

William L. Finley Urges Increase Of Hunting And Fishing License Fee

Portland Maine Press Herald 2-12-35
Cannot Understand How Maine Expects To
Preserve Game Otherwise, Noted Natural-
ist Says In Illustrated Lecture

How Maine expects to have fish and game resources a few years from now with a 65-cent hunting and fishing license is beyond the understanding of William L. Finley, noted naturalist, he admitted at an illustrated lecture sponsored by the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association in the Hotel Eastland Monday evening.

He expressed complete accord with George J. Stobie, state commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, in his plea for a higher license fee and urged enactment of the bill now before the Maine Legislature to raise the resident hunting and license fishing fee to \$1.15.

"If it is the rural population of the State which opposes this progressive move, as happened in my own state of Oregon," Mr. Finley declared, "the only thing to do is to go out to the farmers as we did and show them that a dollar spent now will bring them more than a dollar in return."

Mr. Finley's motion pictures pointed the principal lessons of the value of conserving natural resources, whether forest, fish, birds or game.

He was especially commendatory of the work being done by Jay N. Darling, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey, in forcing the Reclamation Bureau to give some consideration to conserving wild life.

Just two weeks ago, he said, he had dinner at the white House with Mr. Darling and later showed the President the same motion pictures he showed here, with the result that "we obtained more assurance that

these resources would be guarded than otherwise might have been possible."

His pictures showed great tracts, once teeming with wild game and fowl, turned into worthless deserts by draining, homesteaders and "alien sheep and cattle men." He especially appealed for the protection of beaver, "worth \$300 each alive, but only five or six dollars dead."

Mr. Stobie, in urging support of the increased hunting and license fee to provide his department with such activities as a Research Bureau, pointed out that all other states have license fees ranging from \$5 to more than \$12, "although Maine is supposed to be one of the greatest fish and game states in the country."

He also showed how many of the "rural" towns in Maine receive large proportions of their taxes from non-residents, ranging from 98 per cent at Southport to 41 per cent at Belgrade Lakes.

"What would these towns do, if it were not for hunting and fishing?" he asked.

Alexander A. LaFleur, president of the Cumberland County Fish and Game Association, also asked support of the increased hunting and fishing license fee bill.

Benjamin F. Cleaves was toastmaster and Dr. Frank E. Norris, president of the sponsoring association, presided. Others at the head table were John C. Cosseboom, Rhode Island commissioner of fisheries; City Manager James E. Barlow; William B. Jack, superintendent of schools; and William E. Wing, president of Deer- ington High School.

Evanston, Ill.
Naturalist



2-27-35
WILLIAM LOVELL FINLEY, writer for "Nature" and "Outdoor America" and director of wild life conservation of the American Nature association, will give a lecture with motion pictures on "Where Rolls the Oregon" at 8 p.m. Thursday, at the Woman's club of Evanston. The talk under the auspices of the Evanston Bird club and the Woman's club.

Good Fishing Declared Necessary if Salmon Industry Is to Thrive

Journal
3-11-35

Necessity of adequate fishways at Bonneville dam to protect the salmon industry of the Columbia river was urged by William L. Finley, Oregon naturalist and lecturer, in an address given at the luncheon meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce members' forum at the Portland hotel.

"The building of dams on the Columbia river is the greatest menace to the salmon industry. They will kill the little fish coming down and prevent fish getting up. The dams will make a series of ponds, suitable for such fish as bass, and probably will exterminate the salmon," Mr. Finley said. "We are spending \$30,000,000 to produce power and to destroy a \$200,000,000 industry."

The Columbia river is the most important salmon stream in the world, he commented.

BEAVER PROTECTION URGED

Mr. Finley spoke of lack of coordination between government bureaus and activities. The reclamation service, he said, interferes with protection of wild bird and animal life. When the state legislature passes a law removing protection on beaver, the state is seriously damaged.

"The beaver dead is worth \$10, while the beaver alive is worth \$300 in value, to the state," Mr. Finley

said. He related the habits of beaver in making dams which store up the water and aid in irrigating the land. "It appeals more to spend \$20,000,000 on an irrigation project than to conserve the water resources that we have," he stated.

H. B. Van Duzer introduced Mr. Finley. Commander R. E. Kerr of the destroyer U. S. S. Worden and other officers were welcomed by Mayor Carson and introduced to the forum by Worth Caldwell. The Worden left Portland at 2 P. M. yesterday after a three-day visit.

A resolution honoring Lawrence K. Hodges, retired editorial writer of The Oregonian, was presented to the forum by Walter W. R. May. The resolution made Mr. Hodges an honorary member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and stated appreciation of the chamber for his efforts in educating toward improvement of the Columbia river.

Leon V. Jenkins, inspector of police, spoke briefly on the purpose of vocational guidance week, now in progress.

350 Plan To Attend Dinner And Lecture

Portland, Me. Press Herald
W. L. Finley Of Portland, Ore.,
To Address Fish And
Game Association
— Feb. 11, 1935

More than 350 reservations already have been made for the dinner and lecture in the Hotel Eastland this evening when William L. Finley of Portland, Ore., noted naturalist and explorer, will show a new set of motion pictures under the auspices of the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association. The new reels are proving a "great hit" every place he has shown them, he wired Frank W. Wardwell, secretary of the association, Sunday night. There still is opportunity for several hundred more places in the ballroom of the hotel, Mr. Wardwell said.

Invitations have been definitely accepted by Gov. Louis J. Brann, U. S. Senator Wallace H. White, George J. Stobie, Maine commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and a number of other New England fish and game commissioners and state officials. Pressure of official business is expected to keep other Maine Congressmen in Washington.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6.45 o'clock and the greetings and introductions will be brief to allow Dr. Finley the maximum time to present his program.

At his lecture here last February nearly 600 persons attended. Numerous parties have been made up for this year's event, several reservations coming from as far north as Bangor.