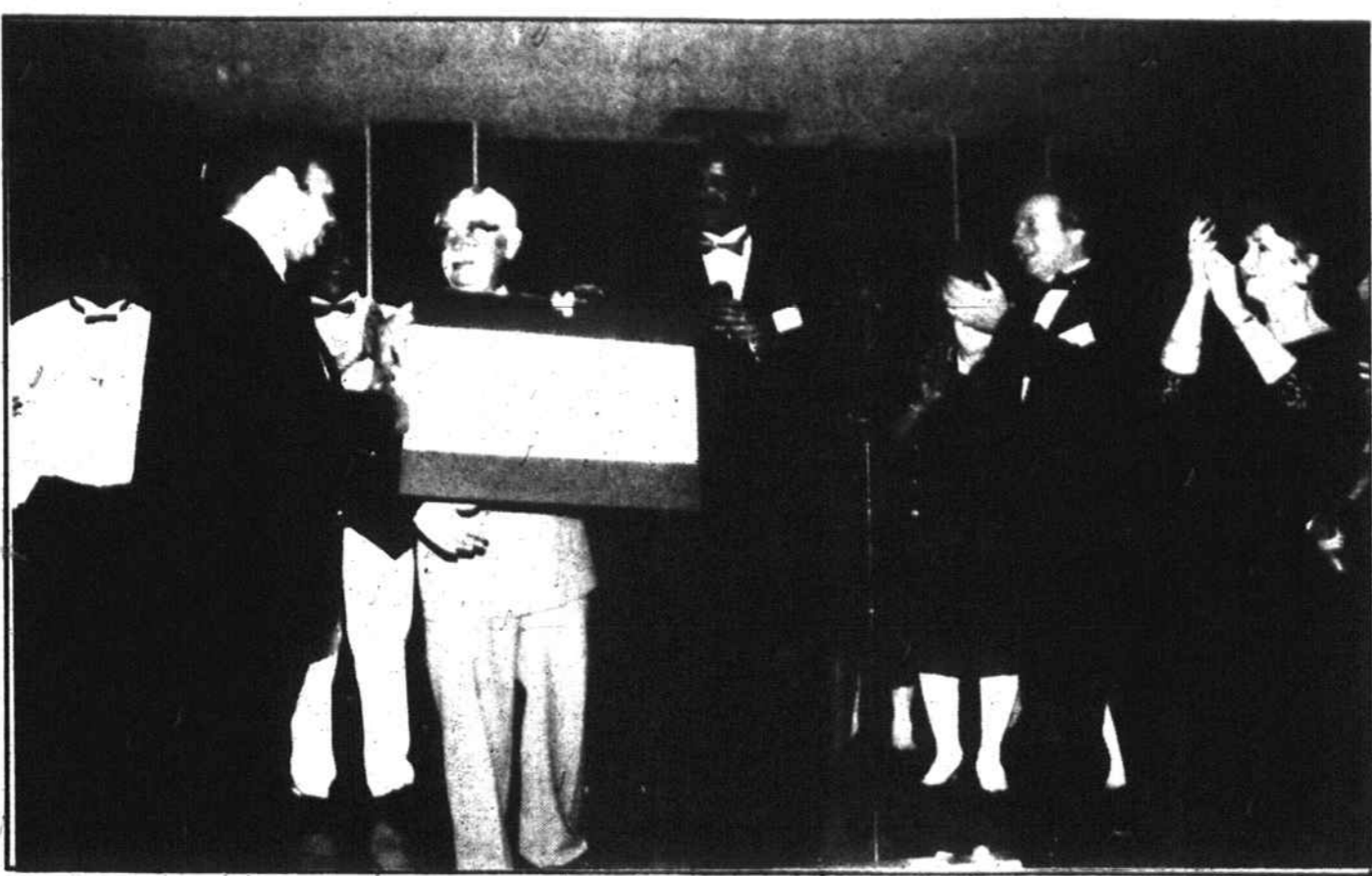


SME Donates \$500 To Church

The Winston-Salem Sales and Marketing Executives donated \$500 to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church during its annual Christmas party held at Bermuda Run Country Club.

The Christmas committee, led by John Stack of Belk, chose Mt. Olive to be this year's recipient.

SME President Mike Pitt said the Christmas donation to the church is part of the SME's commitment to reach all parts of the community. Past recipients of the organization's Christmas gift have included Brenner Children's Home and the Ronald McDonald House.



Rev. Gray of Mt. Olive Baptist Church accepts donation from SME board of directors: Reg Ballard, Mike Pitt (SME president), John Stack and Barbara Mahannah.

professional sales and marketing organization of business owners, managers and directors that meet monthly at Bermuda

Run to exchange ideas and to promote the sales profession. January 1995 starts SME's annual membership drive.

Interested parties can contact Holly Gilliam at 760-6966, Julie Moore at 725-1970 or Mike Pitt at 722-8624.

Hunt Names Burke To Superior Court Judgeship

Gov. Jim Hunt named Winston-Salem attorney, Logan Todd Burke as Superior Court Judge, in Judicial District 21D, in Forsyth County. He will replace James A. Beatty, who was named by President Bill Clinton as a Federal District Court Judge in North Carolina's Middle District.

"Todd's experience as an assistant district attorney and his community service will make him an outstanding judge," said Hunt. "He shares my belief, that we must do more, to keep dangerous criminals behind bars. But he also knows that judges can take a leadership role to teach our children the values of hard work, responsibility, respect for others and respect for the law."

Burke has been a partner with the Winston-Salem law firm of Friende and Burke since 1991. From 1987-90, he was an

assistant district attorney in the 21st Prosecutorial District, and from 1986-87, he was an assistant district attorney in the Eighth Prosecutorial District.

A 1983 graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., Burke received his law degree from N.C. Central University in 1989. He is a member of the N.C. State Bar; the Forsyth County, and National Bar associations; the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers; and the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers.

He has served as director of the Piedmont Circle Public Housing Development's "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Education and a Brighter Future" program, as a member of the Junior League Community Advisory Board and the Habitat for Humanity Community Outreach Committee and is an active member and former trustee at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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foods and animals of the land. The backdrop on the stage in the school lunchroom had booths set up representing the country with examples of what had been learned.

Although Erica Bonner wore an African kente-print dress and matching head wrap, she said that it was not the only type native outfit worn in Africa. And, she had a book to prove it. She also noted how some Africans wear masks and decorate themselves with paint for special ceremonies and celebrations.

Beatty said the students had been studying the unit since August. In addition to the presentation, she said a written report was also done, some of which were several pages thick.

In addition to basic information, students learned some interesting facts they shared with the audience, such as France is the home of the first hot-air balloon and that the giant panda lives in China. Also Hans Christian Anderson, author of *Thumbelina* and *The Ugly Duckling*, was born in Denmark.

Countries studied were Australia, Sweden, Scotland, Spain, France, Denmark, Japan, China,

Holland and the continent of Africa.

Alice Johnson came to Whitaker to see her granddaughter Al-Sherre Johnson perform and to see her in the nice traditional attire made by her friend.

"They were beautiful," said Alice Johnson about the students. "They really are brave."

Al-Sherre's mother, Angela Robinson, said her daughter had been talking about Africa quite a bit around the house lately and enjoyed researching the continent.

Robinson added that a lot of the program's success could be attributed to the teachers.

"Ms. Beatty and Ms. Brown are fantastic teachers," she said. "They are very caring and seem to pull out the hidden qualities in the children."

After presentations and song, the event was not done. A smorgasbord of international treats awaited at the back of the auditorium where the program was held.

There were many sweets like African milk candy and Swedish cookies. Also, Spanish rice, stir fry, various breads and other delectables.

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through the bushes, which creates an easy escape route for criminals. Nordlander feels that residents are not totally to blame for the crime, but some are probably contributing by providing hideouts for those committing crimes.

"There are some good people out there and I don't think a lot of the problem comes from the people who live there," he said. "Some residents are probably accessories by admitting relatives or friends to hideout with them."

Jones said residents and some business leaders have met and they have proposed additional lighting to help solve problems. She said they will meet next month and continue to have ongoing meetings to establish a better relationship.

"We are tired of being blamed for all the negative things that happen over there," she said. "They admitted that we were an easy target, but we want to continue working with them to solve the problems."

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Howell said, "We told the police what had been happening and they investigated and made the arrests on their own. Our neighborhood was dead. All you could see were addicts and dealers. We got tired of seeing the lives they were destroying and them bringing our neighborhood down."

Delma Crosby, who has lived on Watkins Street for five years, helped convince Howell to stay although Crosby has also been previously threatened.

Crosby said she was threatened again Sunday and her daughter was attacked Monday after an article appeared in the *Winston-Salem Journal*, and said she was told by drug dealers that she was second on their "hit list" behind Howell.

The incident was not reported to police.

"If she had left, it would have given them the upper hand," Crosby said. "I don't think any of us should leave on account of them. Although I know what they are capable of doing, we can't leave our homes. We have to fight back."

Crosby also has two children at her home. She said her children are not able to play outside and they live in fear everyday.

Crosby said police have responded and have done a good job, but the more arrests police make, the more threats they get.

Residents say they still live in fear, but police have responded promptly to their calls.

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