

MISS SAVAGE TEEN-AGE QUEEN

Largest Gathering In History Of Club, Attends Festival

Miss Pansy Savage was presented to the largest gathering of Teen-age club members in the history of the organization last night as Queen of the Spring Festival's third annual formal beauty contest at the Second and Orange Community Center building.

Miss Savage, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Savage, Rt. 1, was a representative of Hemenway grammar school and she will reign over and be crowned Queen at the Spring Festival to be held in Jones Park on May 22. A picture of Miss Savage may be seen on the society page.

She was chosen over 11 contestants from representative grammar schools and teen-age clubs throughout the city.

Miss Savage won the honor that was formerly held by Miss Nancy Greer.

Two runner-ups, Miss Delores Potter of Nesbitt Court center, and Miss Harriet Gallup of Winter Park school, won the second and third places. All of the contestants will be attendants to the queen at the festival.

Contestants from the various centers and schools in the city competing against Miss Savage were: Misses Barbara Dunham, Chestnut Heights school; Winifred Clark, Sunset Park school; Virginia Melton, Lake Forest school; Nadlee Hill, Cornelius Harnett center; Margaret Thomason, Forest Hill school; and Mona Peterson of Tilston school.

The Community Center teen-age club was hostess to the local centers and elementary schools and furnished the band under the direction of Band Leader Bobby Haas.

Judges for the contest were: Miss Kay Goodman, Frank O'Brien, Mrs. Lester Preston, Miss Thelma Johnson, and Herbert Sena.

OFFICER URGES MILITARY SERVICE

Col. McLaughlin Says Power Most Potent Agent At Peace Table

Declaring that "military power is the most potent agent at the peace table," Col. Severne S. MacLaughlin, of the North Carolina Military District, urged members of the Wilmington Exchange club to support the bill proposing universal military training.

Col. MacLaughlin spoke to the Exchange club members during their luncheon meeting yesterday in the Friendly cafeteria and said that "five million men were needed in a reserve pool for immediate call. Universal military training is a plan both simple and democratic which will produce men quickly, to bring our military strength up to regular requirements."

Simply stated, the plan means that one million trained men per year would go into the reserve pool, he said. Because of the other factors, our present pool of World War II strength is rapidly depleting.

The plan for military training calls for youths for one year between the ages of 18 and 20, he continued. All would register on their 17th birthday.

"There would be no exemption except for mental or physical disability or foreign nationality. One thousand hours of thorough instruction would be equivalent to five years in the National Reserve. These men are trainees and would not be sent overseas; they would remain as near their homes as possible."

"Men are dead today because we did not have ample trainees to meet the crises of World War II," he declared. "We must not go to sleep and allow the challenger to catch us off guard and unprepared in the next crisis which may arise."

Guy C. Moore, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, was a guest at the meeting.

ARMY ENGINEERS

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today for a look at progress being made on the 32-foot channel dredging project, and may view the work with the proposed 35-foot channel in mind.

Later the group will go to Masonboro inlet and there may be a possibility that the inlet will be studied with a view of using it as a model for the stabilization of other units along the coast.

Later, the engineers plan to inspect New River inlet and Bogue inlet before returning to the Engineers office here on Monday morning. They plan to fly back to Atlanta early Monday afternoon.

BAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

BOSS AXE ME DO I SPEC' A PO-LICEMAN KIN OUTRUN A HA'NT - I CAN' BE NO JUDGE O' DAT SENSE I KIN OUTRUN 'EM BOFE!!



STRIKE

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as the other costs of providing telephone service, must in the final analysis be paid by the customers who buy our service, and any increase in such costs must be reflected in the rates we charge.

"We are now appearing before public service commissions throughout the southeast seeking increases in service rates to pay for the cost of the wage increases granted to our employees last year. No provision was made in our petitions to these commissions for the wage increases which have just been granted. Therefore, it will be necessary to seek additional increases to cover the cost of these latest increases in wage rates."

Mr. Dumas, in his formal statement, said "the company is glad that the strike is over and that Southern Bell men and women are going back to their job of providing the public with unrestricted telephone service.

"We deeply appreciate the friendly spirit of patience and cooperation which the public showed during the strike, and we regret the inconvenience the strike has caused. We shall do everything we can to get back to regular day-to-day operations just as promptly as possible."

"The company appreciates the work of the thousands of telephone men and women whose efforts made it possible for us to provide service during the strike emergency."

Bain Happy

The local telephone workers returned to their jobs Wednesday morning, O. G. Bain, said last night. "We are happy to be able to resume service for our customers," he said.

"The local employees are apparently satisfied with the agreements reached with the company. He said all of the Wilmington and Wrightsville exchange employees have returned to work and things are beginning to operate on a normal basis again."

The strike began here on April 7 and ended May 7, he said.

HUNDRED TO RETURN AT CHARLOTTE OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, May 9.—(AP)—J. R. Burnie, chairman of the Charlotte local of the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers said tonight that only about 100 of approximately 500 employees of South A. Bell Telephone and Telegraph company would report to work tomorrow.

Burnie said that although the strike against the Southern Bell company had been settled, the Association of Communications workers were still on strike and would continue to picket the company's main exchange here.

These workers are employed by the Western Electric company, a subsidiary of American Telephone and Telegraph, parent company of the Bell system.

Burnie said the union members would continue to respect the picket lines of the A. C. E. W.

The SFTW strike was settled tonight with normal service scheduled to resume at 6 A. M. tomorrow.

ANIMALS MUST BE BANISHED

Health Department Says Owners Must Move Hogs From City

City cows and hogs have got to go back to the farm, or at least be removed from within the city limits, and the hogs must be cleared within 30 days from the time the owners receive notice from the Board of Health.

The cows are allowed six months to find a new home.

Dr. A. H. Elliott, city-county health officer, is preparing yesterday to issue notices to all residents having hogs and cows in the city that they must be moved outside the city limits.

The New Hanover County Board of Health has decreed that the hogs must be cleared out and Dr. Elliott said this action was taken because of several complaints received in his office from residents about the odor arising from hogs and cowstalls in the outlying areas just inside the city limits.

The issue has been debated for sometime by the board of health and has been discussed by the city council.

Dr. Elliott said most of the hogs and cowstalls were located in the area which was included when the city limits were extended in January, 1946. He said he would mail the notices within the next few days to all persons who own hogs and cows in the city.

STASSEN

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future policies but I do have a reasonable measure of confidence that they can and will be overcome without the outbreak of another tragic world-wide war," he said.

"I hope that Baptists will vigorously uphold individual freedom and social, economic, political and religious freedom, and that they recognize and support the need of strength without worshipping that strength."

"We must find the page in the book and the step on the ladder that lead the way to development of individual respect for one another which with a stronger religious faith is the foundation for a lasting peace."

He asked the convention to give "steadfast support to the social, economic and cultural objectives of the United Nations."



POST OFFICE CLERK'S BANQUET—Seated at the speaker's table last night during the second annual postoffice banquet for clerical employees are: Mrs. W. M. Stanley, W. M. Stanley, postal inspector; Wilbur Doscher, postmaster; Mrs. J. E. Council, J. E. Council, toastmaster; the Rev. Walter B. Freed, speaker; Mrs. John Doscher; John Doscher, recently retired assistant postmaster; and V. D. Pease, vice-president of the local 145 of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks. Not shown in the picture, but also seated at the table was R. T. Rivenbark, president of the local union. (STAFF PHOTO)

FAITH HEALER GETS RESULTS

Frail Woman Says Prayers Of Iranian Will Cure Here

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., May 9.—(AP)—A frail 58-year-old woman, paralyzed for more than three years, said today she was certain the prayers of an ascetic young Iranian faith healer would make her healthy again in only a few weeks.

Ten minutes alone with Avak, 20-year-old self-acclaimed "minister of God," already has enabled Mrs. Zena Nerseesian to speak more clearly than at any time since a stroke paralyzed her right side and affected her vocal cords three and a half years ago, her family said.

"Avak will cure me," she said with tears in her eyes. "I saw it in a dream. I will be well soon. He has helped me already. He will make me well again."

Her husband, Frank Nerseesian, a date grower, said these were his wife's first coherent sentences since she became ill. He said she spoke only in monosyllables until Avak came to see her two days ago, stroked her afflicted limbs and prayed briefly. She kissed his hand and fell into a deep sleep.

"That's when I dreamed he make me well," she said.

Today Mrs. Nerseesian smiled and showed interest in her surroundings for the first time in many months, the family reported.

SENATOR BRIDGES GETS IRRITATED

New Hampshire Republican Suggests Jailing Talkative Postmasters

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Irritated at criticism of Congressional economies, Senator Bridges (R-NH) suggested today that postmasters at Boston, Mass.; Holland, Mich.; and other points be fired or put in prison unless post office heads here can control them.

"You have got to control 'em, fire 'em, put 'em in prison or we've got to do something about it up here," Bridges, chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee, told Jesse M. Donaldson, first assistant postmaster general, at a committee hearing.

Bridges and two other Republican members of the Appropriations group, Senator Young of North Dakota and Ferguson of Michigan, joined in complaints that postmasters were spending more money than allowed by law and then blaming Congress for curtailed local services.

"We've taken steps to see that this won't happen again," the first assistant postmaster general replied. He promised that postal inspectors would conduct special investigations at Boston, Holland and other points where postmasters are reported to have blamed Congress for service cutbacks.

At the same time Donaldson vigorously denied suggestions by Bridges that "brazen propaganda" against Congressional slashes in appropriations was "inspired" by Post Office department officials in Washington.

"I am as embarrassed as any of you Senators at what is going on here," Donaldson said, adding that the present Congress is not to blame because certain postmasters spent more money than the department here allotted them.

Bridges said public officials can be put in jail for spending more government funds than voted by Congress and told Donaldson:

"We've got to look to you to clean this situation up or we've got to have some way of getting at these postmasters directly."

"We are flooded with wires of protests," Bridges continued. "These men have been deliberately violating the law, overspending their allotments, and making false statements about the Congress."

Much of Bridges' criticism centered upon Postmaster Patrick J. Connelly of Boston, who furnished some 1,000 temporary postal clerks and said this was necessary because Congress refused funds.

Bridges said that after the Boston postmaster was called to Washington "for reprimand" he returned to Boston this week and announced:

"I brought home the bacon." Bridges said this was a "smart aleck statement" adding that the Boston postmaster is "over age" and should be retired.

"I don't know what bacon he brought home," Donaldson said. He said Connelly had been directed to restore service he had curtailed and get along with \$430,000 less money in the April-June quarter.

"I took him (Connelly) to task," the assistant postmaster general said.

When the United States was cut off from its rubber sources in 1942, it had on hand more than 100-million good tires on cars and trucks.

The Weather

Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m., in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Precep.
WILMINGTON	70	49	—
Burlington	66	36	—
Asheville	62	35	—
Atlanta	70	45	—
Atlantic City	52	36	—
Birmingham	74	53	—
Boston	50	37	—
Buffalo	44	29	—
Burlington	46	26	—
Chattanooga	68	37	—
Chicago	47	31	—
Cincinnati	54	30	—
Cleveland	42	34	—
Dallas	73	58	—
Denver	77	40	.16
Detroit	50	31	—
Indianapolis	52	35	—
El Paso	73	58	—
Fort Worth	69	56	.01
Galveston	62	36	—
Jacksonville	77	60	—
Kansas City	66	41	—
Key West	80	69	.65
Louisville	58	36	—
Little Rock	69	56	—
Los Angeles	81	52	—
Louisville	57	33	—
Memphis	69	52	—
Meridian	74	50	—
Miami	77	73	.07
Mont.-St. Paul	62	36	—
Montgomery	74	50	—
New Orleans	77	62	—
New York	62	34	—
Norfolk	58	46	—
Philadelphia	51	33	—
Phoenix	90	64	—
Pittsburgh	62	34	—
Portland, Me.	52	34	—
Raleigh	68	48	—
Richmond	64	32	—
Salt Lake City	69	52	—
San Antonio	86	70	—
San Francisco	82	50	—
Seattle	61	33	—
Seattle	61	33	.36
Tampa	81	63	—
Vicksburg	73	54	.04
Washington	54	34	—

CARGO

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poration, with the H. H. Pike company, Inc. of New York, acting as distributing agent. The local broker for the commodity is H. F. White and company.

The ship carrying the sugar is operated by A. Garcia and company of New York and the Wilmington Shipping company is the local agent.

Since the war, the only sugar that has been stored here for distribution has been domestic sugar from American refiners, and that has been in comparatively small quantities, it was said.

NEXT SUGAR STAMP MAY BE GOOD SUGAR

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The next sugar ration stamp may become good earlier than July 1, the originally scheduled date.

Cuban sugar is piling up in Eastern seaboard refining centers and the government may change the effective date of the 10-pound stamp to expedite buying of the commodity.

Agriculture department officials said that if more sugar does not move into inland areas and into consumer pantries during the next few weeks, the nation may witness "a sugar famine in the midst of plenty" later in the summer.

They explained that a shortage of freight cars may make it difficult to move sugar from the East along the new wheat crop starts moving to market in June and July. Large numbers of freight cars will be needed to move the new grain crop to ports for shipments abroad.

Thus, officials said, areas and consumers which put off redeeming their sugar ration stamps and stocking up now might be unable to get supplies then.

The piling up of sugar in the East was said to reflect heavy imports from a Cuban crop which is considerably larger than last year and to a "changed consumer psychology" for sugar.

No Consumer Rush

Officials said consumers are not rushing to stores to buy their allotments as quickly as they did during the war. They said many are putting off purchase of the present ten pound allotment, part of which is designed to cover home canning needs, until they get fruits to put up.

Likewise, many distributors are said to be carrying smaller inventories than during the war.

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WILLIE

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May of last year when Willie said a "miracle" had saved him so that he could have his "hell on earth." Prison officials said that faulty wiring had prevented the full current from going through Willie's body.

Father Hannigan said that Willie was in "great shape physically and spiritually." Willie did walk straight as he said he would.

Penned Short Notes

He had many visitors during the morning. He penned short notes to his closest friends, and then asked to be left alone.

Willie wanted catfish for his last meal, "nothing but catfish" he had said.

In charge of the execution was St. Martin Parish Sheriff R. L. Resweber, who said "this is my first execution, though it's my second attempt." Resweber was sheriff when the chair failed last May 3.

Three doctors—Bernard Demahy, Ernest Young, and Howard Robinson—pronounced Willie dead.

Willie's body was turned over to his family at the jail, and transferred later to Journel's Funeral home for burial at 3 p. m. (CST).

Last Visitor

One of Willie's last visitors was Bertrand DeBlanc, his fiery attorney who tried vainly to save him, point to the U. S. Supreme court twice and appealing on numerous occasions to Louisiana courts and the governor.

DeBlanc told Willie that he thought he had another recourse to save him, but the attorney said that he was convinced by both Father Hannigan and Willie that the Negro was "satisfied" and ready to die for his crime.

Willie's case attracted nationwide attention when he walked back to his prison cell the first time after his supposed "last walk" to the electric chair. He had sat down to die. His case was a local affair at that time.

But to his amazement he was still alive minutes after he waited for death. He opened his eyes to see the jailer freeing him from the death-dealing chair.

Since that day DeBlanc had pleaded against "executing" the same man a second time. In a 5 to 4 ruling the U. S. Supreme Court, commenting on the defective wiring said that accidents can happen "for which no man is to blame."

Court Opinion

In the minority opinion, Justice Harold H. Burton, who was joined by Justices William O. Douglas, Frank Murphy and Wiley Rutledge said that the law demands instantaneous electrocution, not repeated applications of current "at intervals of several days or even minutes."

DeBlanc felt hope in the split court verdict and made an unsuccessful appeal to the state pardon board. But that too failed.

As the hours ticked away DeBlanc announced that he had uncovered new evidence to stay the execution. He flew to Washington yesterday to introduce in the nation's highest tribunal what he said was evidence that last year's abortive attempt to execute the Negro was a "disgraceful and inhuman exhibition."

DeBlanc and another Attorney J. Skelly Wright said they were prepared to introduce evidence showing that a drunken orgy was going on in the jail at the time of the other execution. They said the executive officials "were so drunk it would have been impossible for them to know what they were doing."

They charged the man at the switch sneered at Willie after he escaped death that he would personally kill him later, if he had to do it with a rock.

The high tribunal however turned down a petition for review of the case and a habeas corpus writ by a vote of six to two.

This was Willie's executioner who was not a convict but an experienced electrician. A new state law provides that no amateurs can ever perform such a task again.

MAN

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taken to a hospital where she was treated for shock, cuts, and bruises of the face and right hip. Her fall to the roadbed forced some of her teeth through her upper lip, and several stitches were taken to close the wound.

"I was standing on the platform talking to Mr. Wolf," she told reporters, "and suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I saw someone approach me. Before I knew it, I felt some power behind my back, and the next I knew I was in the pit. I saw the train coming, and then everything went vague."

FAREWELL PARTY FOR PO EMPLOYEES

Banquet Held For War-Service Workers At Wrightsboro

Clerical employees of the Wilmington postoffice and a few invited guests gathered in the Wrightsboro community house last night for the second annual banquet of the clerical staff.

The banquet had a double significance as it also was a farewell party for all war service employees who are being replaced by regular Civil Service workers, and for John D. Doscher, recently retired assistant postmaster.

J. E. Council acted as toastmaster for the occasion and introduced the Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, who spoke on the part that war service employees of the postoffice played in the vital communication of the war years.

Our whole society is based on communication, he declared, and our system of communication is based, by remote control, on the mail system. Postoffice employees handle communications that pertain to the significant and intimate phases of life and the very important communications between people and businesses, and in so doing, played a major part in facilitating the war effort, he continued.

Rev. Freed also spoke of the pathos in that the postoffice workers, without realizing it, handled the communications of members of the armed forces who lost their lives during the war.

Following his talk, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Platt, Sr., accompanied by Mrs. D. P. High gave a musical program of songs of yesterday.

Guests invited to the clerk's banquet were: Wilbur Doscher, postmaster; A. B. Bradshaw, assistant postmaster; R. C. Rogers, superintendent; W. M. Stanley, postal inspector; and John D. Doscher, recently retired assistant postmaster.

Dinner was served by members of the Wrightsboro Home Demonstration club.

LOSING

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While clocks all over the capital show nine A. M., Senator Overton's will point to eight A. M. His office staff will arrive at 10 A. M.—District Daylight Time—and go home at six.

Overton, remember, was the Senator so concerned about cows, constituents and comedians when the Senate decided to let the district make up its own mind about Daylight Time.

He warned: (1) Milking schedules would be shot to pieces; (2) Louisiana phone callers would find him gone home at 3 P. M., their time and (3) he would get all mixed up on his favorite radio comedians.

His fight lost, Overton simply followed an old Southern custom. He seceded.

For the Senator's bronchial trouble, his doctor advised a trip to Arizona. The Senate gave him permission to be absent for several weeks.

Overton is a cinch not to miss his train. It, too, runs on Standard time.

So—the doctor made sure—does Arizona.

NCSSE

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law banning the sale of fireworks and a law requiring an examination and re-issuance of licenses for North Carolina drivers.

The annual industrial safety conference banquet was held tonight. This afternoon the conference split into four groups for discussions of problems related to separate industries.

Dorsey Honored

E. L. Dorsey Jr. of Charlotte,