## Missionary Society Holds Celebration

Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society under the leadership of president, Kay S. Walser present its first KWANZAA Celebration and fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 5. 1993 at the Carl H. Russell Center.

Syteria Puryear, mistress of ceremonies started the program with the audience singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The Rev. Nancetta Myers prayed that God would be with us and bless us. Dorothy Brame and Montana Davis recognized the distinguished guest and the Kukaribisha (welcoming) us to the tradition African festival of the harvest of the first crops.

Kay Walser then introduced and presented the nineteen contestants each representing there church and an African country. The program continued as two students from the N.C. School of Arts offered energetic one-women narrations. The Kwanzaa Ensemble of Bethlehem AME Zion Church sang Christmas Carols.

Pauline Jackson reflected on the Kwanzaa Celebration after which the Rev. Seth O. Lartey, pastor of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, sang "To God be the Glory."

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa was explained and the candlelighters lit the seven candles representing; UNITY (Franklin Stove); Self-Determination (Josephine McCall); Collective Work and Responsibility (Burlia Bailey); Cooperative Economic (Belinda Harris), Purpose (Donice Gaskins); Creative (Marie Burney); Faith (Mable Ross). The next phase of the program was Kushangilia, which means rejoicing: The reading of the reports was done by the finance committee under the direction of Marie Matthews. Second runner-up was Marjorie Marshall, Goler Metropolitan Church; First runner-up, Gelaine Valentine, Goler Memorial, the Kwanzaa Queen for 1993 was Minnie Ervin of Bethania AME Zion Church. She was crowned by Missionary Supervisor of the West-

The Winston-Salem District em North Carolina Conference and Senior Supervisor of the AME Zion Church, Janie G. Speaks who came from Salisbury. Speaks talked about the eight years she and the Bishop Ruben L. Speaks spent in Africa. The District Missionaries raised over \$7,500.

To cap-off the event, those in

the audience wearing their African garb paraded around the auditorium to pass the five judges: Kathleen Hunt, Shirley Damon, Virginia Newell, Sylvia Hamlin and Cedric Russell. Isabelle and Johnetta Luther a mother-daughter team from Center Grove Church, emerged as the winners.



Horace Walser (far left) with other participants of Kwanzaa celebration.







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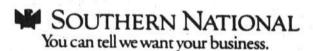


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Students from Mineral Springs celebrate Thanksgiving Feast

## Thanksgiving Feast Celebrated

The Kindergarten Children of Mineral Springs Elementary enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast in the Grand Ballroom at Adam's Mark Hotel on Wednesday, Nov. 24. The Adam's Mark Hotel, business partners to Mineral Springs Elementary School invited the Kindergarten classes to a Thanksgiving lunch with turkey and all the trimming.

The children arrived dressed in Indian. Pilgrim boy and girl headdresses and collars.

The trip culminated the students' study on the First Thanksgiv-

A thank you wreath, made with children's hand prints, was presented to the staff of Adam's Mark.

The attendance at the Thanksgiving Feast were Kindergarten children: the teachers. Kay Allen. Tina Clifrese. Gretchen Martin. Kimberly Cloud: the assistants, Pat Bracken. Veronica Conner, Pat Owens, Aleisha Oakes; the bus drivers, Teresa Morrison and Mike Carpenter and the assistant principal, Chlories P. Shore.

Gaye Weatherman is the principal of the school.



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