

PITTSFIELD SECTION
A. I. E. E. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

1938

- Nov. 1 P - "Where Business and Government meet"
Prof. Raymond Moley
" 15 T - "Hydroponics-Growing Plants Without Soil"
Prof. G. B. Snyder
" 22 C - "Coordination of Power Transformers"
"Corona Voltages of Typical Transformer
Insulation"
Dec. 6 P - "Earthquakes-Yesterday, Today and
Tomorrow" Prof. Kirtley F. Mather
" 13 C - "Petersen Coils"
" 21 T - Address by Roy C. Muir

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- Jan. 3 P - "Inside Nazi Germany" Julien Bryan
" 10 C - "Forecasting Business Trends"
" 17 T - "Scientific Laboratory-Federal Bureau of
Investigation" E. P. Coffey
Feb. 7 P - "The Big Game Parade" W. L. Finley
" 14 C - "Symposium on Protection"
" 21 T - "Polarized Light" Polaroid Corp. Repres.
Mar. 7 P - "Mount Lucania" Bradford Washburn
" 14 C - "Rural Electrification"
" 21 T - "Diesel Automotive Power"
General Motors Representative
Apr. 18 T - "Recent Advances in Medicine"
Dr. H. W. Haggard

P - Popular C - Colloquium T - Technical

Finley Brings Big Game Parade to Pittsfield

Berkshire Eagle Feb. 8, 1939

Audience of 1200 Attends Illustrated
Lecture by Prominent Naturalist—
Urges Protection of Wild Life

Movies and data gathered during more than 30 years of studying wild game in America, were given by William L. Finley, naturalist, photographer and author, at the American Institute of Electrical Engineers popular lecture last night at the Pittsfield High School auditorium. Around 1200 attended.

The speakers' movies, gathered in Mexico, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountains, British Columbia and Alaska, are considered outstanding in this field. He showed five reels of them illustrating his topic, "The Big Game Parade."

Dinner Given for Finleys

Mr. Finley came to this city from Exeter where he lectured the previous evening, accompanied by Mrs. Finley. They were guests of the AIEE committee and officers at a dinner at the Stanley Club prior to the lecture. Mr. Finley lectured this morning before the Pittsfield High School students, returning afterwards to New York, where he is conducting a museum course in natural science.

Mr. Finley, who has accompanied many of the field expeditions for the American Nature Association, began his address by describing some of the tamer animals in Yellowstone Park. He showed pictures of wild antelope, deer, mountain sheep, buffalo, moose, and the famous bears who waylay motorists to beg food. He commented that the national parks have been set aside for the future benefit of the American people, and care must be taken to keep these game preserves from being turned into Western Coney Islands, or amusement parks.

Shows Wild Birds

"Wild Life in the Cactus Country" was the subject of the second reel of films depicting the wild birds of the Southwest living in cacti as a protection against snakes and gila monsters. He showed an imitation cactus built by the expedition which camouflaged the photographer and enabled him to get close pictures of the birds' haunts.

This country has been much at fault in not providing protection for its wild life, Mr. Finley told his audience. Conservation, he said, means "use, not the misuse" of nature.

One of the most appealing series of pictures was that showing the mountain lions, and the baby cougar kittens which the expedition adopted as pets. This same reel of films showed wild turkeys photographed in Mexico and Arizona.

Used Goat Costume

Movies of British Columbia showed the salmon streams and pictures of bears fishing for salmon. The final movies taken in the Rockies showed the wild mountain sheep and mountain goats. Mr. Finley included movies of a sort of goat costume which he used in photographing these animals. The costume, he said, aroused the animal's curiosity, even though it didn't fool them, thus enabling him to get pictures at close range.

The speaker was introduced by Lynn Wetherill, chairman of the Pittsfield Section of the AIEE. He announced that the lecture by Bradford Washburn has been changed to Wednesday, March 8 at 8 P. M. The Washburn lectures will be the final one in the popular series.