

Graduate Tells Of Experiences

H. L. Berry Now Geologist For Venezuela Company

"If people think that it rains in Oregon," said Hally L. Berry, graduate of the University of Oregon, who is now an oil geologist for the Sun Oil Company in Venezuela, "they should see it pour in Venezuela. There the sky clouds up suddenly and the rain begins to pour down. Sometimes the rivers will rise for a short time at the rate of a foot a minute."

For two years Mr. Berry has been locating oil structures in the Maracaibo Lake basin, the Orinoco River basin, and in the northern Venezuelan Falcon area. He was visiting on the campus early this week.

In the Maracaibo Lake region, where Mr. Berry has worked a great deal, the temperature is 85 degrees the year around, day and night. The only water supply to the city of Maracaibo is the rain which is caught in buckets as it drops off the eaves, Berry said.

"Venezuela is not a prosperous country. It is from fifty to one hundred years behind. There are only a few paved streets, and those have been paved recently. The country is rapidly improving, however, since the Americans began to develop the oil. It is expected that Venezuela will be the second largest oil-producing country in the world this year. The trouble is not in getting the oil but in transporting it."

There are few railroads in Venezuela, Mr. Berry pointed out, and those they have are not exceptionally good.

"The least time in which I made a fifty-mile trip on the railroad was five hours, and the most was thirteen. The engine burned wood which the natives loaded by hand, and water was carried by hand in five-gallon buckets, after which process, the engineer took a bath. Then the train was ready to start. Almost every hour after that the crew would stop for coffee," Mr. Berry laughed.

gravity. I'm not stretching it when I say that you can take the oil out of the ground, put it in your car, and drive away."

Living conditions of the natives in Venezuela are bad, Berry said. They live on bananas, rice, and beans.

"When I say they live on bananas, I mean live on them. They bake them, boil them, fry them, mix them with meat, beans, rice or anything else. They're good, too," he added.

Snakes must have charms for Mr. Berry, because he says that one of the most interesting times he had in Venezuela was one day in the jungle when he and a native killed a boa constrictor.

"The native," said Mr. Berry, "who was absolutely afraid of nothing, hit the snake with a saddle knife. Then we had to kill it in self defense. After hitting it in the head with a boulder and stun-

ning it, we carved on it with a saddle knife for about a half-hour before we finally killed it."

Mr. Berry, who is now on a two months vacation, was graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. degree in 1924, with honors both in general scholarship and in geology. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholarship fraternity. He received his M.A. in 1926 from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where he was a graduate assistant in geology and a member of Sigma Xi, national scientific fraternity. He has also done geological research work in northern Minnesota.

Flowers

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vided during the entire program. Starting from the Women's building, the participants will proceed in two single files, the senior women advancing along the west walk until almost to the bleachers, and the alumni women, headed by Mrs. El-

bert Condon McCornack and Mrs. C. A. E. Whitton, president of the State Association of University of Oregon Women, proceeding in similar fashion along the east walk. The two files turn to meet one another just in front of the bleachers and walking two and two they will form a great circle in the center of the women's quadrangle lawn. All senior women will be dressed in cap and gown. Every woman will bear a bouquet of flowers to use in forming the "O." When they have all assembled, the flowers will be laid upon the green grass to form the great Oregon "O."

This ceremony, the joint performance of the present and former senior women students, is a beautiful symbolic gesture, expressing in stately pantomime the essence of the Oregon spirit, and the loyalty of the University women to their alma mater.

Assisting Mrs. Kenneth Moore in planning the fete, were Mrs. Lawrence T. Harris, Mrs. Robert W. Earl, Mrs. James K. King, and Miss Marion Lowry.

Oregon Company Wins Contract for Sweaters

For the first time in the history of athletics here an Oregon firm has been awarded the contract to furnish lettermen's sweaters to the associated students, according to Jack Benefiel, graduate manager.

It has long been the wish of Mr. Benefiel and others connected with athletics here that an Oregon company should perform this work. Heretofore no firm has been able to offer the quality of work required in the wool sweaters and blankets given as athletic awards.

The name of the firm has not been announced as yet.

Journalism Honorary Pledges Three Today

The three new members recently elected to Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism fraternity for women, will be formally pledged this afternoon just preceding the Emerald banquet at the home of Dean Eric W. Allen.

The new members are Ruth Hansen, Serena Madsen, and Elizabeth Schultze. All three girls were selected upon the outstanding work they have done in the school of journalism.

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