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life," will be given throughout the country next winter by William L. Finley, Field Naturalist for the American Nature Association.

A leader in the conservation of our wildlife resources, Mr. Finley has been associated with Mr. Pack in many of the field expeditions under the auspices of the American Nature Association. "Bill" Finley is well known as the foremost of wildlife photographers in this country, with an experience of more than 30 years in many fields from Alaska to the Mexican border. He is one of the vice-presidents of the Izaak Walton League of America, and occupies the same position in the newly organized General Wildlife Federation.

A dramatic motion picture lecture, "Woods, Waters and Wild-

Jay N. Darling says that Mr. Finley has succeeded in dramatizing North American wildlife better than anyone else. Through his motion pictures and lectures, he has given a tremendous stimulus to wildlife conservation.

In all parts of the country there is an earnest effort in the conservation movement among Junior Chambers of Commerce, Women's Clubs, Boys' and Girls' Scouts, Audubon Societies, Izaak Walton Leagues, and other groups.

All who are interested in the formation of various state Wildlife Federations will find Mr. Finley's motion picture lecture an important drawing card for any meetings that are held, and one that will help the cause.

Further information regarding these lectures can be secured by writing the Conservation Department of Nature Magazine, 1214 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.



WILLIAM L. FINLEY

BIG DAMS MEAN END OF SALMON, NATURALISTS SAYS

Criticizes Action of Bureau
of Fisheries. 9-24-36

Covington-Ky-Times Star

Charges that Frank Thomas Bell, Commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, is engaged on "too much of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde role" and apparently is "selling our salmon down the river" is made in Nature Magazine, published by the American Nature Association, militant conservation organization.

In an article entitled "Are Salmon Now Sold Down the River?" William L. Finley, field naturalist for the association, declares Bell is ruining the salmon industry of the Northwest by favoring the construction on dams on the Columbia River. As head of the Bureau of Fisheries, Bell should be fighting to save the "rapidly slipping" salmon industry, Finley holds.

"It is well known that lack of coordinating the work of Federal departments is a primary difficulty in conserving our resources of land and water," Finley continues. "The actions of one bureau often has nullified the efforts of another. Instances have been found where one bureau spent public funds in trying to conserve certain resources while another has destroyed them in wholesale numbers. At the present time one Federal department is spending millions of dollars building high dams while the records of the Bureau of Fisheries contain proof in abundance that this is the death knell of salmon worth many millions to our people."

The article declares that "Federal reclamation projects are always 'meat' for the land speculators. When the work was started on the Grand Coulee Dam it also started a boom in land values."

According to the article Bell was given his position following endorsement by Clarence C. Dill, former senator of Washington, neither of whom deny that have large property interests in the Grand Coulee region.

"Promoters are pushing plans," the article says, "to build more dams on the Columbia River and turn this big stream into a system of lakes to aid inland waterway transportation. This will change the whole biological character of the river and put an end to the salmon industry which brings in \$10,000,000 annually to the people. The question arises as to how long Mr. Bell can favor the building of high dams and at the same time head the United States Bureau of Fisheries established to conserve our fish resources. It is too much of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde role. It seems to us that Bell is selling our salmon down the river."

9-24-36
Naturalist To Lecture—Dr. William L. Finley, naturalist, will give an illustrated lecture on "Wild Life In Motion Pictures" at a meeting of the Oregon Audubon society at Library hall at 7:30 P. M. today.

9-24-36
Naturalist to Speak—William L. Finley, noted naturalist, will give an illustrated lecture at 7:30 p. m. Friday on "Wild Life in Motion Pictures" before the Oregon Audubon society in Central Library hall.

Dams and Columbia Salmon.

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Serious charges have been made against Frank Thomas Bell, commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Fisheries, by William L. Finley, field naturalist for the American Nature association. Mr. Finley accuses Mr. Bell of playing a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde role in his concurrent activities as chief protector of the fish and friend of high dams on the Columbia river. These dams, Mr. Finley says, are shown by the files in Mr. Bell's own bureau to be threatening the salmon industry which produces a wealth of about 10 million dollars a year.

Writing in the publication of this aggressive conservation society, Nature Magazine, Mr. Finley traces Mr. Bell's appointment to the endorsement by Clarence C. Dill, former senator from Washington, and adds that neither Bell nor Dill denies having large property interests in the Grand Coulee region, where one great dam is located.

It should not be hard for the national administration to get the facts in this case, and to show whether the benefits of the dams will outweigh what damage they may do to the fishing industry there. If the Finley charges are unfounded the country ought to know about it. And it ought to know if the salmon are to be killed to make a dam builders' and land speculators' holiday.