

Finley Says Dams Affect Scenic Assets

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Dams have been constructed across the Columbia and Willamette rivers and others are envisioned for the future, all with the idea of benefiting industry, but little thought has been expended on how these dams will affect the scenic wonders and the aquatic life of the Northwest, William L. Finley, naturalist and vice president of the Izaak Walton league, said Tuesday at a luncheon of the Oregon Roadside council in Hotel Portland.

"The state highway commission has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring in tourists who spend \$40,000,000 annually in Oregon. They come to see the many beauties which businessmen are destroying in attempts to build industries of far less value than that represented by the tourist drawing power of the scenic wonders," he said.

Short talks in appreciation of the council's work were made by representatives of city and state agencies and civic clubs. Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman, council president, presided.

A plan whereby the president or a special representative of every club and organization in the state will be a member of the council was approved at a morning session of the council in Hotel Portland as one of the features of the future program of the organization which will be reorganized soon.

To further its program of preserving and developing the scenic beauties of Oregon, particularly those along the highways, the council has submitted for approval by the WPA a project calling for an educational and publicity program to be carried on by a state supervisor and five district supervisors to make Oregonians more conscious of the state's beauties and of the need of preserving them. The project would also have the WPA provide 100 men to work under local civic clubs to clean up unsightly spots along the highways.

Mayor Carson suggested the council promote a campaign to interest Portlanders in beautifying vacant spots.

Water's Purposes Held Endangered

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Many problems concerning conservation of wild life and preservation of scenic wonders in the West were discussed at the national convention of the Izaak Walton league in Chicago April 21 to 23, said William L. Finley, naturalist, who returned to Portland Monday after attending the convention, where he was elected vice president of the league. He made a side trip into New Mexico before coming home.

Finley brought back with him a copy of a resolution passed at the convention which reads as follows:

"The Izaak Walton league insists that the existing natural values of water, namely, its biological functions and recreational uses from a truly public standpoint be given prior consideration before authorization for construction of dams or other works for power, irrigation, navigation, drainage, flood control, mosquito control or any purely utilitarian use of water. Specifically it deplores the lack of consideration from this standpoint in the case of the magnificent Columbia river."

PROGRAM FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OREGON SCENERY OUTLINED

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A program for preserving and developing the scenic beauty of Oregon, with particular reference to beautifying sites immediately contiguous to Oregon's highways was outlined at a meeting of the Oregon Roadside Council in Portland this week.

First on the list of activities which has been submitted for approval as a WPA project is an educational and publicity program to be carried on by a state supervisor and five district supervisors in an effort to make Oregonians more conscious of the state's beauties and the need of preserving them. Included in the project is a proposal for the cleaning up of unsightly spots along the highways to be carried out by WPA labor under the guidance of local civic clubs.

The Chamber's Recreational Resources committee took a keen interest and active part in this meeting. O. C. Roehr, chairman, C. P. Keyser, superintendent of the city's parks, F. V. Horton, U. S. Forest Service, and William L. Finley, naturalist, committee members, spoke at the noon luncheon.