

Oral Roberts Claimed Possibly Most Misunderstood Evangelist

Editor's note: Following is the first of two articles about Oral Roberts, one of America's most controversial evangelists.

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New York—Oral Roberts is possibly the most misunderstood, probably the most flamboyant, and doubtless the most controversial of the scores of evangelists who have recently captured the religious imagination of Americans and spread a new spiritual revival across the land.

The tall, forceful, and immensely influential Oklahoma man is second only to Billy Graham in popularity and, surprising to many, he can claim almost as many conversions annually — more than a million.

When Roberts conducts a week-long crusade at Hempstead, N. Y., beginning March 25, he will be the second major evangelist to visit the New York area in less than a year. Graham conducted a 16-week crusade here last summer.

Who is this man Roberts, about whose head controversy swirls? Why do thousands believe him to be truly anointed by God to save souls and heal bodies, while others attack him or dismiss him as a fanatic and faker?

The core of the answer, as

Wall Street Shifts Sentiment on Stocks Because of Outlook

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New York—Wall Street is hoisting caution signals on the stock market.

The strong resistance being encountered at the current levels in the averages and the outlook for bleak corporate news are being cited as reasons for this shift in sentiment on stocks just now.

And, one more development hurting the market seems to be the move of institutions and others with the big money to put their funds into bonds instead of stocks.

There is renewal of talk that the October lows may be tested and some hold that the industrial average may break the 400 level.

Edmund W. Tabell, analyst for Walston & Co., noting the heavy overhead supply in most stocks says this will take a long time to penetrate.

On the Downside

"On the downside," he says, "the area between 420 and 380 should prove to be the low, with the probabilities increasing that the October low in the averages could be the low for the move.

"This, of course, does not preclude new lows in individual issues and groups."

Standard & Poor's holds the market still has to contend with a flood of adverse news, and concludes:

"The market is by no means out of the woods. We would look for a test of the present recovery in the weeks immediately ahead, particularly in the stocks of cyclical industries where a reversal of earnings is still some distance away."

International Statistical Bureau says that the upturn since the latter part of 1957 "still does not indicate that we are at the beginning of a long-term rise."

No Sound Base

Alexander Hamilton Institute notes that "There is no sound base for a prolonged rise in prices . . . even another testing of the October lows over the intermediate term is very possible."

Investors Advisory Institute holds that it is rather difficult to visualize sustained strength in stock prices at this time.

The Fitch Survey says that with the rally having exhausted itself for the time being, there may be some further backing away on the averages as stocks seek to consolidate their position.

Hence gloom is again clouding the Wall Street horizon. And it is gathering the look of unanimity just as the predictions of an early end of the recession was almost 100 per cent the rule not long ago.

Again, the experts who don't make predictions hold that perhaps the Street, as usual when it is unanimous in anything, may be wrong.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Lone Pine Merrymaids

The first year cooking group has had several meetings at the home of their leader, Mrs. W. A. Strawn. On Jan. 13, each girl made a hamburger, and Linda Kolsky and Phyllis Strawn made relish. On Jan. 20, the girls learned how to and did peel vegetables. On Feb. 3, Judy Reavis and Beverly Rusho made lemonade and the rest of the girls made sandwiches. We also did table setting. The reporter for this group is Linda Betz.

The fourth year cooking group met at the leader's home, Mrs. H. B. Mitchell, Feb. 3. They started their unit on how to cook vegetables. The reporter for this group is Georgia Mitchell.

The second year cooking group met at the home of their leader, Mrs. E. F. Edwards, Jan. 16. They made book covers. The reporter for this group is Theresa Edwards.

The first year sewing group met at the home of their leader, Mrs. William G. Underwood, Jan. 28. They learned how to use a sewing gauge and how to make needle cases. The reporter for this group is Ellen Heidenreich.

The fourth year sewing group met at the home of their leader, Mrs. H. B. Mitchell, Jan. 6. They had a birthday party for Doris Young and worked on their blouses. The reporter for this group is Georgia Mitchell.

Wednesday: Oral Roberts discusses the healing power in his hands, answers his critics, and tells why he believes he has been called by God not only to encourage healing of the sick, but also to save a million souls a year.

Policeman Should Get Faster Transportation

Fitchburg, Mass.—Patrolman Vincent Testagrossa was 20 minutes late for roll call, but Police Chief Herbert C. Hassett soon saw the reason. Testagrossa, a chubby five-foot-two, rode up to the station on a junior-sized tricycle, his knees revolving at an awkward angle as he turned the pedals. He told the chief that the tricycle apparently had been lost by some child and that he rode it as it was too heavy to carry.

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Hatfield Challenges Unander To Debate

Portland—Secretary of State Mark Hatfield Tuesday invited his opponent for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, State Treasurer Sig Unander, to accompany him on a state wide tour before the May primary.

Hatfield told a luncheon meeting that "it is my sincere conviction that to win in November any Republican nominee must be ready, willing and able to publicly debate the issues of the campaign face to face with his Democratic opponent." He said if nominated he would issue a similar invitation to his Democratic opponent.

He added that "to initiate that kind of a campaign, and in the interests of conserving party funds for the fall campaign, I invite Mr. Unander to accompany me on a state-wide tour during which we will make joint appearances before interested groups."

Judge Dismisses Case On Attorney's Story

Detroit—Circuit Judge Victor J. Baum reversed a decision by Dearborn Municipal Judge George Martin when Attorney James Thomson took the stand in his own behalf to argue a parking violation. Thomson, cross-exam-

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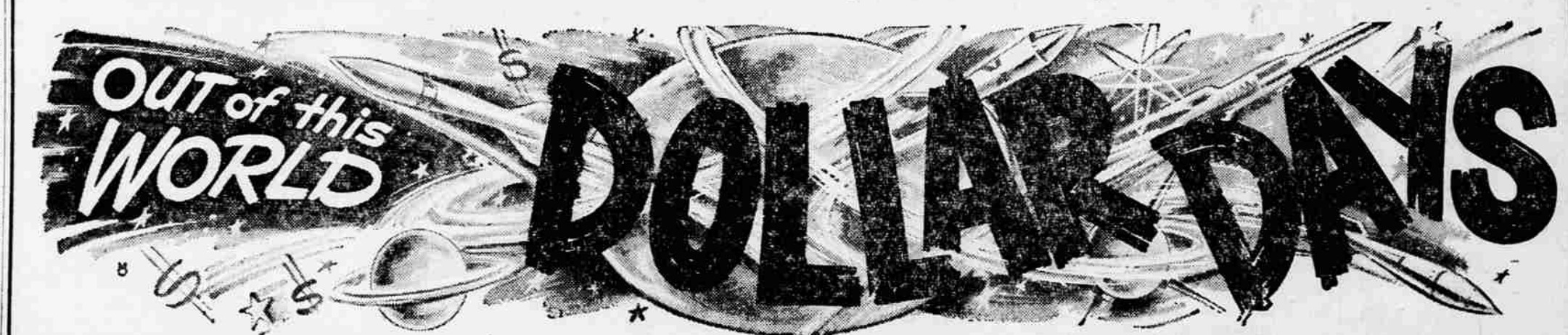
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