

# Park Experts To Meet Here

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Convention Sessions Open Monday With Well Known Executives Swinging Gavels

Park executives from all over the United States and Canada will be here this week for the 36th annual conventions of the American Institute of Park Executives, the American Park Society and the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

The sessions of the three organizations will start Monday in the Multnomah hotel. The biggest of the conventions is that of park executives, of which H. Lee Bancroft of Lansing, Mich., is president and William H. Walker of South Bend, Ind., executive secretary. C. Emerson Brown is president of the Zoological Gardens society. He is from Philadelphia.

The convention will bring to the city the foremost officials of the park systems of the various communities of the nation. Stress on development of playgrounds and park areas as a contribution to the reduction of juvenile delinquency has put the work of park executives more to the front than ever.

## FINLEY TAKES PART

Prominent people in the park world to participate are Theodore Wirth of Minneapolis, who is mainly responsible for the outstanding park system of that city; George H. Hollister of Hartford, Conn., birthplace of the institute; R. Rowe Holland, chairman of parks board, Vancouver, B. C., and W. L. Finley of Portland.

Finley will develop his recent work in conjunction with J. N. Darling of the biological survey, which has assured reestablishment of breeding ground for migratory wild fowl, a game sanctuary for antelope and some forward looking legislation for the protection of beaver. Finley will discuss other phases of conservation of wild life.

Another subject that this particular group will be interested in will be migration of the salmon as influenced or affected by the construction of the Bonneville dam.

Time and again it has been suggested that Mt. Hood and the Columbia gorge be made into a national park. There will doubtless be some constructive criticism to offer as to an administrative setup recognizing all of the interests affected, industrial, scenic and recreational.

## PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Turning to the more complex problems of the urban parks administration, highlight of the program will be around the question of extension of park property in proper relation to other land occupancy. The planning commission of Portland is working on a map and survey of open spaces and other recreation facilities and will present the picture, which will be typical of any metropolitan area. Discussion will ramify into questions of tax rates, public debts, delinquent properties and the differentiation between parks as value makers and the cost of programs of active recreation.

The first point of interest that the visitors will be shown is the Forestry building where a luncheon will be served Monday noon at which Thornton T. Munger, Director of the northwest forest service experiment station, will give a talk on "Forest Trees of the Pacific Northwest and the Hoyt Park Arboretum" which latter will be visited immediately after the luncheon showing the virgin timber of Macleay park en route. The next high point of interest will be Washington park with its rose gardens, zoo and other features. The tour will take in Eastmoreland golf links, Shakespearean gardens, Mt. Tabor and Laurelhurst parks.

The tour on Tuesday afternoon will begin with a visit to the airport, Peninsula park, U. S. Grant park, Rose City golf links, thence up the Columbia gorge.

## MRS. SHERRARD ON PROGRAM

There will be time taken out at Multnomah falls to show the work of the Benson CCC camp. Before arriving at Bonneville, the party will tour the Eagle Creek camp grounds and spend the rest of the afternoon viewing the dam, followed by a short evening program at which Mrs. T. H. Sherrard will deliver a lecture on slides in color on Oregon wild flowers.

An important section of the convention will be devoted to street trees and ornamental shrubs and some attention given to turf grasses and golf course management.

Election of officers and the choosing of the convention city will be held on the last day.

Collapse of Economy  
listed for Langford Hill Sept. 1935  
7:45 p. m. Friday.  
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Finley to Speak—William L. Finley will show several reels of moving pictures at Central library Friday at 7:30 p. m. He will appear under auspices of the Oregon Audubon society, beginning the society's series of lectures for the season. Finley will talk on "Birds and Animals in Moving Pictures." There is no admission charge.

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The resignation of Lew Wallace as a member of the state game commission immediately opened the door of the executive office to the first waves of an anticipated flood of applicants for appointment as his successor. The governor confesses to having "half a dozen or more" entrants for the job already on his desk though he says that he does not contemplate filling the vacancy in the immediate future.

Friends of William L. Finley were early on the ground with indorsements of that nationally known naturalist for the position, though Finley himself has made no move in his own behalf. It is understood that James H. McCool of Portland would like to be named, while, in the nature of the case, the list will be expanded as the days pass by.