

Grand Coulee and The Salmon Run

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"Biologically unsound."

The words are used by B. M. Brennan, Washington state fisheries director, and should be heeded.

Director Brennan refers to the report by consultants appointed to report on changes in Grand Coulee dam affecting salmon migration.

He protests a conclusion of the committee that the Steelhead is "predatory on salmon and of little value commercially." The Steelhead is a trout that has gone to sea, of commercial value in the Columbia, and the finest game fish in fresh water.

Director Brennan also protests plans to eliminate a number of hatcheries originally planned to reduce the harmful effect of high Grand Coulee dam on the movement of spawning fish.

He knows what he is talking about. His views are supported by Naturalist William L. Finley of Oregon. A great resource is being played with by the consultant committee.

Dr. William J. Finley, Naturalist, *The Grantonian - U. S. Grant High School* Builds Swimming Pools, Plays Tennis

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"I feel quite at home at Grant," said Dr. William J. Finley pleasantly, as he went on to explain how he and Principal A. F. Bittner attended high school and the University of California together. Two of Dr. Finley's nephews, John and Craig Finley, went to Grant too. Craig was student body president in the fall term of 1933.

Even in college, Dr. Finley showed promise of being the internationally famous naturalist he is today. He has always been interested in wild life and used to write articles for the university paper, "The Daily Californian." His explanation is simple and he offered this bit of advice: "Mrs. Finley and I believe in hobbies. People ought to do the things they like to do more, and if they do those things well, a satisfactory living will come inevitably. My life has been very satisfactory to me, and my work has seemed like a prolonged vacation."

This smiling and modest man, vice-president of the National Wild Life association, spends his time writing, lecturing and selling pic-

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tures such as those he showed at Grant last week, on wild life and the forests. He regrets, he said sincerely, that he hasn't more time to spend with young people. "I try to devote half my time to education. I think it's essential that the young people of this country realize the value of our forests and the importance of the preservation of wild life."

When asked about an extra hobby, he replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "I like to build swimming pools, and I'm getting in condition so I can beat Connie here at tennis." He grinned slyly at Connie Averill, the Grantonian editor and an old friend of Dr. Finley's.

Numerous articles about wild life and the preservation of U. S. forests which were written by Dr. Finley have appeared in magazines from time to time, and he is author of three successful books. "Wild Animal Pets" and "American Birds" are considered two of the most authoritative books published on these subjects, while his third book, "Little Bird Blue," has been used as a textbook in the grade schools.