

Newly Appointed Board Member

Arthur Griffin Is "No Stranger" To CMS Problems

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

An unanimous vote from the School Board members made Arthur Griffin the choice to fill the vacant board seat. Chosen from 25 other candidates Griffin had also placed his name on the ballot during the last election.

Griffin will be sworn in on February 26 and attend his first meeting the same evening. As one of the Post's Achievers Griffin is no stranger to the aspirations and problems of the school system in Charlotte.

He has volunteered his time as a Resource person for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. He has worked with youth in Head Start and talked to elementary school students about his business, A and G Office Supplies, Inc.

"I'm on call in various schools. There are times I have talked to students about the idea of being in business. I have also worked with children in the Fairview Homes."

Evidently Griffin believes our future lies in the youth of today. He sacrifices much of his time to prime youth into realizing the importance of being self-sufficient.



**Arthur Griffin
....Heads A&G Office Supplies, Inc.**

"More blacks should look into going into business," Griffin suggested. "We as a black community spend 150 billion dollars nation-

wide. There is, on the other hand a market for our services as well."

In many ways Griffin's ambition as a businessman

and a child advocate are similar. In respect to his business his attitude is far from being labled defeatist. "If my plans don't meet up to my fullest expectations I don't quit until those expectations come up to par.

He did not want to go into a traditional business. Offering office supplies struck him as being a competitive business...and one he would have to get out and "hustle" with. This is the fourth year of the business' existence.

It's as if Griffin enjoys the challenge of making his schedule meet hectic demands of being president of his own business and being involved in civic efforts.

He is also a member of the Mecklenburg County Human Sevice Council, the Leadership Charlotte Board of Directors and served as a member of the Big Brother-Big Sister Minority Recruiting Task Force.

What drives Griffin so hard to meet his expectations is he explains "...a sense of achievement. It's gratifying when you meet your expectations...it feels good to accomplish something. You can compare it with sports, when you hit two shots in basketball all the work and practice was worth it. I enjoy working hard and setting goals and it feels good to

meet them and it gives me strength to try again."

Griffin is married to the former Alicia Elston. They have two children, Arthur and Christina. He is a Trustee at Memorial Presbyterian Church and en-

joys working in his yard and working on his car. Griffin served time in Vietnam, worked at Legal Services as assistant to the director and at N.C. Mutual Life Insurance.

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Rev. Anthony L. Jinwright, (r) pastor of Salem Baptist Church, and his wife, Harriet, (l) First lady of Salem, listen attentively during Salem's Pastor's Anniversary service which acknowledged the Jinwrights for their four years of

dutiful service. The Appreciation program featured Rev. J.C. Robertson as guest speaker. The Jinwrights were presented with gifts and plaques, tokens of the congregation's gratitude. (Photo by Divine Reflections)

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