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## City's Crime On The Increase



Photo by C. Nottingham  
Musa Kamara, Mrs. Rachel P. Beatty, Duane Jackson and Mrs. Kamara, pose after African-Style wedding ceremony.

### Couple Exchange Vows In African Ceremony

by Mike Wright

Winston-Salem was the scene of a beautiful authentic African ceremony Saturday Nov. 9 at St. Phillips Moravian Church as Mrs. Rachel P. Beatty of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Duane Jackson of Chicago Ill. pledged their sacred vows.

The ceremony was performed by Musa Kamara and explained by his wife, Sia.

African weddings are quite different from those of America. There is much interaction and verbal exchanges of good-will.

Ernest Dover, who served as intermediary, spoke of the good character of the

husband-to-be. He spoke of reasons why Jackson wished to marry Rachel. He ended by presenting gifts to Rachel's family.

The presents consisted of kola nuts, salt, honey, pepper, water, rice and meat. They were symbolic of Duane's love for Rachel and his appreciation for the sacrifices made by her parents in rearing her into a lovely Black lady.

James Patterson, brother of Rachel, responded to the intermediary. He spoke on behalf of Rachel's family as he questioned the integrity of Duane. Duane's mother, Mrs. Duane, Duane's mother, Mrs. Duane.

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The Winston-Salem Police Department, in its September 1974 Monthly Summary, showed an increase in major crimes in the city from July through September.

There were 1,110 actual offenses during the month of September as compared with 1,018 for August and 967 for July. The biggest increase was in the category of burglary (breaking and entering). The report revealed that there were 71 more break-ins in September than in July.

There were also 71 more thefts in September than in July. Assault was down by 10, but murder and robbery were up by two. There were just as many rapes in September as in July, but the number of attempts were down by seven.

Victims of Winston-Salem's criminals lost more than a quarter of a million dollars during that period. Most of the losses were the result of larceny of \$200 and over. Motor vehicle theft netted almost \$80,000 while burglaries brought crooks more than \$71,000.

Even though crime is on the rise, the Police Department's percentage of clearance of

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### Flim-Flam Artist Sells Two Tons Of Coal

Every year about this time somebody gets flim-flammed. That is larceny by trick. It has happened again and it looks like there will be no end to it.

According to police reports, Adam H. Walker of 952 Cotton Street reported that a man came to his house Nov. 1 and told him he had a good deal on some coal. The man, apparently feeling warm-hearted, offered to let Walker in on his good fortune.

Walker told the cool talking coal man that he would take two tons of the coal and agreed to pay the man \$72. This was only the down payment. The rest was supposed to be paid upon receipt of the shipment on Nov. 5.

The report indicated that the man told Walker he worked for Southern Oil and Coal Company which was the reason he had gotten such a

good deal on the coal. Upon seeing the man's drivers license which showed an address given by the man, Walker wrote him a check for \$72. The man told Walker that he would deliver the goods on Nov. 5. A receipt was given to

Walker and he simply waited for the appointed day of delivery.

Walker stated that he did not receive the scheduled shipment and called Southern Oil and Coal Company to

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### YMCA Drill Team Steals Show

Hundreds of folk lined the streets last Saturday in down-town Winston-Salem to witness the annual Winston-Salem State University Homecoming Parade.

However with all of the beautiful queens and high stepping majorettes, perhaps the "thieves" of the parade were the members of Moe Lucas' Patterson Avenue YMCA Drill Team. There is no doubt but that they "stole" the show.

The youngsters displayed a precision of drill that seems incredible for boys of their ages. They dipped and bowed and stomped their feet with a rhythm much like that of professional dancers.

Between Moe Lucas' drill team, local high school bands, the famous WSSU marching Rams, local organizations and

Patterson Avenue YMCA Drill Team "cut-up" during WSSU Homecoming Parade. Many feel the young group "stole" the show.



### Miss Alumni Crowned At Coronation Ball

by Lewis Tucker  
and Mike Wright

The Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Alumni Association seems not to be getting older but better.

In furs and shawls and formal wear they came in cars, on busses, and by planes. They stayed in homes, at the Hilton and the Holiday Inn, at the downtowner and the greatly esteemed Hyatt House.

There was an air of renewed friendships as alumni, (husbands and wives) singles and couples made their way to the

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