

Jesse Kellems To Be Speaker at Commencement

Well Known Evangelist Is Oregon Graduate of Class of '14

Dr. Jesse Kellems, noted evangelist and minister and a graduate of the University in 1914, will be the speaker for the commencement day exercises of the University of Oregon, June 11, according to an announcement by Karl W. Onthank, executive secretary of the University.

Dr. Kellems entered religious work after he graduated from the University, and he has made a brilliant record as an evangelist of the Christian church in various countries abroad, including Australia, British Isles, and South Africa.

He won a master of science degree following his graduation at Oregon by attending summer sessions and by outside study. He then spent considerable time abroad during which he studied at the University of Edinburgh. He was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree here, one of the highest honors given by this institution.

Dr. Kellems has traveled extensively since graduation, and has had many interesting and unusual experiences. He lived in Africa for a while and there became noted as a big game hunter.

Dr. Kellems is a close friend of Dean Straub, who knew him during his undergraduate days.

Hoover Takes Stand For Volstead's Act; To Tell Flood Plans

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Republican presidential candidate, took a position upholding prohibition today and prepared to outline his flood control policy to the Senate commerce committee tomorrow.

Hoover's first definite statement of his attitude on the prohibition question was made in a letter to Senator Borah who is sending a series of letters to Republican presidential candidates.

The Secretary of Commerce wrote Senator Borah that he did not favor repeal of the 18th amendment and stood for vigorous enforcement on the laws enacted under this amendment. He referred to prohibition as the "great social and economic experiment; noble in motive and far reaching in purpose."

U. S. C., Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—(P.I.P.)—Held scoreless for the first time in his life, Capt. Jack Bruner, center on Leo Calland's University of Southern California basketball team, maintained his position as leading scorer on the Pacific coast with a mark of 193. Bruner, so ill with tonsillitis that he could hardly stand, only played seven minutes of the U. C. L. A. game, which was won by Southern California, 45-35.

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31-Year Sleep of Horned-Toad Is "Hoax", Professors Here Think

'Don't Believe It!' Is Answered by Biologists and Geologists; Minister Swears It's True

From the town of Eastland, Texas, there has come recently, via the United Press and the Associated Press, several installments in the saga of a toad.

The toad, who, if a Texas popularity poll were taken today, would easily outdistance any competitor, is no ordinary toad. He is the famed horned-toad of the desert, hailed in legend and story as having the remarkable ability to live without air, food or water for 100 years. The newspaper tale is that 31 years ago this now-famous toad was imprisoned, along with a bible, coins and other articles, in the cornerstone of a new courthouse in Eastland to test the truth of the legend. Last week the courthouse, having outworn its usefulness, was razed.

A crowd of 1000 curious persons was on hand to celebrate the "resurrection," if such it proved to be. The Rev. E. E. Singleton, reports say, officiated at the re-birth. His account follows:

"I knew my business and I was not interested in anything else taken from the cornerstone," he said. "When some of the articles were removed I looked into the box and saw the frog. I took it in my hand. Suddenly it wriggled its hind leg. I cried out, 'It's alive,' and held it up for the crowd to see. I am positive there was no hoax perpetrated."

In addition to the dramatic account given out to the press by the Rev. Mr. Singleton, three persons have been found who swear to having been present at the entombing ceremony in July, 1897. Then, to the aid of Eastland residents who are fighting to uphold the honor of their toad against skeptics who saw that the long hibernation is an impos-

sibility, comes the statement from H. M. Law, geology instructor at Southern Methodist University. "It could have happened," said Law.

So far the evidence is mostly on the side of the toad, which, reports say, has been unable to stand the fast living of this modern age, and has lapsed again into its somnolent state. But biologists and geologists on the Oregon campus are ready to declare that they think there are the elements of a mistake somewhere.

"I don't believe it!" cried Dr. R. R. Huestis, associate professor of biology, when confronted with the clippings yesterday. He added that it would be very easy for someone to slip in an extra toad on the gaping and credulous crowd. The fact that the chief witness was a minister does not, he feels, alter the case in the slightest. His disbelief holds.

"I doubt it," said Dr. Edwin T. Hodge, professor of geology, whose extensive experience with rock formations and reptile life has never brought before him a similar case. "Although a species of toad does burrow into the mud for the winter, and although these forms of lower life can exist for some months with very little air, and no food or water, nevertheless—31 years—"

"I can't say it isn't true, but I can say I don't believe it," said Dr. Harry B. Yocum, professor of animal biology. In his opinion the long sleep of the much-feted horned-toad is quite beyond credulence.

In the meantime, while the good citizens of Eastland stand forth en masse to shove the sleepy hero into nationwide fame, the controversy rages. Could it, or could it not, sleep for 31 years, and resume a life of fly-catching where it was broken off by the hands of its jailers?

President Hall Speaks To Alumni in Portland

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University, will speak before alumni of the University of Oregon and Reed College at the Woman's club in Portland today. The role of the church in civic training will be the topic of his address. This talk will be one of a lecture series arranged by alumni groups of Oregon and Reed.

Violet Grek Is Visitor On Corvallis Campus

Violet Grek, freshman in music and a pledge of Sigma Beta Phi, was a visitor in Corvallis Wednesday, where she sang at a tea given by the members of Sigma Kappa sorority.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Feb. 23.—(P.I.P.)—Washington State will make its final desperate effort to break into the win column of the Pacific Coast

conference standings Friday night when the Cougars clash with Oregon State in the last conference tilt of the season. To date the Cougars have lost every one of the nine conference starts.

For half a game the revised Washington State lineup looked promising against the University of Oregon Monday night, but the Cougars fell before the slashing attack of the Webfooters in the second, the score ending 42-18.

Miss Hair Will Speak Before Women's Club

Miss Mozelle Hair of the extension department is in Oregon City today to speak before the Business and Professional Women's club at a banquet that is being given by them this evening. The affair is called an "employers' banquet" and

the members of the club are invited to be in Marshfield where she will ing their employers to be their speak before the local group of the guests for the evening. Business and Professional Women's club. Over the week-end Miss Hair will club.



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