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## Woman Confesses Witchcraft-Murder

Did Lillian Robertson murder Dollie Bynum? She says she did, but the Winston-Salem police department, after a brief investigation, refuses to pursue the matter any further. She claims to have killed her victim with witchcraft.

"There are many witches in Winston-Salem," warns Mrs. Robertson, though she says that she no longer dabbles in magic.

Mrs. Robertson tells of being born in poverty 53 years ago, and longing to better herself. "I was mad at God," she recalls. "I was poor and I didn't want to be poor; I was black, and it wasn't easy being black in those days. Anything that would bring a dollar I would do it."

She became involved in selling illegal whiskey, and began to live a wild, promiscuous life.

Then she heard about "Uncle Bob," an old man in South Carolina who claimed to be able to give people good luck.

"It was witchcraft," says Lillian Robertson, "but I didn't know it at the time."

She went to see the man, and was given a series of tasks to do as an "initiation," such as performing certain rituals in a cemetery at midnight.

She soon learned, she said, that it was not "luck" that Uncle Bob had given her, but power.

"I began to have dreams that would come true. I could tell people that things would happen to them, and they would. And I began to do well. I had a house, and a car, and money, but I wasn't happy. Witchcraft is the hardest work there is. The spirits won't let you rest."

She began to have seizures.

"Sometimes at 3:00 in the morning I would get up and go out driving about 75 m.p.h. Once I drove around all weekend with a loaded gun on the seat, trying to find the courage to kill myself."

Then she met Dollie Bynum, a young woman of 27, who was dedicated to saving souls. Mrs. Bynum wouldn't give up on her, Mrs. Robertson recalls. She was determined to "cast out the devils."

"She fasted; she stayed up with me while I was having those attacks, and she'd take on those spirits herself."

But Mrs. Robertson would not prove easy to save. She was bitter, and she had been into witchcraft for many years. She didn't believe in God, and she didn't want to be saved, at first.

She claims to have put a curse on Dollie Bynum. "Before she started helping me, Dollie Bynum didn't drink, but then those demons began to get to her. They left me and they went to her," says Lillian Robertson.

Dollie Bynum died a few years ago. She had not yet reached the age of forty. Doctors seemed reluctant to specify any cause of death.

Last Thursday Lillian Robertson called the Winston-Salem police department, and confessed to the murder of Dollie Bynum by witchcraft.

Police officers questioned Mrs. Robertson Friday morning, but according to Police Lt. W.M. Klinzing no charges will be pressed. "You can't kill anybody with witchcraft," he said.

## Black Mayor Is Guest Speaker

## Banquet Honors Contractor

More than 300 persons attended the June 30th banquet in Benton Convention Center honoring contractor Clarence G. Washington.

Henry L. Marsh, III, the mayor of Richmond, Virginia was the guest speaker at the banquet. "I believe in people who are doing things," said Marsh.

Clarence Washington is definitely "doing things." Forced to drop out of school as a child to

support his foster parents who were ill, Washington subsequently taught himself to read and write. He learned the contracting business without formal instruction by working with various companies on construction jobs.

He went into the contracting business in 1950 with a wheelbarrow in the trunk of his Ford, and that operation has grown into Washington's Concrete, Stone, & Cement Contractors, which

boasts a fleet of seven trucks and a staff of 32 employees.

The Honor Day Committee, chaired by Tracy Singletary, said of Clarence Washington: "His story should serve as a bright example to young blacks desiring to follow the road of black economic development."

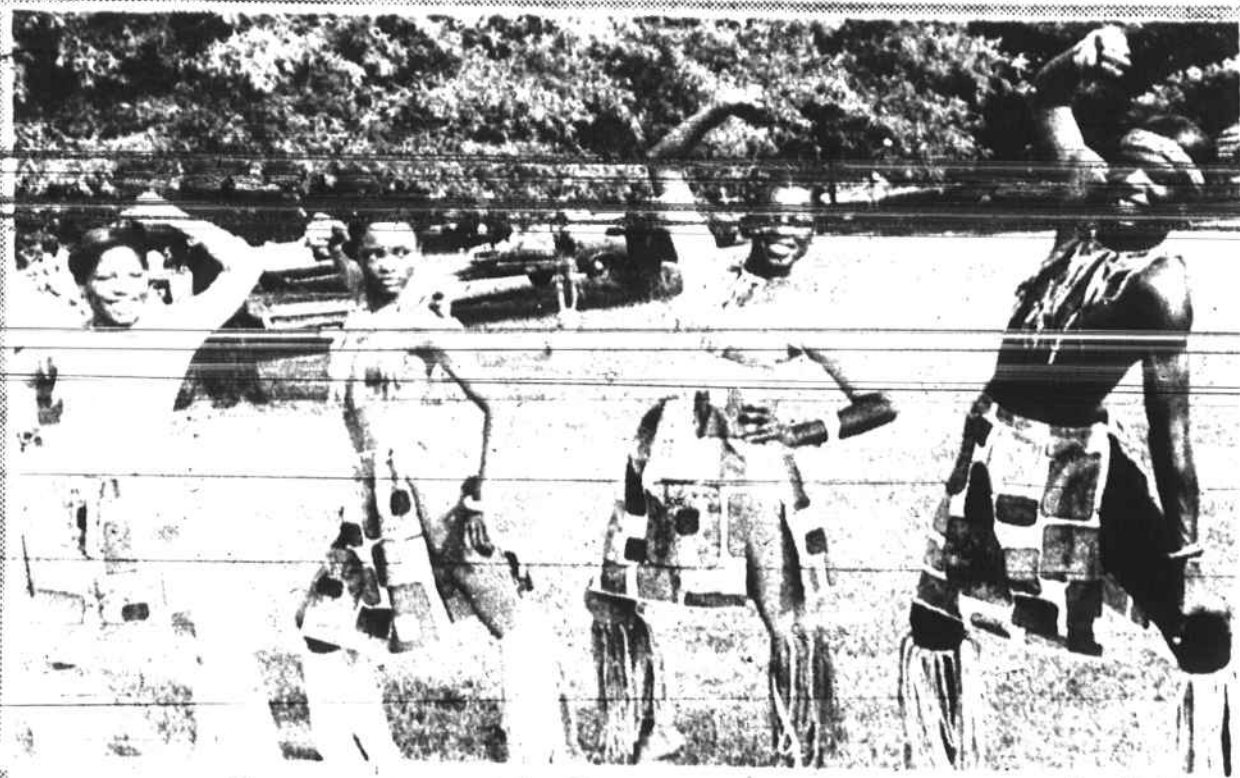
As a further encouragement to youth, the committee founded a scholarship in Washington's name to be awarded

to black students planning to pursue a career in business.

At the banquet, Mrs. C.G. Washington presented the scholarships to Reece Joyner and Carmer Jackson, both students at WSSU.

Mr. Washington himself received an award for service to the community presented by John William Cook.

Having established himself as a successful



Four members of the Urban Arts dance troupe warm up before their opening performance. They are: Carolyn McCoy, Kim Williams, Karen Hansley, and Michael Chiles. Staff Photo

## Showmobile Stages First Performance

The Urban Arts Showmobile staged its first performance of the summer in the parking lot of the Urban Arts headquarters last Thursday.

In a three-hour performance before a sizeable crowd, the performers of the Showmobile displayed their talents in music and dance.

The Jazz Transit opened the program with selections of jazz and a stunning vocal performance by Miss Cynthia Duncan. Also

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## Prisoner's Union Begins Campaign

Carolina Community News Service

The North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union will soon launch a campaign aimed at getting Corrections Secretary Amos Reed seeking to improve living conditions in the state's 77 prisons. The announcement came in the wake of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which gave broad discretionary power to prison administrators, prohibiting the union or any undesirable organization from holding meetings in the prisons.

Established in 1973 by inmates, ex-inmates and sympathetic supporters, the Prisoners Labor Union was "born out of an illegal atmosphere," said Dr. James Grant, spokesman for the union. Despite the recent Supreme Court decision (N.C. Prisoners' Labor Union vs. David L. Jones), "people inside will continue to organize," Grant said.

The union was established during the administration of Corrections Secretary David L. Jones who was considered a "mad man" by many, including present Governor James Hunt, then Lieutenant Governor. More than once, James employed a high powered team of public relations people to lobby for corrections programs that were used for different purposes. The same

public relations organization also assisted Jones in a broad sweep which altered numerous prison policies, making life increasingly intolerable for North Carolina's 14,000-plus inmates and their families. It was in that atmosphere that the union was formed.

The union's new campaign also includes a move to obtain dialogue with prison administrator See Prisoner's, Page 2

## Fuel And Utility Cost Tripled

The cost of fuel and utilities in North Carolina more than tripled in the period from October 1976 to April 1977, according to the latest cost-of-living survey released this week by the Division of State Budget and Management.

North Carolinians also felt substantial inflation in food commodities, which rose at the rate of 5.3 percent since the previous six-month reporting period in October, and in restaurant meals, which rose by 6.9 percent since that time.

The semi-annual survey is based on the prices of 132 items in the categories of homeownership, food, fuel and utilities, public transportation, medical care, hotels and restaurant meals. In the latest survey, 71 percent of these items cost more, 23 percent cost the same and six percent cost the same as they did in October.

In the area of fuel and utility rates, which climbed 11.7 percent after small increases of 1.2 percent and 3.6 percent in the two preceding surveys, natural gas rates led the price hikes with a jump of 34.7 percent. This increase contrasted with the moderate rise of 2.4 percent in the previous report period. Four of the five gas companies surveyed increased their rates, while the fifth company included in its customers' bills a surcharge reflecting a rise in wholesale costs.

Fuel oil prices also

increased 11.7 percent, reflecting a compounded annual rate of 15.7 percent. Urban areas felt the cost rises most sharply, while fuel utility rates combined were up 16.3 percent since October, due largely to the widespread use of natural gas which substantially escalated.

The price of the market basket of food suffered because of increases in such items as ground roasted coffee, which rose over 50 percent, and fruits and vegetables, which rose about 15 percent. The current increases brought the inflation rate for food back up to levels recorded 18 months ago. There was good news for meat lovers, however; meat, poultry and fish declined 8 percent, for an annual rate of decrease of 2.2 percent.

Homeownership costs, including the purchasing costs of a home, mortgage lending rates, property taxes and insurance, increased only 1 percent overall. More substantial increases in the purchase cost of a home were offset by declines in interest rates to result in this rate. Increases in the cost of public transportation continued to be moderate with only a 1.5 percent change.

Medical care costs, however, showed a 4.8 percent rise, resulting in a compounded annual rate of just under 10 percent.

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## Metric

### The New Language In America

"Think Metric" -- it's a slogan seen everywhere from bumperstickers to T-shirts. But why? How? When? These are questions facing many consumers today. The Better Business Bureau hopes the following tips will create a greater understanding of our new language: the Metric System.

Why go metric? Because it is the system of measurement used throughout the world -- and measurement has great bearing in world trade and communications. The U.S. is the only major industrial country just beginning a nationwide metric conversion program.

In addition, believe it or not, the metric system actually is simpler and easier to use than the English system. It is a more precise language of measurement that does not require learning complex and inconsistent tables. This is because it is a decimal system, where all units of measure are in terms of 10 -- like that of our money system.

Prefixes	Common Conversions
1,000 Kilo	1 Centimeter - .40 Inches
100 Hecto	1 Meter - 1.10 Yards
10 Deko	1 Kilometer - .60 Miles
.1 Deci	1 Milliliter - .03 Ounce
.01 Centi	1 Liter - 1.06 Quarts
.001 Milli	1 Gram - .035 Ounce
	1 Kilogram - 2.20 Pounds
C -40	0 37 100
F -40	32 98.6 212

In comparing this system with our present one: a meter is a little longer than a yard; a liter holds a little more than a quart; and a gram is a little heavier than a paper clip. Each of these basic units is then divided into multiples of 10, with appropriate prefixes added such as "kilo," meaning 1,000 all the way to "milli" meaning 1/1,000. The following charts present a more detailed picture of the conversion factor:

Not all units of measure will require relearning; for example, time, electricity and money. Temperature,

however, will be converted from the Fahrenheit scale to the Celsius scale, as they are now in many weather reports. The relation of Celsius to Fahrenheit is presented below:

C -40 0 37 100

F -40 32 98.6 212

WATER FREEZES  
BODY TEMPERATURE  
BOILING POINT

Already Using Some Metric Measures

Many people do not recognize that they are using metric measure everyday. Cigarette length and camera film size are both stated in millimeters. Distance e-

vents in international track and swimming competition are measured in meters. And, for over 18 years pharmaceutical products have been metrically measured.

With the United States now committed -- through the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 -- to metrication, conversion will begin to accelerate. Metric education in public schools has been legislated in over half the states, with 23 schools boards having adopted "Go Metric" resolutions. Several states are now posting road

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Mayor Marsh addresses the C.G. Washington Banquet.

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