



MOTHER OF THE YEAR-Mrs. Thelma Hammer was crowned as the first Mother of the Year at Mother Walls A.M.E. Zion Church last Sunday night by Mrs. Julia Cureton, Chairman of the Budget Committee. Some 165 persons were on hand for the occasion which followed by a dinner in the church's fellowship hall on the lower level. Photo by Peeler.

"Mother Of Year"

Mother Walls AME Church Honors Mrs. Thelma Hammer

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Mother Walls A.M.E. Zion Church, after a month long contest, honored and rewarded its first Annual Mother of the Year last Sunday night during a program in the lower level of the 600-seat-capacity church at 2722 Bancroft Street.

Mrs. Thelma Hammer, crowned by Mrs. Julia Cureton, Chairman of the Budget Committee, was the first recipient of the plaque that will bear her name and all other winners in future years.

The contest ended December 1st, after running 4 weeks, and was participated in by 11 contestants, consisting of Mrs. Thelma Hammer, who raised the highest amount of money and was crowned MO-

...**THIER OF THE YEAR**; Mrs. Ella Givens, Mrs. Henrietta McKay, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. Katherine Ganett, Mrs. Josephine Goodwin, Mrs. Josephine Morris, Mrs. Bessie McGriff, Mrs. Rosa Campbell, Miss Cheryl McCullough, and Mrs. Willie White.

"It was a very successful effort," said church pastor Reverend Jerry T. White. "They gave us twice as much as we asked for," he added, saying, "It is the beginning of an annual event."

"We exceeded our goal by 100 percent," said Reverend White now in his second year as pastor of Mother Walls adding, "the money has been earmarked for the annual expenses of the connection."

A Fellowship Dinner followed the crowning ceremonies which included solo

performances by Mrs. Thelma Hammer, Mrs. Annie Mae Brown, Mr. Lincoln Quick, and a trio composed of Cynthia McCullough, Ardis White, and Robin Medley.

Mr. Worth Williams, Minister of Music, accompanied the musical selections of the performers and was Masters of Ceremonies.

Approximately 165 of the church's 300 members were in attendance at the program and dinner.

Reverend White has been pastor of Mother Walls A.M.E. Zion Church since August of 1973, after serving as pastor of O'Connor Grove AME Zion Church in Belmont, N. C.

He is married to the former Miss Frankie Allen. They have 4 children: a boy, Rechon, 15; a girl Ardis, 13; a boy, Henrico, 7; and Reatica, a girl, 3. They live at 2801 Elk-mont Street.



Mother of the Year, Mrs. Thelma Hammer, Center, holds plaque and wears crown awarded her last Sunday night as she became the first recipient of the honor. Reverend J. T. White, church pastor, on her left, said the event will be come an annual affair, and this year's goal was exceeded by 100 percent. Photo by Peeler

Safe Driving Tips For The Holidays

The Christmas season goes hand in hand with traditions. Many of these traditions involve attending parties where alcoholic beverages are served. The Highway Patrol would like for this to be a safe holiday season and offers a few tips for your safety.

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