

Increase In Crime

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major crimes increased. Of the 28 murders committed from January to September of 1973, the police solved 22 or 78.6%. Of the 15 murders committed during the same period in 1974 they solved 14 for a 93.3 rate.

The department is poorest in solving burglaries. Of the 1,604 burglaries committed from January to September of 1973 only 227 (14.2%) of them were solved. For the same period in 1974, 286 or 15.2% of 1,874 were solved.

The department's overall rate of clearance of major offenses is 33.8% for January through September 1974.

They cleared 2,498 of the 7,370 actual offenses. During the same period in 1973, 2,080 (32.1%) of the 6,481 actual offenses were cleared.

The report showed that from January through September of 1974 the police department had made 1,269 criminal arrests. Of that total approximately 46 per cent are still pending. There were 210 disposed of by guilty pleas; 296 were found not guilty; three were found guilty of lesser offenses; one was released to other jurisdictions; 102 failed to appear and a capias issued; and 61 were juveniles.

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Rudolph McCabe, elaborated on the content of her son's character.

It is customary for the bride-to-be to wait in another room until it is time for a decision to be reached about the proposal. Mrs. Raymond Patterson, Rachel's mother left the room to bring Rachel back to help her make a decision. Rachel was escorted in by her mother, three sisters, Mrs. Queen Bennett; Mrs. Pearl Pinson; Miss Bettie Patterson; and a friend, Mrs. Ernest Dover.

After the bride was escorted in and took her seat, the parents of both parties offered their admonition and blessing.

Duane presented a gift to Rachel and she accepted. It is an African custom that if the woman accepts the gift she will accept the marriage proposal. It is also customary for everyone attending the ceremony to take part by offering advice and giving best wishes or blessings.

Afterwards, the kola nuts were divided and everyone received one. The nuts were eaten and everyone took a taste of honey, salt and pepper. Musa Kamara sprinkled the water and offered a blessing. He also advised the couple and their families. With that, the couple was by African custom, man and wife.

The Rev. Cedric Rodney, however, was on hand to make the marriage legal by administering the traditional wedding vows.

Special guests at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patterson parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Andy David; Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Ernest.

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campus fraternities and sororities, there seemed little left to be desired. The parade, was indeed, a big success.



Graham Central Station recently performed at the Winston-Salem Coliseum to a "not-so-packed" house.

Small Turn-out Turns On To Graham Central Station

by Sharon D. Frazier

Perhaps the Winston-Salem Coliseum has lost its "coliseumic" nature; or could it be that the novelty of going there discipates with the infrequency of visitation? Does it just not offer your kind of entertainment?

Whatever the reason, the people in and around the Winston-Salem area do not support activities of the Coliseum.

Characteristically, only 3,200 persons attended the show last Friday featuring Graham Central Station, Betty Davis, and Brute. One would expect that a show headlining such artists and during a university (WSSU) homecoming weekend, there would

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Benton Convention Center to witness the coronation of Miss Alumni and hear the swinging sounds of Opus 7, Friday night.

The atmosphere of the ball was more relaxed and sociable than many people would have expected. The dances and conversations were of a varied nature. The "bump" was the most favored dance of both young and old.

As the time arrived for the coronation ceremony, all of the contestants robed in the finest attire, waited patiently and with great anticipation for the crowning of "Miss Alumni". Each former "Miss Alumni" was honored at the occasion prior to the crowning of the new queen, Verdene P. Pettiford.

First runner-up was Blondell Penn from the Detroit chapter. Second runner-up was Mildred R. Griffin from the Winston-Salem chapter and third runner-up was Dawn Lester from the Danville chapter.

have been a better attendance.

On the other hand, the attendance figure is suggestive that many people have prejudged Graham Central Station to be like Sly and the Family Stone with whom Larry Graham had been associated for over six years.

In my interview with Graham I was convinced that he is quite concerned that people might have formed such prejudices. Larry Graham, by way of Graham Central Station, has established the fact that he is an individualist, moreover, the individual that gave Sly and the Family Stone their unique sound for those six years he was with them. As one listens to Sly and the Family Stone now, it is apparent that the "bottom" has fallen out of that sound which kept Sly's Family high on the charts for so long.

Quite the contrary of a "Sly" image, Graham Central Station demonstrates a new kind of music with a message that, according to Larry Graham, is, "next to Godliness, and His inspiration has kept the six Northern Californians releasing themselves (accordingly) over the past year."

Larry Graham, the leader of Graham Central Station, has shown outstanding musical potential since he was five years old when he began playing piano. Before his teens, he learned all keyboards, guitars, drums, harmonica and bass, and has developed a three-and-one-half octave range which he displayed earliest in vocal duets with his mother on jazz and blues standards.

It was then Sly Stone saw Larry and his mother performing in Oakland, Cal., that he invited him to join a
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