

BRUCE BARTON

... writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human soul pained by the experience of "The Man Nobody Knows."

GETTING ATTENTION

A tired pilgrim once arrived in the up-to-date and perfectly satisfied city of Athens. He arrived on foot because he had no car-fare. His shoes were sadly worn and his clothing unkempt and covered with dust. One would say that these disadvantages were enough to disqualify him for success in a town so smart and critical, but he had other handicaps more fundamental. He was too short and thickset to be impressive; his eyes had a decided squint; altogether he was not at all the kind of a man who commands respect before a crowd.

The principal business of the clever gentlemen of that city was standing around the market-place, there to "hear or to tell some new thing." They were the joke-makers and fashion-setters of their era. As for investing in a new religion—they had hundreds of religions, some new, some fairly new, some old, but all entirely unused. A fine appreciative atmosphere for the foreign visitor named Paul. Straight on he marched until he reached Mars Hill. A few of the clever ones gathered about. The critical moment had come. Paul must say something, and no matter what he said, it would be wrong. Suppose he had said: "Good morning, gentlemen, I have something new in the way of a religion which I'd like to explain." A boisterous laugh would have ended his talk.

But Paul knew the psychology of the crowd.

"Men of Athens, I congratulate you on having so many fine religions. I've traveled about quite a bit and your assortment is larger and better than I have seen anywhere else. I noticed that you not only have altars erected to all the regular gods and goddesses; you even have one dedicated to the Unknown God.

"Let me tell you an interesting coincidence, gentlemen— This God whom you worship without knowing his name, is the very God whom I represent."

Paul stopped short and voices called out demanding that he go on. It appears later in the narrative that after his talk was over "some mocked, and others aid, 'We will hear thee again of this matter.'"

It was not a complete victory such as his Master had achieved at Jacob's well; but the audience which had confronted Paul was hostile, and his initial success so

cleverly won, that this story deserves a place beside that of Jesus. Together they help us to understand the great mystery—how a religion, originating in a despised province of a petty country, could carry around the world. It conquered not because there was any demand for another religion but because Jesus knew how, and taught his followers how, to translate a great spiritual conception into terms of practical self-concern.

Audit Report

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—North Carolina's general fund expenditures for the month of January were more than \$1,500,000 in excess of the receipts, the result being a cash overdraft January 31 of \$699,792.98, while the highway and other special funds showed a drop of nearly two million dollars, to a balance of \$3,390,850.18 at the end of January, the combined statement of the Auditor and Treasurer, issued Saturday, shows.

The general fund shows a cash balance January 1 of \$840,437.61, with receipts for the month of \$3,992,766.54, making a total of \$4,733,214.15, but the disbursements during the month were \$5,432,997.13, creating the overdraft of \$699,792.98 for the month.

The highway fund had a balance of \$5,214,460.62 January 1 and received \$10,915,112.78 during the month, a total of \$16,129,573.40, while expenditures were \$12,738,723.22, leaving the balance of \$3,390,850.18 January 31.

Misses Mattie Lee Taylor and Clyde Rook spent the week-end with Miss Mabel Rook in Henderson, N. C.

Mrs. Brooks McLeod of Winston-Salem, N. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Daughtrey.

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The Roanoke Pharmacy and Rosemary Drug Co. say BU-KETS is a best seller.

Maddrey Is New R. A. C. C. Attorney

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—J. T. Maddrey of Weldon, has been designated as attorney for Halifax County whose certificate of title for liens, chattels and mortgages will be accepted by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh, N. C., for loans to be made to the people of this county, John P. Stedman, executive vice-president and manager, announces.

Mr. Stedman also announces that Miss Hardy, of Scotland Neck, has agreed to aid those of this county seeking to borrow money from the corporation in making out their applications in proper form.

Fees for attorneys, paid by the applicants, are limited to one-half of one per cent of the loan, with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$12.50, on chattels and liens, while the fees on real property will be governed by the amount of work involved in preparing the abstract and mortgage. Mr. Stedman states attorneys and farm agents are in many instances helping out their applications in proper form.

Interest on the loans is at the rate of 5 1-2 per cent and small inspection fee will be added.

Loans are not to be made to persons who may be interested in agriculture and receiving the major part of their income from other sources, but they will be confined to actual "dirt farmers." It is the farm owner, too, and not the tenant farmer, who will be the beneficiary of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation's assistance.

Loans are made direct from the Raleigh office and do not have to be passed upon in Washington.

Miss Julia Crutchfield and Miss Constance Barrow attended the dances at Carolina over the week-end as the guests of Jimmie Beckwith and Cecil Pendleton.

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Republican Would Decrease Cost Of Legal Advertising

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Probably reflecting feelings in his home town of Mocksville between attorneys and newspaper publishers, Representative Burr C. Brock, of Davis, one of the few Republican legislators, dropped, by request, a bill into the House hopper Saturday which would greatly reduce the amount now being paid for legal advertising in the newspapers.

For all such advertising the rate would be 25 cents an inch for the first 100 inches and 15 cents an inch for any over 100 inches, one column running measure. And in towns and cities with more than one newspaper, the advertising would have to be awarded to the lowest bidder. The measure would not apply to any existing contract, but county and municipal officers would be required to make contracts in the future on this basis. Itemized publication of receipts and disbursements of counties and municipalities would not be carried, the totals only being published annually, and publicly posted.

Mr. Brock said the bill was prepared by E. H. Morris, Mocksville attorney, who told him Robert S.

McNeill, another Mocksville attorney, aided him in its preparation. Mr. Brock wants it known that he introduced the bill "by request," a term used when the introducer does not care to take credit for or sponsor a bill he introduces.

Mrs. Nannie Moore of Lawrenceville, Va., visited Mrs. C. B. Taylor Sunday.

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