"I wouldn't like to be an educator now



because of what I hear from the teachers," she said. "There are tensions in and out of school now and the attitudes of the children are different."

Naomi Jones, who had Grier as a fifth grade teacher and is also a member of the same soror-

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**Employees Call for**  
**Matics to Resign**

▲ *Black and white post office*  
*workers say post master must go*

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
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Employees at the Winston-Salem Post Office are calling for the resignation of Postmaster J. Mark Matics.

A number of employees, mostly African-American, have complained since November about discrimination in the Winston-Salem postal system. Since the story first ran in the *Chronicle* on November 3, many white employees have also voiced opposition to the management's treatment of employees.

At least three employees say they plan to file a racial discrimination complaint with the Postal Service's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Now they say the only way to alleviate the problems between management and employees is for Matics to resign.

"He is the problem," said an

employee who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "Communication is not the problem, it's his

has under Matics.

"It reminds me of some of the things that happened back in

**Postal Problems Continue**

Mark Matics is such a diversionist. When Mark Matics formed the focus group to hear employee's grievances, it was just one of his well known tactics to divert attention from himself. By management's own admission the employees had voiced their complaints over and over again during previous surveys.

Management is well aware of what the employees' complaints are. Management also admitted that "the focus group was

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whole management style. Nothing will change as long as he is there."

Another black employee, who was at the post office before Matics came in 1984, said he was one of few blacks to integrate the post office and didn't feel the type of discrimination he

slavery days," the employee said. "He is harsh on people who don't conform to him"

A white female described Matics as "dominating" and said he disliked African Americans and women. She also said Matics

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**Espy Defends Job**

▲ *Tells black publishers white media is unfair*

By WILLIAM REED  
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Former Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy, federally indicted boxing promoter Don King and Nigeria's ambassador to the United States all spoke to a meeting of publishers of America's black-owned newspapers each claiming that the nation's white-owned media has treated them in an unfair manner. Members of the Black Press itself also complained about "slighted" treatment from mainstream media in regards to its permanent seat at the O.J. Simpson trial. And, the Black Press of America released its "Your True Voice Poll" at their Mid-Winter Conference in Tampa, which showed that a significant number of black readers rate it as being "the most creditable source of information about Black Americans."

Secretary Espy, told the African-American publishers that "It was not an issue of my accepting tickets to a football game. The real reason I was forced out (of the job as Secretary of Agriculture) was because I was making structural changes in that agency and, for the first time, putting blacks in high-level and policy-making positions that will

change Agriculture forever." Espy told publishers that the majority media has not presented the public true facts about the budget reductions and efficiency he introduced at Agriculture, focusing only on his acceptance of tickets and a plane ride from Tyson's Foods to attend a football game. He asked that black newspaper owners use their medium to get the truth of his tenure as Secretary of Agriculture out to America's citizens.

Flamboyant boxing promoter Don King is currently under indictment for fraud by federal authorities. He told the publishers' group that he still believes in capitalism and "The American dream." King also alleged that former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is being jailed unfairly and that black publishers, and their readers, should petition government authorities for his immediate release. Nigeria's ambassador to the U.S., Zubair M. Kazaure, claimed that American media, particularly a story on CBS's "60 Minutes" program, was "biased and unfair not only to Nigeria but to the Continent of Africa." He said that

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**N.C. Legislative Report**

Listed below is a brief report on the local legislative delegation committee assignments and how they voted.

**N.C. House of Representatives Committee Assignments**

- Warren C. Oldham**  
 Appropriations (Subcommittee on Education); Education (Subcommittee on Community Colleges and Universities); Ethics; Public Employees (Ranking minority member).
- Larry Womble**  
 Finance; Public Utilities; State Government (Subcommittee on Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs); Welfare Reform and Human Resources (Subcommittee on Aging).
- Lynne Gray**  
 Ethics, Financial Institutions.
- Wayne Sexton**  
 Education (Subcommittee on

Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education); Transportation (Subcommittee on Highway, Co-Chair).

**Mike Decker**  
 Appropriations (Subcommittee on General Government, Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety); Education (Subcommittee on Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education); Judiciary II; Local and Regional Government II (Chair).

**Theresa Esposito**  
 Appropriations (Co-Chair); Health and Environment; Judiciary I; Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

**Roll-Call Votes**

Election of the Speaker of the House Rep. Harold Brubaker of Asheboro was nominated by the Republican members. Rep. James Black of Matthews was nominated

by the Democratic members. Brubaker was elected, 80-38 with one member not casting a vote.

**Decker:** Brubaker  
**Esposito:** Brubaker  
**Gray:** Brubaker  
**Oldham:** Brubaker  
**Sexton:** Brubaker  
**Womble:** Black

Election of the Speaker Pro Tempore Rep. Carolyn Russell of Goldsboro was nominated by the Republican members. There was no nomination from the Democrats. Russell was elected, 107-0 with 12 members not casting their vote.

**Deck:** Russell  
**Esposito:** Russell  
**Gray:** Russell  
**Oldham:** Russell  
**Sexton:** Russell  
**Womble:** no vote cast

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Her business may be called Portrait on a Button but Nell Britton's capabilities go much further. See story page 22

**CIAA Tournament Ball Boys/Girls Chosen**

▲ *Students with top essays*  
*to assist in tournament*

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
 Chronicle Staff Writer

More than 100 African American middle school students will assist officials and teams during the CIAA Basketball Tournament.

More than 430 students recruited from the city/county school system and Winston Salem Urban League submitted essays on ways to

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