RUTHERFORD, LEADER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, GOT START IN ST. LOUIS

Judge, Well Guarded; Gives First Newspaper Interview in 3 Years

INSPIRED AT BIBLE MEETING HERE

Organized Boonville Group and Became Lecturer in East

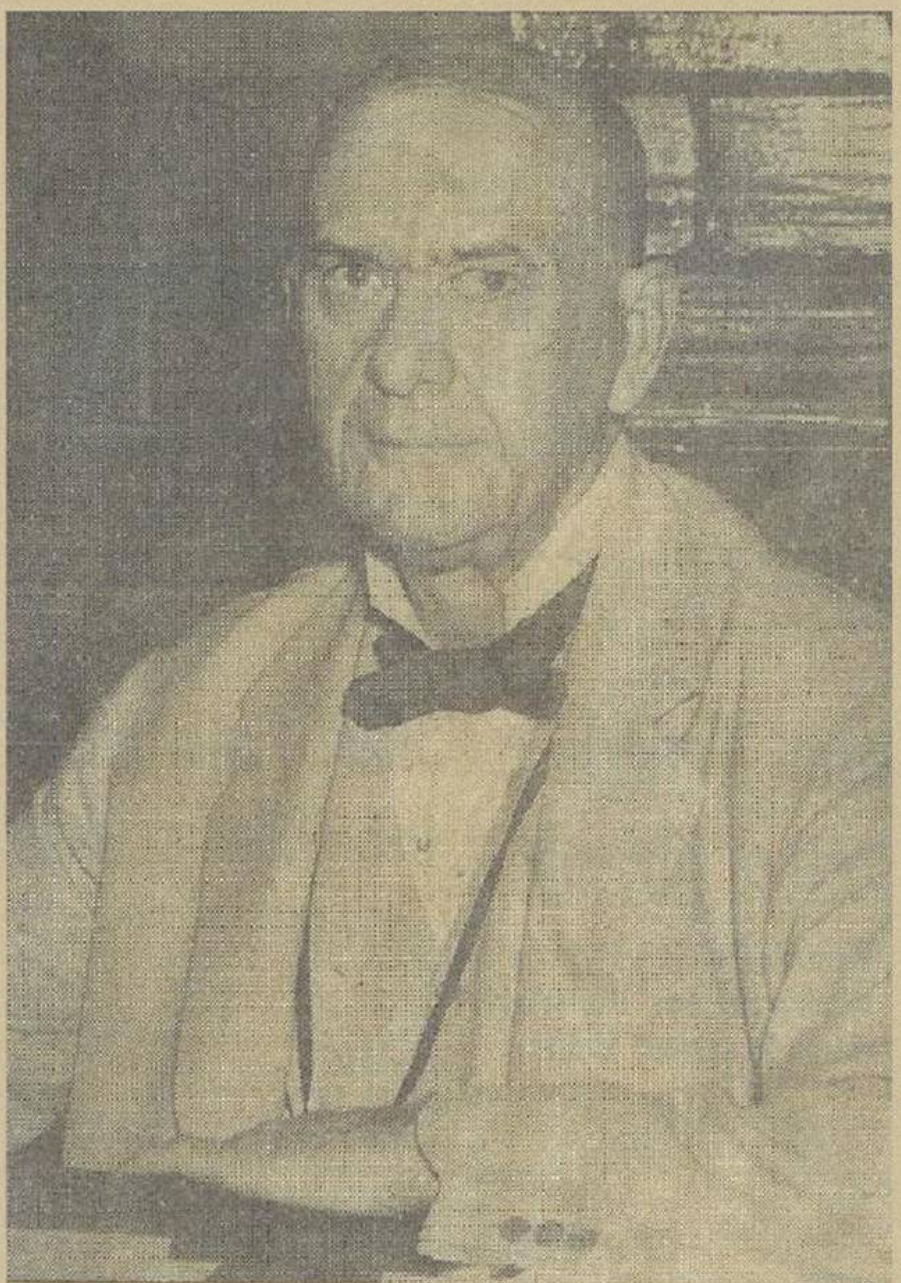
Joseph F. Rutherford, leader of the obedient multitude of Jehovah's Witnesses here for their national convention, began his career as a "follower of Jesus" in St. Louis 37 years ago, he disclosed to the Globe Democrat yesterday in the first interview he has given a newspaperman in three years.

"One night in 1904," he said, "I wandered into a meeting of 150 Bible students on Grand avenue and came out so impressed and delighted I returned in Boonville, Mo., where I was practicing law, and formed a Bible study group there."

Six years later, in New York, he became associated with Jehovah's Witnesses as a lecturer and subsequently traveled every state in the Union and spoke in many large cities in Europe and Asia.

BACK IN CITY

His present five-day visit to St. Louis during the convention is the longest since "that Bible meeting, which was the turning point of my



JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD