

BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

HOLDING PAGE ONE

Matthew's luncheon for Jesus furnished the third "news" sensation. It was not at all the kind of affair which a religious teacher would be expected to approve. Decidedly it was good-natured and noisy.

No theological test was applied in limiting the invitation. No one stood at the entrance to demand: "What is your belief regarding the birth of Jesus?" Or, "Have you or have you not been baptized?" The doors were flung wide, and, along with the disciples and the respectable folks, a swarm of publicans and sinners trooped in.



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"Outrageous," grunted the worthy folk. "Surely if this teacher had any moral standards he never would eat with such rabble." They were shocked; but he was not. That he had condemned himself according to their formula worried him not a whit. His liking for folks overran all social boundaries; he just could not seem to remember that some people are nice people, proper people, and so on are not.

"Come, come," he exclaimed to the Pharisees, "won't you ever get over nagging at me because I eat with these outsiders? Who needs the doctor most—they that are well or they that are sick?" "And here's another thing to think about," he added. "You lay so much stress on forms and creeds and occasions—do you suppose God cares about all that? What do you think he meant when he said: 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice?' Take that home and puzzle over it."

"Defends publicans and sinners . . . Jesus of Nazareth Welcomes Them at Lunch . . . Rebukes Prominent Pharisees . . . 'Creeds Unimportant.'" He says. "God Wants Mercy Not Sacrifice."

A fourth story for page one. You may be sure it was carried into hundreds of homes during the next few weeks, and formed the basis for many long evening's discussion.

As the meal drew to its close there came a dramatic interruption—a ruler of the city made his way slowly to the head of the table and stood silent, bowed by the terrible weight of his grief. That morning he had sat at his daughter's bedside, clasping her frail white hand in his, watching the flutter of the pulse, trying by the force of his longing to hold that little life back from the precipice. And at last the doctors had told him that it was useless any more to hope. So he had come, this ruler, to the strange young man whose deeds of healing were the sensation of the day.

Was it too late? The ruler had thought so when he entered the door; but as he stood in that splendid presence a new thrilling conviction gripped him: "Master, my daughter is even now dead," he exclaimed, "but come and lay your hand on her and she will live."

Jesus rose and went with him.

Rep. Marland, of Okla., has introduced a bill in congress to prohibit interstate shipment of oil produced in violation of State conservation laws.

Omnibus Bill Does Not Change Members Halifax Co. Board

Raleigh, April 26—No changes were made in the names of members of the Halifax county board of education when the omnibus bill naming the boards in the 100 counties was taken up in the House of Representatives last Friday. Changes were made in probably 20 counties from the original names, often the result of local fights. The measure goes to the Senate this week, and it is likely that other changes will be made, local fights finding their way to the floor of the Senate.

One name, Mrs. Helen Alston Allen, appears on the omnibus pension roll bill, naming Confederate veterans and their widows as eligible for pensions, from Halifax county. The names presented have to be passed upon by the county pension board and the State board of pensions, however, before they are placed on the roll.

MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Monday Night Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Howard Pruden. Progressive contract was played at three tables. After six progressions the scores were collected and Mrs. Frank Hawley was found to hold high. A salad course was served at ten-fifteen. Those playing were: Mesdames Frank Hawley, Paul Heydenrich, Julian Allsbrook, Carroll Wilson, Alfred Martin, Cooper Grizzard, George Hayes, Misses Lucille Carlon, Ruth Transou, Margaret Clark, Martha Caddock and Hart Sheridan.

Gov. Clyde Herring signed Iowa's beer bill April 15th.

Dr. Robt. S. Carroll, of Asheville, recently addressed the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology at Washington, D. C.

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Local Girls Are Invited To Attend Cotton Festival

Two Roanoke Rapids girls—Miss Maria Long and Miss Virginia Shaw are included in the list of more than 200 social leaders from 70 North Carolina towns who have been tendered invitations to sponsor North Carolina's first State-wide Cotton Festival, to be held in Raleigh, Friday, May 19th, in connection with National Cotton Week observance.

An elaborate program of entertainment has been planned for the sponsors, their marshals, and other dignitaries who will attend the event. They will ride in a cotton parade, visit the State College Textile School, attend a tea to be given by the entertainment committee, and be guests at the cotton style show. Later sponsors and their marshals will appear in the figure and be guests of honor at the Cotton Ball, expected to be one of the brilliant events of the season. Hay Kyser and his famous North Carolina orchestra have been obtained to furnish the music at the Cotton Ball.

Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus is honorary chairman of the Cotton Festival, which has been endorsed by prominent individuals and organizations interested in the increased use of cotton and cotton products.

Gov. Paul V. McNutt, of Indiana, is prematurely gray.

Weldon Supt. Guest Of Hi School P. T. A. Last Thursday Aft.

The last regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Roanoke Rapids High School was held on Thursday afternoon, April 20, in the vocational building.

A very helpful and instructive talk on "Citizenship" was given by Albert W. Oakes, of Weldon.

Due to the unfavorable weather, the attendance was not as large as usual. Miss Omara Daniel's fifth grade was awarded a potted plant for receiving the most attendance votes.

The Argentine Government has accepted Pres. Roosevelt's invitation to send a representative to discuss economic problems.

The stomach of a cow recently butchered in Pennsylvania, contained two quarters, a nickle, seven pennies, a rusty screw and several pieces of metal.

There are nearly 20,000 police in the City of New York, exceeding the total population of Augusta, Maine, Billings, Mont., or Rutland, Vt.

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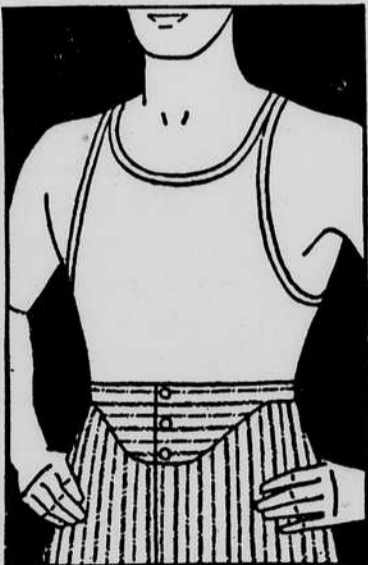
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