

Dr. Wm. Finley Talks Tonight

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'Birds, Bergs and Bears,' to Be Subject of Meet Open to Public

Dr. William L. Finley, naturalist and lecturer, who spoke yesterday to the students of the State college and La Cumbre Junior High, and showed on the screen some remarkable pictures of wild life in Alaska, will speak tonight in the auditorium of the high school at 7:30. This lecture is open to the general public. The other addresses were for students only.

These lectures were made possible by the Santa Barbara Council of Parent Teacher associations. A special committee headed by Melvin E. Bowman has charge of the arrangements.

Dr. Finley has more than 5,000 feet of film of Alaska bird and animal life alone. The subject of his lecture tonight will be "Birds, Bergs and Kodiak Bears."

California Leads In Use Of Resources, Says Finley

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California has capitalized more than any other state in the union on her natural resources. Dr. William L. Finley, noted lecturer, explorer and naturalist, stated that the outdoor resources in this state bring great wealth to the coast through the large number of people who avail themselves of the opportunity to fish, hunt, camp, and climb mountains.

Dr. Finley will give a lecture open to the public this evening at 7:30 at the high school on "Birds, Bergs and Kodiak Bears."

The naturalist, who was elected vice president of the conservation conference in Washington, D. C., early in February, said that an attempt was being made to build up interest in the outdoors, and to persuade people of the necessity and joy of extending their interests to the forests and streams.

The destruction of bird and animal life must be halted, he continued, and advanced methods and reforms in conservation must be used. He said that the salmon runs in the north were being polluted with a resulting loss of oxygen fatal to the fish.

Dr. Finley spoke of other measures to conservation, and emphasized the importance of finding a balance between the development of industries and natural resources. At present, he said, conditions are improving slightly, although many industrial mills pollute the waters which they use, and agricultural irrigation ditches are left unscreened, taking the fingerlings, or small fish, out of the streams into the fields to die. High dams prevent fish from traveling their course, killing them in the process, and fishways around dams are expensive and rare.

Remedies must be found for this destruction of wild life, according to Dr. Finley, and conditions in the East are far worse than on the Pacific coast with the streams running dry or being hopelessly polluted. The fish and game commission is stocking the streams in great quantities, emphasis is being made upon forest conservation to check erosion and to foster the water supply, and Dr. Finley believes that conditions are on the up grade, but with much room for improvement.

REGIONAL PARK IS ENDORSED BY KIWANIS CLUB

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Unanimously endorsing the East Bay Regional Park, a resolution was passed by the Berkeley Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting yesterday at the Durant Hotel.

Progress made on the park was shown in pictures and the plans and hopes of the Regional Park Board were explained. Col. Rhys D. Davies was speaker of the day.

"We think of the United States as a country of wide open spaces," said Col. Davies. "However, over half of the population lives in an area which is one-twentieth of one per cent of the total, thus causing crowded conditions with all of the attendant evils."

"Hiking, riding, picnicking and other forms of recreation which cannot be had in city parks, and for which national parks are too distant for many people, are available through the regional park," he said. "Of the 45,000 acres of land under the Utility District in this area, from 8000 to 10,000 have been approved by different plans as suitable for parks. Of this area possibly 3000 to 5000 acres are planned to be utilized intensively and the remainder left in wild state."

Colored Slides

Colored slides of scenes in various parts of the park area were shown. Moving pictures of Bridges Canyon, Redwood Canyon, Wildcat Canyon and the Redwood Bowl gave an idea of the variety of country included and the possibilities of development for the park.

The Wildcat Canyon road and the proposed municipal golf course were of particular interest to those present. The pictures showed road work in progress in this area.

Charles Twining of the leisure time committee and B. J. Morris of the public affairs committee keep the club in contact with the progress of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Finley of Portland, Oregon, both naturalists of note and both graduates of the University of California, attended the meeting. Mr. Finley has been president of the Audubon Society several times.

BONNEVILLE RECEIVES IZAACK WALTON CHARTER

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Chester E. McCarty, president of the Oregon state chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, presented the league's national charter to the new Bonneville chapter at a special meeting in the Bonneville auditorium last night.

William L. Finley, national vice-president, delivered an address on conservation and told of the league's recent national convention.