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**Sportsmen See
 Films of North
 American Wild Life** *Jan 13 1939*

Wild game of the North American continent was paraded before a crowd of 500 sportsmen at the High School Auditorium Thursday night, in motion pictures, when William L. Finley, naturalist, presented five, ten-minute reels of film.

Mountain lion of New Mexico and Arizona were pictured in their natural haunts. There were shots of salmon leaping up the rapids of the Columbia River in Oregon to their spawning grounds.

The ferocious kodiak bear of Alaska were shown in exclusive pictures, and buffalo herds of the western plains were caught by the camera.

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Educational Wildlife Film Lecture

BY WILLIAM L. FINLEY, S.C.D.

Foremost Field Naturalist in the U. S.

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Wild Life Protection Urged *Jan. 15, 1939*



Alfred M. Bailey **William Finley**
Inspecting the background of the museum's new timberline exhibit

**Game Federation Head Warns
 Irrigation Projects Peril Fish**

Protection of wild life resources is as important as irrigation in development of the nation, William Finley, vice president of the National Wild Life Federation, said in Denver yesterday.

"Irrigation projects have been detrimental to fish conservation," Mr. Finley said.

"Thousands of small fish swim into irrigation ditches and die when water in the ditches is diverted. Placing screens in the ditches would save untold numbers of fish.

Mr. Finley, who lives in Portland, Ore., spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Isaac Walton League.

He said that Columbia River salmon have been decreasing in numbers "alarmingly" since irrigation projects on the river were begun.

"The government has spent between 600 and 700 million dollars for irrigation," Mr. Finley said. "We are seeking enactment of legislation which will make screen-

ing of irrigation ditches a part of all reclamation projects.

"Unless some such action is taken, we are well on our way to losing our fish."

Other reclamation activities have destroyed breeding grounds of migratory water fowl and some of the more important fur-bearing animals.

"Swamps and ponds of an area equivalent to that of the Great Lakes combined have been drained," Mr. Finley said. "Now, the government is spending money to restore those lands. Preservation of the water supply is vital, and the public must be educated to the importance of its various values."

Mr. Finley predicted that "with proper education, coupled with constructive teaching," this will be achieved.

Following the meeting, which was held in the Colorado Museum of Natural History, Mr. Finley was taken on a tour of exhibits by Alfred M. Bailey, museum director.