

Finley to Discuss Wildlife Problems at Meet Friday

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William L. Finley, famed Oregon naturalist just returned from visits to the national conventions of the Izaak Walton league and the American Wildlife federation, will discuss legislation and steps toward stream pollution abatement at an open meeting of the Izaak Walton league in Hilaire's restaurant Friday noon.

"Dr. Finley has just returned from the front lines of the anti-stream pollution battle," said Dr. C. F. Milleson, league president, "and has a lot of new information on the subject. Because of the importance of the message Dr. Finley

brings and its timely application here, the league is throwing its meeting open to the public and all who wish to hear him are invited to attend."

"As an officer of both the two large national wildlife groups, Dr. Finley has been in the heat of the conflict from the start. One of the best informed naturalists in the country, he is fully conversant with the effects of pollution on fish life. A native Oregonian, Dr. Finley is particularly well informed on the problem in this state," Milleson said.

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Finley to Speak—William L. Finley, naturalist, will address the Portland chapter, Izaak Walton league, Friday noon at Hilaire's restaurant. He will talk on river pollution. Dr. C. F. Milleson will preside. *4-11-40*

North Santiam Work Delayed *4-12-40*

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Edged over onto an inside page by the press of war news and no doubt likewise crowded out of the consciousness of Marion county residents who are directly effected was the news from Washington that the army engineers had eliminated from the flood control bill the \$311,000 item for relocation of the North Santiam highway in connection with plans for the Detroit reservoir of the Willamette Valley Project.

For this development Marion county has chiefly to thank the state fish commission, which raised a howl some months ago against the plans for dams on the Santiam rivers and the McKenzie, and William L. Finley who has been campaigning through the Walton league and making speeches in the east where he is still able to pose as an authority. And incidentally, who is paying for the flood of Finley propaganda against the Valley project here at home? It appears to emanate from the same duplicating machine as the state game commission's news releases, though that may be merely coincidence.

Marion county's hopes for an adequate highway connection with eastern Oregon have been held up for a decade by uncertainty about the establishment of a reservoir on the North Santiam and it now appears that the uncertainty will be prolonged indefinitely. The situation calls for an urgent demand for completion of the relocated highway, regardless of the fate of the dam. *Salem, Or. Statesman*

Finley Asks Study Of Valley Project

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Portland, April 13 (P)—William L. Finley, naturalist and conservationist, recommended a thorough study from all points of view today before making further commitments on the Willamette valley project.

The naturalist, commenting on Rep. Angell's request for another \$5,000,000 allotment, asserted there were greater needs in the valley than expensive flood control and irrigation. He said floor damage at long intervals was not extensive and abundant rainfall removed the necessity of vast irrigation systems.

Finley added that protection of scenery, fish and game, elimination of stream pollution and development of recreational values were worth millions of dollars to Oregon.