

Uses Frangless Snake To Whip Crowd Into Frenzy

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 19.—Hand-ling of a frangless rattlesnake by three men and a woman stirred a "Holy Roller" revival into a frenzy here tonight.

Of the four who handled the snake, only the Rev. Dewey L. Dotson knew that its fangs had been removed a few hours earlier to make it harmless.

"Any of you who have the faith on you can expose himself to this snake without getting hurt," Dotson yelled to the crowd of 1,500 or more persons that overflowed the vacant lot on which he is holding a revival.

The Rev. H. A. Krykendall, district overseer of the Church of God for which Dotson is an evangelist, took up the snake and wrapped it around his neck to demonstrate his faith in the immunity of the "faithful" to harm from serpents.

"Glory be to God! Glory hallelujah!" rang out the frenzied shouts from the crowd of white and black, scores of whom climbed to nearby tree tops and store roofs for a yet-ter view of the performance.

Kuykendall didn't know that a newsreel man had paid George Lumpkin, the snake's captor, \$10 this afternoon to remove its poisonous fangs before Dotson would agree that it was sufficiently "blessed" for him to dare it to bite him.

Fred Lovelock and his wife also handled the five-foot rattler and brought a renewed frenzy of shouting and dancing from the crowd.

Many of the "followers" started talking incoherently in the "Unknown Tongue," clapping their hands and dancing about in wild abandon in celebration of the "triumph of faith" over the impotent snake, which they unwittingly thought still in possession of its deadly fangs.

Snake Looks Sick.
The snake itself looked sick about it all. It was listless and made no attempt to strike at its handlers. Its rattles were stilled. The gory operation in which its four fangs were pulled out with pliers this afternoon left it too weak to struggle.

Two performances were put on tonight, one for the benefit of the newsreel man who engineered the "show" and missed it the first time. He was at dinner when the services started half an hour ahead of schedule.

When he returned, the lights went out. Apparently the circuit from which the string of unshaded electric bulbs that lighted the scene and the newsreel apparatus drew their current was overloaded.

After the lights came back on, Kuykendall led another session of "daring" the snake to harm the "faithful." He boasted amid the confused shouting that no member of the "faith" could be hurt by a serpent. The district overseer virtually "stole the show" from Dotson, who kept to the background.

Confusion reigned as the services went on. Banjos played as the crowd sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Come and Follow Me" and other hymns. When the "power" moved anyone in the audience, he or she arose to glorify the "faith" in incoherent ravings.

When Albert Teester, North Carolina mountain preacher, gained widespread notoriety by letting a rattlesnake bite him two weeks ago and surviving a week of pain, Dotson announced that he, too, was willing to handle rattlesnakes "if the spirit so directs."

Teester apparently was sincere in his efforts to prove the "healing power of divine love."

Such Interest.
Dotson's announcement nearly a week ago renewed interest in the revival he is conducting in a vacant lot on the west side of Birmingham. It attracted so much attention that a newsreel company sent a sound truck here from New York to make sound pictures of the evangelist's rattlesnake performance tonight.

In the meantime, Dotson began to "back water" and indicated a definite doubt that the "spirit" would direct him to handle any snakes tonight.

Then the evangelist and the newsman got together with George Lumpkin, young mattress factory worker who caught a five-foot rattler here Friday and rudely called "a devil in man's clothes" when he took it to a revival being conducted by the Rev. Charles Herren Friday night.

Lumpkin agreed for a \$10 fee to operate on his snake so that it could be handled harmlessly tonight.

Dotson, apparently wanting to be sure there would be no slip-ups in his "faith-test," insisted on witnessing the operation personally. Otherwise there wouldn't be any newsreel pictures of him handling a rattlesnake.

The gory operation was performed this afternoon in the bedroom of cf Julius Lumpkin, a brother of George, who has named his snake Pete.

George turned the glass bread-case in which Pete was caged on its side and let the snake wriggle out. Dotson backed away apprehensively. George and Julius Lumpkin snared the snake firmly to the floor with long sticks.

Its rattles blurred viciously. It



WASHINGTON . . . After twenty years of exhibition by the Smithsonian Institute as the "oldest ear of corn on earth" it has been found that the ear was moulded from clay, baked in a slow fire and is a rattle. . . . It is valuable nevertheless, showing the art of the ancients years ago.

struck out with its head and a clear liquid spurted over the floor. Then George grabbed the snake behind its head and thrust a silk sock into its mouth and jerked it out. Pete's fangs were loosened.

George went to work with pliers and pulled out four fangs. "Be sure you've got 'em all," Dotson warned as he looked on. Disinfectant was squirted into Pete's torn mouth. He was taken into the kitchen and put under a hydrant to wash off the blood.

The snake struggled weakly as he was put back into the glass cage. Once it appeared as if he would get loose. Dotson apprehensively grabbed an axe standing against the wall. Then George Lumpkin picked Pete up by his tail and the frangless rattler coiled his body in futile defense. Dotson ran out of the room.

Finally, the now listless rattlesnake was put safely back in his cage and Dotson carried it away with him, promising to take it himself to his meeting tonight.

Thus, the stage was set for tonight's performance. Wooden benches, backless, are set up about a table on the vacant lot where Dotson is conducting his revival. About 300 people can be seated on the benches and others crowd around standing. Unshaded electric lights, strung from wires stretched between poles, lighted the scene.

Lumpkin was disillusioned, anyway. He took his snake to Herren's revival Friday night, only to be told by the preacher that he wouldn't handle his snake "because it hasn't been blessed by God; you're a devil in man's clothes and that's one of your demons."

Lumpkin withdrew from that meeting after assuring the crowd that he wasn't a devil and his snake wasn't a devil either, "but if you stick your hand in his cage, he'll bite the devil out of you."

COMMITTEE FOR REVISED CONSTITUTION
Dr. Frank Graham Announces Ehringhaus, Frazier, Battle, Joyner, Page, Elliott As Leaders

The opening gun in a real campaign for the adoption of the Revised Constitution of North Carolina has just been fired. Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of a citizens committee on the subject, has vigorously announced his own support and at the same time has announced the officials of a Statewide non-partisan "Committee for the Revised Constitution."

Governor Ehringhaus will be honorary chairman of the organization, while his Republican opponent in the last campaign, Hon. Clifford Frazier, will be honorary vice-chairman. Kemp D. Battle, of Rocky Mount, a former president of the State Bar Association will be active chairman, and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, noted farmer and educational leader, active vice-chairman. Frank Page, noted read builder and banker, will serve as treasurer and Miss Harriett W. Elliott, of the Greensboro Woman's College, chairman of the Woman's Division.

The letter asking Governor Ehringhaus to serve as Honorary Chairman declared: "It will be the aim of the proposed organization to unite in one effective group all those who approve the Revised Constitution just as submitted and also all those patriotic citizens who recognize that no human document is perfect and will wish to see the Revised Constitution amended in some details but frankly recognize that its advantages far outweigh any incident-

tal shortcomings and that the full right of amendment remains open to the people."

Signing the letter, as members of the Preliminary Committee on Organization, are: Dr. Frank Graham, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. Clarence Poe, L. V. Morrill, Jr., Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, W. Kerr Scott, A. J. Maxwell, Rev. E. McNeill Poteat, Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, Major George E. Butler, I. M. Bailey, D. W. Bailey, Rev. J. Edward Kirby, L. H. Kitchin, U. B. Blalock, B. F. Brown, Dr. H. A. Royster, T. L. Bland, R. L. McMillan, Willis Smith, J. L. Cokersham, Frank Page, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. Chas. G. Doak, Mrs. Locke Craig, Dr. R. T. Vann, B. M. Nicholson, and E. V. Webb.

The Revised Constitution is the work of a special Constitution Commission named by authority of the General Assembly of 1931—Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, Judge Michael Schenck, Judge John J. Parker, Congressman Lindsay Warren, and Messrs. A. J. Maxwell, J. O. Carr, Geo. E. Butler, Burton Craig, and Clarence Poe—assisted by the law faculties of the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and Wake Forest College and other authorities. The 1933 General Assembly, after making a few changes, submitted the Revised Constitution by the required three-fifths vote of each House.

The Revised Constitution has already been specifically endorsed by the North Carolina Press Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and has had favorable action from the State Grange, the State Farmers Convention, the State Conference for Social Service and other influential organizations. In his appeal for the measure Dr. Graham says:

"The non-partisan committee proposes to make known the provisions of the Revised Constitution boldly and clearly to the people in every county in North Carolina. The leader of the majority party, the leader of the minority party, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court and the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals have all joined hands in the movement to adopt the Revised Constitution. Citizens in all walks of life, in all parts of the State, are beginning to rally to the side of the movement to adapt the old Constitution to the needs of a new age."

A State-wide committee is now being formed and all who are willing to volunteer for any service to the cause are asked to write Dr. Graham.

JEREMIAH 6:15-16

C. J. Ward, In Biblical Recorder

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore shall they fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls, but they said, we will not walk therein.

This message from God through His prophet, though spoken long ago to God's black-slidden people, is no less needed today by the church in its back-slidden or wild, careless, sinful way of living. So many have drifted so far from the good old way, and like Israel are not ashamed when they commit abomination. Nay, not at all ashamed, modesty all gone, nothing left to cause a blush.

We know it is true today even as in Jeremiah's day when God told him to declare this message to a race who once knew Him, but now had back-slidden. Who is to take old Jeremiah's place today, and step out boldly against the shameful living of our church members whose lives we know are an abomination in God's sight. No church can live with such corruption existing therein. God has never allowed it so to be, even before Jesus came to open the new way which His children must walk in. No longer can he wink at sin, as we have the light that never fails us today if we want to walk in it. So there is no excuse whatever. The mother of fifty years ago would blush with shame, could she see some mothers of today, drinking, smoking, cursing, gambling, and other things too black to mention.

Poultrymen Acclaim Sexing of Baby Chicks



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way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

God's grace and mercy are still extended. The call still was made to Israel to come back and walk in the good old way, where the soul can rest from the awful burden that is so heavy, but they said we will not walk therein. That is just what the lover of sinful pleasure is saying today, in the church. Yes, a Christian. Paul seemed to think not. Rom. 8:9. If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Sad to think about. The names on some church rolls, living in known sin, keeping some other poor soul out. Can that soul have any rest whose life is cut off by sin, and no fellowship with Jesus, but the devil leading the way in still darker paths? Who then ought to be the Samuel saying thou art the man? And like Samuel's message to his man who repented and got right with God, so some today in some church who is lost and loving sin, might be saved where such the case. But it is not so today. Let them alone, some will say. God will do the separating at the Judgment. Let all grow in the church together. He that is without sin cast the first stone, and so on. We have no Scripture for these things. They are man-made and will not stand at the Judgment, we are commanded to take care of the church of which Jesus Himself is the head. Are we doing it? If not, why? We have drifted away from the good paths. Will we drift back? No, never. We must repent and come back in God's appointed way, saying as the lost sinner, Lord I have sinned.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES

Daniel, Chapter 5
By J. R. SLAUGHTER

In the ages long ago there lived in Babylon a very rich and wicked old King whose name was Belshazzar. He possessed a lot of gold and other wealth and as the records show he did not like for anything in the material world. He was a man who kept servants and concubines and had everything up to date and in order, as a lot of kings and rulers do in our day. But the saddest thing of all he had no respect for God and his ways, just as there are people in our time who do not respect the great Creator. We learn that one day Belshazzar made a feast to a thousand of his lords and he drank wine before them using the golden and silver vessels which were taking out of the house of God at Jerusalem and that caused God to be more displeased with the king. What happened then in the king. What happened then in the king. One hour there came a man's hand upon the wall writing something that was a puzzle and a mystery to the King, and it troubled him so much that he could not rest, and too his countance was changed. He had the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and all his wise men called in to interpret and tell the meaning of this strange writing on the wall but there was not a man he had called that could give him any satisfactory reply to the thing he wanted to know so bad. The queen took note of the change that had taken place with the King and try-

ed to comfort him by saying, King let not your thoughts trouble thee for your countance be changed, but that did not comfort or give any consolation to the King at all, this strange writing was troubling him greatly and was all he could think of. Some one informed him of Daniel the wise man of God. And the King had him brought in and Daniel made known to Belshazzar the writing on the wall, which made his heart so sad and burdened. The appointed time came to the King as Daniel had told him, he was slain and his kingdom taken by the median. Are we going to let the writing on the wall trouble us and have our kingdom vacant by not applying to the call of the master, or will we apply to his call and let him destroy those things (sins) that do so easily cause us to go astray and wander in ways that is contrary to the way's of righteousness? Man only travels this way but once, and while he is here he has an opportunity just as Belshazzar did which he can accept or reject. But if he refuses to come up to Christ's plans and ways there is likely to be some great trouble for him to face when his mission is ended and he has to hear his denunciation with no more chance to get right and no Christ to hear his petitions. As someone has said Procrastination is a thief of time.

Belshazzar had a chance; he refused it and in the end he was sorrow and could not correct it opportunity was gone.

Gain 80 Per Cent in Passengers

A gain of more than 80 per cent in the number of passengers moved by the Norfolk and Western Railway during the first five months of the year over the same period of 1933, is announced by the railroad's passenger department. New luxurious, air-conditioned equipment, new low fares, and an effective campaign by the railway's employees to encourage their friends and neighbors to travel on N. & W. trains, are given by the August issue of the Norfolk and Western Magazine as the chief reasons for the increase.

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