

# Snake Bitten Preacher Receiving Nation-Wide Publicity for 'Faith Act'

Charlotte, Aug. 14.—The rattle-snake evangelist, Albert Teester, who today, got his picture taken over the radio, and told thousands of the "divine message" he received 14 months ago to "scatter the word of God."

The 39-year-old former lumberman appeared in Charlotte, some 200 miles from the fastness of his native mountains with his right hand and arm still swollen and mottled from the venom of a five-foot rattlesnake which he let sink its fangs into him some days ago to test his faith.

The ordained preacher met reporters in a downtown office building, where a ruffled blue serge trouser suit, a white shirt and a blue tie, and a white beard on his face, he answered all questions freely, but was interrupted time and again by tele-phones calling from all parts of the country asking him to conduct revival services.

"Would you let a rattlesnake bite you again?" someone asked.

"Not unless the Lord told me to do it," he replied. "But unless he told me, all the people in the world couldn't make me do it."

"And you didn't seek a doctor after

the snake bit you?"

"No—I do not believe in doctors, I trust only in the greatest doctor of them all—Jesus Christ."

Preacher Teester came down from Western North Carolina accompanied by the Rev. E. D. Hopkins, pastor of the Cullowhee Church of God.

"And have you ever let a snake bite you, Mr. Hopkins?"

"No," said the bespectacled and bewhiskered little man, "but I've done more things than let a snake bite me to test my faith."

"What, for instance?"

"Why I've wapped them all around my neck, and let them crawl over my body—live rattlesnakes."

"And did they bite you?"

"No—God wouldn't let them."

"And do you, like Mr. Teester, scorn the doctors?"

**ALL RIGHT FOR SOME PEOPLE**

"Well, we don't scorn the medical profession. It's all right for some people, but those who get so close to God they have the faith doctors aren't necessary."

Preacher Teester explained that he wasn't a regular ordained minister.

"It was only about fourteen months ago that I received the call," he explained in his mountain idiom. "I got the message, from on high, and I started preaching right around home, spreading the word of God."

"Your hand doesn't hurt now?"

"Not much, now," he said, extending his hand, still swollen. The marks made by the deadly rattlesnake's fangs were still visible.

"Some people, brought the snake into the church," he related. "God told me to take it out of the box and let it bite me. I wasn't afraid. I held it in the middle so it could bite me. Then I put it back in the box. It got loose, and I ran down the aisle and caught it. Then it bit me again, almost right in the same place."

**KEPT PRAYING**

"It didn't hurt right away, but before I got to my brother's house two miles away, I was nearly blind. I got seriously sick. My arm swelled double. My tongue closed my throat. I suffered. But I did not lose consciousness. I kept praying. My congregation prayed for me. Someone came and said they would get a doctor. But my voice came to me and I said no, a thousand times no. If God wanted me to die, I would die. But God wants me to keep scattering His word, so all the world can hear."

After a few minutes, the backwoods evangelist stopped answering questions. He was impatient to get back to his cabin on Cullowhee mountain, his wife and his five children. Teester's first wife is dead—she died a few years ago in childbirth, refusing to have a physician. He left here at 8 p. m., after informing a number of persons over long-distance that he would let them know about revival engagements tomorrow.

# Senator Reynolds' Office Much Frequented Place

### Remains 'Our Bob To Great Numbers Of People From The State



SENATOR REYNOLDS

Washington.—Sen. Robert R. Reynolds remains "Our Bob" to a great number of people from the state.

And his office is in many respects, the most interesting place in Washington. He has been here this week and somehow the word was passed around. There has not been a time during the week when the 12 chairs for visitors were sufficient to accommodate those waiting in the reception room to see the Senator. That is, there has not been such a time between the hours of 9 and 12. For since Congress adjourned the office has been closed each day promptly at noon. Until this week, W. E. McDonald, the Senator's secretary, would answer the telephone after the office closed. But this week the Senator found it advisable to shut off the telephone as well promptly at noon.

**MUCH UNANSWERED MAIL**

But despite the restrictions placed upon the public in order that there may be some time to answer correspondence, there is still much unanswered mail. For everybody without a job apparently wants to talk to Senator Reynolds and many for whom he already has secured jobs are in fear of losing them or desire better ones. And they also are on hand when the office opens.

Perhaps the reason there is always such a crowd waiting to see the Senator is that once anyone gets into his inner office, he is treated as if the Senator had no other interest whatever. And for the moment at least, he is altogether sincere about it. There is no question about Bob Reynolds wanting to help other folks.

That sincerity probably accounts for the fact that people are willing to wait hour after hour and return day after day for an interview. But it all produces a tremendous nervous strain.

A man with a different temperament would parcel out his time, see every caller for a moment on two and clear out the reception room in an hour or so.

That is not Senator Reynolds' way. They have to wait to see him, but they can take their time about it once they get in. And apparently they like it.

**NOT 'CHOOSEY'**

Another type of man would also be more "choosey" about whom he tries to help. In that way, would secure a larger percentage of jobs for those whom he seeks jobs as there are only so many jobs to be had. For example, the Housing Administration has only about 1,000. Senator Reynolds has tried for nearly half of them and has not yet gotten any, although he will probably get his share eventually.

Up in Senator Bailey's office they have a very simple rule. If you have a letter, from the Democratic county chairman in the county in which you reside, you get a letter to the department from which you want a job. No letter, no endorsement.

And when Senator Bailey is in town those see him who can convince Thad Page, his very efficient secretary, that there is some point to the interview.

Senator Reynolds recognizes party organization, too, but he by no means confines his activities to those bearing such credentials and the only limitations upon seeing him are the physical limitations created by the fact that he lets each one who gets in stay just as long as he wants to stay.

For Senator Reynolds prides himself upon his close contact with the masses and when traveling through the State, as he did last week, his manner of fence building is a manner all his own. He does not turn up his nose at the politicians at the county seats. But neither does he travel from county seat to county seat. He stops at every cross road, and makes many stops in between them.

Here is what he says happened a few miles from Southport last week: "I stopped my car and spoke to a farmer.

"'Reynolds is my name,' I said, shaking hands.

"'What Reynolds?' he asked.

"'Bob Reynolds,' I answered.

"'What Bob Reynolds?' he wanted to know.

"'The United States Senator,' I told him.

"'My name is Roosevelt,' he told me.

"'Which Roosevelt?' I asked him.

"'Franklin D.,' was the answer.

When Senator Reynolds tells that one, the chandeliers in his office shake.

But he is planning to be away from constituents.

Sen. Pat Harrison already is en route to Mexico City to visit Ambassador Josephus Daniels and Senator Reynolds has made tentative plans to go to Mexico City himself, leaving Asheville by next week, traveling by automobile in a sort of goodwill tour for the American Automobile Association, of which he is a vice president.

He also plans to visit Ambassador Daniels, Robert R. Williams, in The Raleigh News and Observer.

## To Clean Cemetery

Announcement was made yesterday that there would be a decoration of Maple Grove (Turpin) Chapel cemetery on Saturday, August 25. All men are urged to bring tools and clean off the cemetery. Work will begin about 8 o'clock.

The women are requested to bring baskets of lunch for the picnic dinner.

## Carolina Mill Loses Right To Blue Eagle

Washington.—Failure to ratify an agreement with striking employees Friday resulted in the withdrawal of the Blue Eagle from the Hatch Hosiery company of Belmont, N. C.

Hugh S. Johnson, the recovery administrator, telegraphed the company depriving it of the right to display any NRA insignia and ordered the Blue Eagle be surrendered to the postmaster.

The company was charged with violating the national industrial recovery act because it failed to ratify an agreement approved by representatives of striking employers and Fred W. Morrison, attorney for the hosiery plant.

## Jackson County Man Is Killed When Log Rolled Over His Body Wednesday

Sylva.—John Woodward, 45, of the Savannah section of Jackson county, was killed instantly Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock at Shoal Creek, Jackson county, when a log rolled over his body and broke his neck.

Woodward was employed by James Price on a logging job in the Shoal Creek section. He had been working there since May. The accident is said to have been unavoidable.

Surviving are the widow and four children.

The funeral service was held at Zion Hill Thursday afternoon.

# NRA Has Cost Government More Than \$7,820,000

Washington.—The government has spent \$7,820,000 on NRA to date and industries and business have been asked for an additional \$35,000,000 to pay the operating expenses of their various codes.

Officials said today NRA had given full or conditional approval to the expenditures of \$9,500,000 for codes and was busy checking the requests of code authorities for the collection of the remainder of the \$35,000,000 from code members.

Most of the budgets include expenditures contemplated by the code authorities to the end of 1934 or the spring of 1935.

Balanced against costs on the books of the NRA are its estimates that the codes have added \$3,000,000,000 to the nation's buying power and given jobs to 3,000,000 persons and that other benefits have accrued also. Officials said that \$7,820,000 covered "everything" since the NRA was established in mid-June, 1933.

Of that sum, they said, \$3,529,164 went for regular payrolls and other members of the staff employed on a per diem basis. Salaries of state directors and other field employees also were included.

With 520 codes completed and code-making scheduled to end this week, some reduction in government outlays for the NRA was predicted.

Methods approved by the administration for collecting funds to meet code authority expenses vary.

The code authority for the retail trade, for instance, was authorized to collect 25 cents per employee from each code member, the money to be paid by the employer.

Coffee will pay \$2 a month a state packing so much a box.

## Read The Ads

### LOST

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