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Naturalist, Here For Lecture, Aide In Congressional Probe

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By Staff Photographer.

William L. Finley, center, Portland, Ore., naturalist, on his arrival here this noon for an illustrated lecture in the Eastland Hotel this evening. With him are Frank W. Wardwell, left, secretary of the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association; and Alexander A. LaFleur, right, president of the Cumberland County Fish and Game Association.

Possibilities of establishing wild fowl reservations in eastern areas is being investigated by William L. Finley, Portland, Ore., naturalist, who is an aide to a Congressional group on the subject, he disclosed today as he arrived for his illustrated lecture in the Eastland Hotel this evening.

The dinner gathering is being sponsored jointly by the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association and the Cumberland County Fish and Game Association and the hotel management this noon issued orders to prepare for more than 600 persons, close to the capacity of the Eastland Hotel ballroom. A checkup revealed that nearly that many tickets already had been sold. Dinner will be served at 6.45 p. m.

Mr. Finley said that a possible fund of \$25,000,000 might be used for the establishment of bird sanctuaries and breeding places throughout the country and described results already achieved with extensive reservations on the West Coast.

He has five reels of motion pictures

with him, which he will show tonight. Some of the most interesting, he said, are unusual "shots" of the Alaskan Kodiak bear and other Alaskan subjects.

Mr. Finley was met here by Frank W. Wardwell, secretary of the Pine Tree organization, who first conceived the idea of obtaining the naturalist, who is on his winter lecture tour. He attended the Lions Club luncheon as guest of Mr. Wardwell. Others who joined them were Alexander A. LaFleur, president of the Cumberland County group; Dr. Frank E. Norris, president of the Pine Tree group; Joseph R. Stickney of Saco, fish and game warden supervisor for southern Maine, and Lester E. Brown of Cape Elizabeth, chief warden.

Although the lecture this evening will be Mr. Finley's first in Portland, he has visited Maine four times before, having given several lectures at Bowdoin College. From here he will return to New York, where he will give several more lectures before his work for the Congressional committee takes him back to Washington.

565 Attend Fish And Game Meeting

Portland, Maine

Dr. Finley, Noted Naturalist,
And Rep. Beedy Are
Dinner Speakers

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An audience of 565 persons greeted Dr. William L. Finley, noted naturalist, at the Eastland Hotel Tuesday night and heard him plead for an expanded national conservation program. The dinner meeting was sponsored by the Pine Tree and the Cumberland County Fish and Game Associations, which plan a similar affair for the Spring.

U. S. Carroll L. Beedy promised his support for a \$50,000,000 program to take 17,000,000 acres of sub-marginal lands out of cultivation and convert them to fish, game and bird sanctuaries, said he would vote for the duck stamp bill when it comes before the House, and pointed out that Maine should show some of the effects of the conservation program, partly to be financed from CWA or PWA funds.

Dr. Finley said Maine's 65 cent hunting and fishing license should cost \$3 if any worthwhile conservation is to be done in the State; advocated cleaning of streams and provision of conservation areas, and showed five reels of motion pictures taken on an Alaskan trip.

Resolutions calling for restoration of the full budget appropriation to the Bureau of Biological Survey and support of the conservation plans of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace were passed unanimously.

Visiting fish and game officials of other States paid tribute to George J. Stobie, Maine commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game; speaking were, David A. Aylward and Arthur B. Harlow, secretary and president, respectively, of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Association; Arthur L. Clark, fisheries and game superintendent of Connecticut; Everett L. Barrus, chairman of the Rhode Island bird commission; John C. Cosseboom, secretary of the Rhode Island Commission of Fisheries; Raymond J. Kenney, director of fisheries and game in Massachusetts; and Rae Hunt, chief warden and assistant fish and game superintendent of New Hampshire.

Benjamin F. Cleaves was toastmaster; Dr. Frank E. Norris, president of the Pine Tree group, gave the address of welcome; and Alexander A. LaFleur, president of the Cumberland County group, introduced Mr. Cleaves. Henry C. Hersey, secretary of the Cumberland County group, read the resolution on the Wallace program and Mr. Wardwell on the Bureau of Biological Survey. Arthur W. Reed of the Cumberland County group and Mr. Wardwell had charge of arrangements.