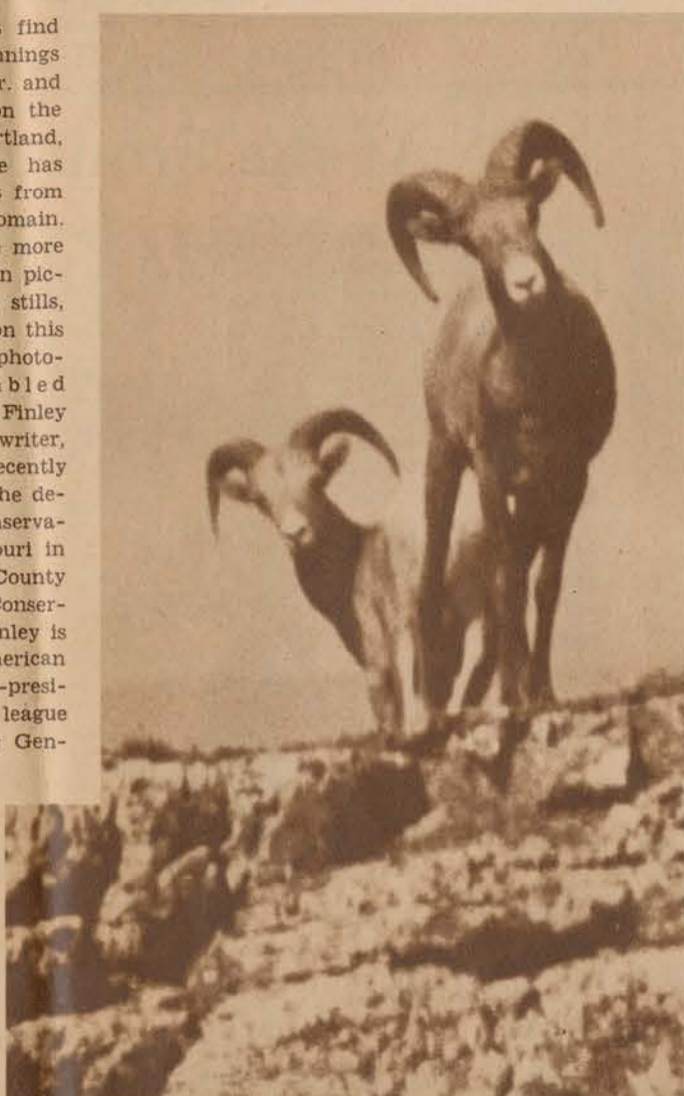


A Naturalist and Some Animals for Which He Makes a Conservation Plea

WILD animals always find a welcome at Jennings lodge, country home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Finley, on the Willamette river near Portland, Ore. Through his home has passed a parade of guests from America's wild animal domain. In one fireproof room are more than 200,000 feet of motion picture negatives and 30,000 stills, all of wild life. Pictures on this page are from that big photographic library, assembled through four decades. Mr. Finley, naturalist, lecturer and writer, was heard in Kansas City recently in Ivanhoe Temple when he delivered a plea for the conservation of wild life in Missouri in behalf of the Jackson County chapter of the Missouri Conservation federation. Mr. Finley is field naturalist for the American Nature association; vice-president of the Izak Walton league and vice-president of the General Wild Life federation.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS are these two black bear cubs, whose curiosity exceeds that of children. Here a cub climbs up the tripod of a motion picture camera to find out what it's all about. Mr. Finley is getting a very close close-up of the cub while its brother is contemplating the other leg of the tripod. The two were picked up on Unimak island in Alaska and for an extended time were pets of the Finleys.



WITH HEADS COCKED TO ONE SIDE these two big Horn, or mountain, sheep in Glacier National park paused only long enough to have their picture recorded, and off they went. The photographer made this rare camera "shot" from a distance of fifty feet.



SWIFTEST ANIMAL ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT is the antelope. Here is a full grown Prong Horn, or American, buck antelope in the northern part of Yellowstone National park. He's a long runner and has been paced at fifty miles an hour, and he can leap as far as eighteen feet.



THESE SEATTLE WREN FLEDGLINGS may have a lot to learn about the world and its ways, but they have learned to recognize a worm when they see one. Almost automatically their mouths open in anticipation.



PLAYING WITH A PET PORCUPINE is all right if you know how to pick him up. His underneath side is clear of quills, but look out for the rest. This prickly youngster, captured when he was only three months old, was a Finley family visitor for more than a year. The pet dog of the Finley household became a great respecter of Porky after he took his first and only sniff at the newcomer.



YOUNG GOLDEN EAGLES two months old whose wings at that age are not yet sturdy enough to support their eight or nine pounds of weight. Another month must pass before these husky fledglings take to the air. When they are full grown they will have a wing spread of seven feet and weigh about twelve pounds.



(Left) THIS YOUNG BARN OWL might not win a beauty contest, but he eventually will serve a useful purpose in nature's scheme of things. The sharp claws will be handy when he's out foraging for small rodents and night creatures.



(Right) BABY COYOTE, six weeks old, readily takes milk from a man. However, as the coyote grows older he will develop a fear complex. The coyote is said to be the keenest of all animals in evading extermination. The exceedingly large litters of coyote mothers is a problem to overcome. Mr. Finley believes the numbers of coyotes throughout the West have scarcely been diminished at all, despite campaigns of extermination.



(Left) A CALIFORNIA QUAIL, which the Finleys called Don Q, shows no fear of the family dog, but once almost lost its life to a stray cat. The quail docilely followed persons about the Finley household and usually slept in the study in its 7-year stay with the Finleys.



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