

# Large Audience Enjoys *Naugatuck Conn.* Pictures of Wild Life

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William S. Finley, Noted Naturalist, Gives Delightful Talk Here.

Making an eloquent and forceful plea for the preservation of the wild animals of America, so that they will not become extinct, William S. Finley, well known naturalist, writer and lecturer, gave a very interesting and instructive illustrated talk before a large and attentive audience at the Gem opera house last night. His subject was, "Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide."

Mr. Finley was introduced by Supt. of Schools H. E. Chittenden.

With as fine a collection of motion pictures as has ever been shown in Naugatuck, Mr. Finley took his audience among the wild animals of America, from Alaska to Mexico, revealing many of the strange, interesting and thrilling sights to be seen in the wilds of the Rocky mountains. The speaker proved himself to not only be a lover of nature and an excellent speaker, but his pictures showed him to be a most successful photographer. The audience sat as if spellbound as the marvelous pictures were thrown upon the screen, and at times was moved to hearty laughter at the amusing antics and mannaisms characteristic of the different birds and wild animals caught by the camera in their daily haunts. The lecturer had his pictures so well fixed that he was able to keep up a running description of the various scenes and incidents of his hunting trips, and to point out every detail of his most interesting discoveries in the mountainous wilds of the Rockies.

## Advocates Study of Nature.

He declared that love of outdoor life is one of the most significant things in America, and urged his hearers to cultivate it and get as close to nature as possible, pointing out the health-giving qualities of life in the open, and the joy that comes from a knowledge of the great outdoors, its trees, flowers, wild animals and different kinds of birds. He pointed out how contented the animals were in the forests and mountains where they were protected by the government and what a delight they were to lovers of nature. He suggested that the preserves should be large enough to permit the animals to roam about at will and to travel long distances.

Some of the most interesting pictures were those showing beavers at work. The members of Mr. Finley's exploration party destroyed a dam which had been built by the beavers, and then they waited until the beavers returned, when they photographed them as the busy little animals repaired it. The speaker showed how the wild animals are photographed. In some instances it is necessary for the photographers to conceal themselves from the animals' view and to wait for many hours for them to come within range of the camera.

The lecture, which was given under the auspices of the Burroughs Nature club, was a real

treat and the club is entitled to the gratitude of all local lovers of nature for bringing Mr. Finley and his wonderful pictures to Naugatuck.

## Lecture Tonight On Wild Animals

*Naugatuck Conn. 2-10-30*

What promises to be one of the most delightful entertainments of the season will be given tonight at the Gem opera house, when William S. Finley, well known lecturer, will give an illustrated talk on "Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide." Motion pictures of wild animals, taken in the Rocky mountains, will be shown. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Burroughs Nature club.

## WILD ANIMALS IN MOTION PICTURE

*Naugatuck Conn. 2-10-30*

It is to be hoped that the people of Naugatuck will not miss seeing "Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide," said to be the greatest moving picture of its kind. It shows the wild animals, the unparalleled scenes, and the exciting adventures among the peaks and pinnacles of the Rockies.

Mr. Finley, the explorer, will give the lecture himself, Feb. 10, at the Gem theater. Tickets may be obtained at Leary's drug store; the library, Beacon Falls; from Mrs. Charles Myers, Millville, or from the members of the Burroughs Na-

## Finley Pleases Audience. 2-10-30

*Naugatuck Conn.*  
William L. Finley, noted naturalist, author and explorer, gave an audience which filled the Gem opera house last night, a real treat, during his illustrated lecture on the subject, "Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide." He appeared here under the auspices of the Burroughs Nature club of Naugatuck. The pictures shown during Mr. Finley's lecture, were taken by him and members of his exploring parties. They certainly showed animal life that residents never saw before. A dam which had been blown up, was rapidly repaired by beavers. These little animals certainly did work hard from the time discovery was made by one of them that something was wrong with the dam.

Photographing mountain goats proved a very difficult task, Mr. Finley told his audience. The only way he was able to get some "closeups" was by dressing in a suit similar to the animals. Bewildered, they stopped to look the stranger over and in such a manner, he secured some fine pictures. The deer and other animals of the western section of the country love peanuts, nuts and other such eatables, it was explained by Mr. Finley, consequently, they are not as wild as it is believed. He told of having the deer eat out of his hand because of their fondness for such delicacies. Photos of an auto race with deers were shown, Mr. Finley stating that these animals traveled as fast as 60 miles an hour. The lecture proved very interesting from start to finish and the speaker certainly made a big impression on his audience.

## Finley Nationally Known. 2-10-30

William L. Finley, who appears at the Gem opera house Monday night under the auspices of the Burroughs Nature club of Naugatuck, is known throughout the country. His articles in the National Geographic and other magazines have been read by thousands of people. In addition, he has spoken in many halls of the country on his trips through the Rockies. Mr. Finley is a remarkable photographer of animals. Some of the photos taken have been under great stress. He will relate many of his experiences during his lecture Monday night. Photographs which he has taken, will also be shown on the screen. A treat is in store for those who are present. Not only will local people have an opportunity of seeing pictures of the wild life of the North American continent from Mexico to Alaska, but they will also hear him tell of his experiences. Photos of animals roaming the fields and mountain-sides will also be shown. *Naugatuck Conn.*

*Auditorium - Coatesville, Pa*

GREATER SUNDAY MEETINGS  
Sunday Afternoon, February 9th

William L. Finley



on  
"Camera  
Hunting  
on the  
Continental  
Divide"

The most thrilling and spectacular  
Motion Picture story ever made of  
American Wild Life.

Mr. Finley, an Oregonian, has a national reputation as a naturalist, author and lecturer. He has spent twenty years in cruising the coast line, packing and camping through all the wilder mountainous country of the West, from Alaska to Mexico.

He has filmed the shyest and rarest birds and animals, high among the peaks and pinnacles of the Rockies, including the Rocky Mountain goat, the most daring steeplejack in the divide and the pronghorn, the swiftest wild animal on the continent.

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William L. Finley

"Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide"

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8:15 P. M.

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