

Wendell Bryan, Conjured By Conjur Doctor, Fearfully Waits For June 30th

Kinston, June 18.—Wendell Bryan took to drink a few days ago. He was cold sober today, however, resolved not to touch liquor again until after June 30. He may die between now and the 30th. "It wouldn't surprise me a bit to find myself as dead as a mullet about the end of the month," he said today. He wouldn't want to die drunk, he would want to go out sober, prepared to put before St. Peter in the most logical fashion propositions he has been turning over in his mind for months. Drinking liquor is sinful, he said. He will want no sins adhering to him if he is wafted suddenly into the presence of the ticket-takers at the pearly gates.

Bryan, negro farm worker, is conjured. He has been that way since the end of June, 1924. Every year has brought him misfortune. Death, measles, mumps, financial adversity, fire and breach of promise have scourged his family.

"It happened because he 'made fun of an old man who couldn't take a joke.' The old man was an octogenarian conjure doctor, a negro who dealt in black magic. There are few conjure doctors left; this one was qualified for a degree from Oxford or Cambridge did such institutions recognize conjuration as an art or science.

The "doctor" was fatally ill. He knew he was about to take wings out of this world. And he told Bryan: "Less'n 10 years after I'm gone you'll be dead—and you'll have a lot of bad luck in 'twixt."

Bryan has had bushels of bad luck. After what has happened he regards his demise during the next 12 days as highly possible if not probable. As he stated today, he would not be surprised to "wake up dead" about four days before the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"I can't remember the date of the old man's death," he laments. That is bad because it means death may sneak up on him and stab him in the back, so to put it. "It was some're about the end of June. Nobody don't know. Boss, I'm 'stracted. I can't eat. I can't sleep. I ain't

been healthy for months. I've done everything from rubbin' black cats' fur backwards to walking around graveyards twice a day, but I don't know how I stand."

Bryan's Dracula is buried he knows not where, or he would have invoked pardon at his grave long ago. He can only wait and suffer until June 30. And he's afraid even to get drunk.

Northern Alexander News

Mr. Dewey Davis is in a critical condition in a Charlotte hospital from the results of an automobile accident. The car turned over several times and injured him internally. His mother is with him.

Rev. Olen Deal attended the ordination service at Linneys Grove last Saturday where a Presbyterian met and ordained Rev. Howard Ford, a grandson of the late Rev. Jay Gwaltney. Rev. Mr. Ford has been called to two churches near Wake Forest.

Rev. Mr. Deal will preach at Mt. Olive the 4th Sunday at eleven o'clock and at the old school house place near the Avery Russell old home near Boomer the 1st Sunday in July in the afternoon.

Mr. June Lowe is at home after spending several months in an hospital.

Mrs. Irvin Russell and son are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lowe.

Mrs. R. T. Lowe spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Deal Jr., near Little River.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherrill and daughter, of Statesville, spent the week-end with Mrs. Deal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deal.

Mrs. Fred Shoaf is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deal.

Mr. T. S. Deal and family have moved to the Herman farm near Salem church.

Miss Mary Earp is confined to her home with a heart attack.

Auto Wrecks Kill 77 In Month Of May 1934

Raleigh, June 19.—The state motor vehicle bureau reported tonight that 77 persons were killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina during May.

This is 18 more than were killed during April and brought the 1934 highway death toll to 334.

The total for the first five months of 1934 is 63 more than for the first five months of 1933 when 271 were killed. The total for May, 1933, was 64 as compared with 77 for last month, while May, 1932, had only 50.

Drunken driving caused 3 of last month's fatalities, the report said, while drunken drivers injured 38. The total injured for the month was 428. Six children playing in the streets were killed. Eleven pedestrians were killed.

The toll in grade crossing crashes was higher than usual, five being killed and 11 hurt in seven accidents. Hit-and-run drivers killed seven persons during May and injured 20. Speeders killed 17 and injured 35.

Motorists disregarding signals killed five and injured 10.

Nineteen of the fatal accidents occurred in cities and towns. Sunday was the worst day for fatal accidents, 18 persons being killed on that day. Friday was next with 14. Thursday claimed 13 and Saturday 9.

Only three women drivers were involved in the fatal accidents and 34 in non-fatal accidents.

Mrs. H. C. Abernethy returned to her home in Hickory Sunday after spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Long.

Welfare Office Has Application Blanks For Entering V. C. C.

Any unemployed veterans in Wilkes County who wish to enter the Veterans' Conservation Camps may get application blanks from Charles McNeill, county welfare officer.

However, veterans who wish to enter the camps should act at once due to the fact that applications must be in the office of the veterans bureau not later than June 20. Vacancies exist for a number of veterans from Wilkes county, it is learned here.

J. W. JONES HAS FINE FIELD OATS

Mr. J. W. Jones, whose farm is located about a mile and a half north of the city on the Fair-plain road, has a field of oats that is said to be the best in the county. The field consists of a two-acre piece of ground, and those who have had the opportunity to observe the fine crop of oats, estimate that the yield will be 50 bushels to the acre.

The field on which the oats are now growing has previously been in alfalfa, and has undergone other crop rotation in the past, Mr. Jones states.

Lions Directors To Meet Tonight

Will Lay Plans For Activities of Club For Ensuing Year

Directors of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club will hold a call meeting at the office of Dr. J. S. Deans tonight for the purpose of perfecting plans for the activities of the club during the ensuing year.

A report of the plans will be given at the club meeting to be held on Thursday evening of next week at Hotel Wilkes.

Observe Father's Day

The members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Myers gathered at his home here Sunday to observe Father's Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parlier and Miss Mary Estelle Parlier, Mrs. John C. Fletcher and Miss Louise Fletcher, Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Myers and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Myers Nance, of Charlotte; Mrs. Beatrice Myers Phillips, Mr. Thomas Phillips and Miss Louise Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Myers and daughter, Miss Amy Kathryn Myers, of Elkin.

New Jersey Man Heads Kiwanis International

Toronto, Ont., June 19.—Dr. William J. Carrington, of Atlantic City, N. J., was today elected president of Kiwanis International for 1934-35 at the 18th annual convention here. He is a prominent physician in the East, and for years has been actively engaged in many kinds of community, commercial and philanthropic endeavors.

He was first elected to the International Board of Trustees at the Seattle convention in 1928, and had just completed his third two-year term as a member of this administrative body. He was president of the Atlantic City club in 1923, governor of the New Jersey Kiwanis district in 1925 and has also served on many International committees for Kiwanis. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, a member of the American Medical Association and many other similar organizations.

Other officials elected are: Judge Arch A. Schramm, of Marietta, Ohio, and William R. Cockburn, of Toronto, Ontario, vice presidents. H. G. Hatfield, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was re-

Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Bookbinder, Hand, \$1.20, Machine, \$1.26 an hour; Cylinder Pressman, \$1.32, Web, \$1.38 an hour; Printer-Proofreader, \$1.32 an hour; Printer-Hand Compositor, \$1.30 an hour (basic rate); Printer - Monotype Keyboard Operator, \$1.26 an hour (basic rate); Government Printing Office, Bookbinder, \$1.05 an hour; Cylinder Pressman, \$1.10 an

Wages Earned Under the Above

Wages earned under the above are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 10 percent until June 30, 1934, and of not to exceed 5 percent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, as a measure of economy. Also, a deduction of \$ 1-1 toward a retirement annuity. Full information may be obtained from the post office in this city.

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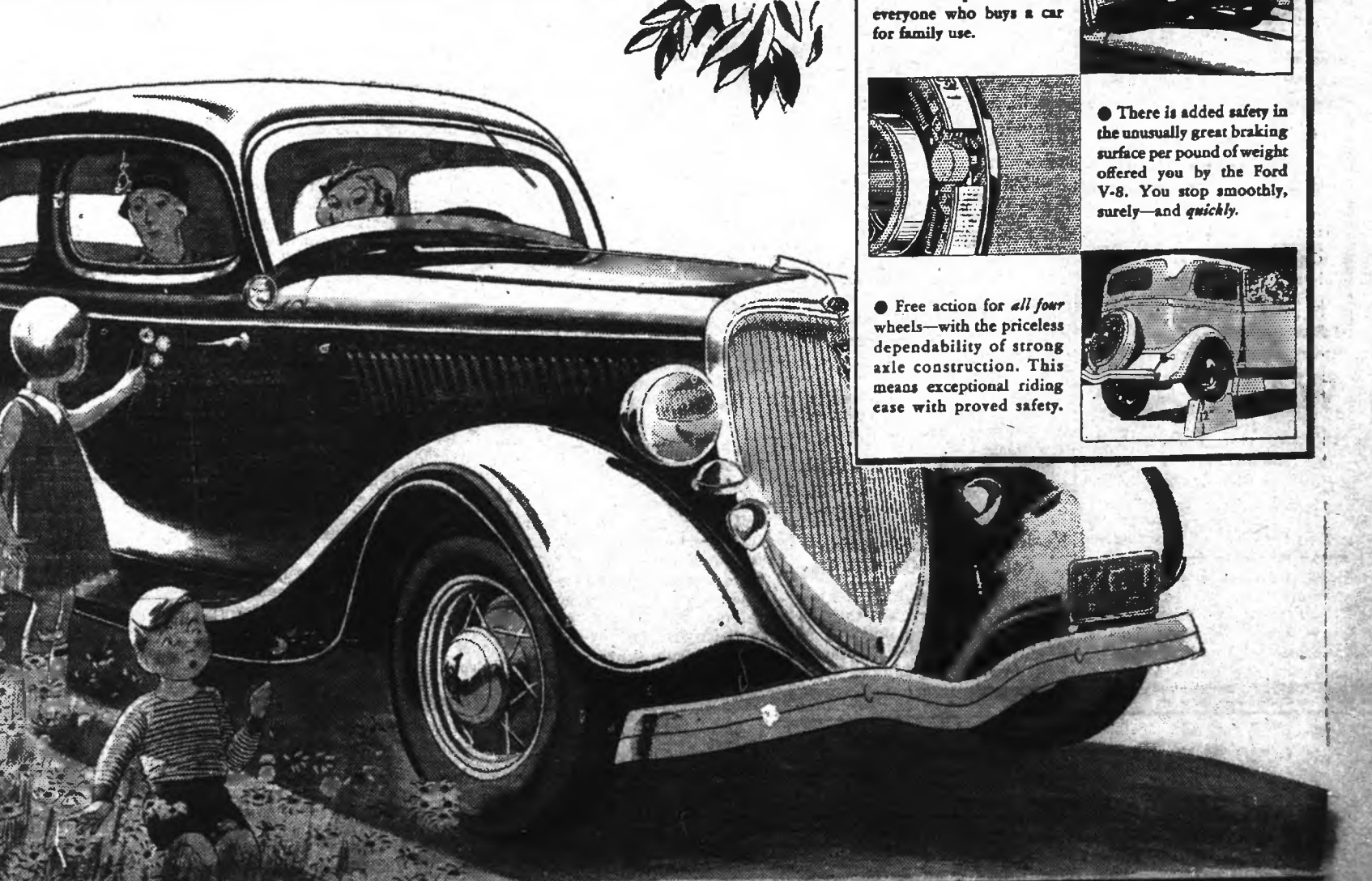
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