

Beedy Will Support Marginal Lands Bill, He Tells 565 Fish And Game Enthusiasts Gathered To Hear Lecture By Dr. Finley

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The head table at the dinner at the Falmouth Hotel Tuesday evening when the Pine Tree and Cumberland County Fish and Game Associations were hosts to other New England fish and game associations.

Seated, left to right, are David A. Aylward, secretary of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Association; Raymond J. Kenney, director of fisheries and game in Massachusetts; United States Representative Carroll L. Beedy of Portland; William L. Finley of Portland, Ore., lecturer and principal speaker; Dr. Frank E. Norris, president of the Pine Tree Fish and Game Association; and Benjamin F. Cleaves, toastmaster.

Standing, left to right, are Arthur B. Harlow, president of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Association; George J. Stobie, Maine commissioner of fish and game; Rae Hunt, chief warden of New Hampshire; Arthur L. Clark, superintendent of fisheries and game in Connecticut; John C. Cosseboom, secretary of the Rhode Island Commission of Fisheries; and Everett L. Barrus, chairman of the Rhode Island commission.

A \$50,000,000 program now being developed in Washington to take some 17,000,000 acres of sub-marginal lands out of cultivation and convert them into fish, game and bird sanctuaries will be welcomed by him upon its introduction into Congress, U. S. Representative Carroll L. Beedy declared Tuesday evening.

He was speaking at a dinner meeting in the Hotel Eastland where 565 persons filled the ballroom to capacity to hear Dr. William L. Finley of Portland, Ore., one of the foremost of American naturalists, enter his plea for an expanded national conservation program and exhibit motion pictures of a nature seldom seen in Portland. It was the largest dinner gathering in a Portland hotel for many months, and was sponsored jointly by the Pine Tree Fish and Game Protective Association and the Cumberland County Fish and Game Association.

Mr. Beedy pointed out that the conservation program, part of the money for which already has been appropriated and part to be taken from CWA or PWA funds, very likely would have some effect in Maine.

"It is a worthwhile program," he said, "and at least is an expenditure that is not wasteful."

When Mr. Beedy called for an expression of opinion on the duck stamp bill a scattering of approval for this form of revenue and conservation activity assured him that persons in the gathering familiar with the bill were in favor of it and he said he would vote for it when it comes before the lower House.

In his pleas for conservation, interspersed through his illustrated lecture, Dr. Finley declared that the 65-cent hunting and fishing license in Maine ought to be \$3 if any worthwhile conservation is to be done in this State. He also advocated the cleaning up of streams and the setting aside of conservation areas.

Two resolutions, sponsored by the American Fish and Game Association were adopted unanimously. They called for the restoration of the full budget appropriation to the Bureau of Biological Survey and support of the conservation plans of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

So successful was the dinner meeting considered by its sponsors that Frank W. Wardwell, secretary of the Pine Tree Group, who originally suggested the meeting, declared that a similar affair would be held about May 1. It was said the demand for tickets was several hundred greater than the capacity of the hall.

Various parties were present from other communities in the State, the largest group from outside the Portland area being from Sanford, which sent 19 persons.

With officials of the fish and game departments of several New England States as guests, the speaking program developed into a testimonial for George J. Stobie, Maine commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game. Each visiting guest in turn paid tribute to the conservation work of Mr. Stobie in Maine and declared their departments were following in his footsteps in the conservation of fish and wild life.

Guests who spoke briefly were David A. Aylward and Arthur B. Harlow, secretary and president, respectively, of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Association; Arthur L. Clark, fisheries and game superintendent of Connecticut; Everett L. Barrus, chairman of the Rhode Island bird commission; John C. Cosseboom, secretary of the Rhode Island Commission of Fisheries; Raymond J. Kenney, director of fisheries and game in Massachusetts; and Rae Hunt, chief warden

and assistant fish and game superintendent of New Hampshire.

Benjamin F. Cleaves was toastmaster; Dr. Frank E. Norris, president of the Pine Tree group, gave the address of welcome; and Alexander A. Lafleur, president of the Cumberland County group, introduced Mr. Cleaves. Henry C. Hersey, secretary of the Cumberland County group, read the resolution on the Wallace program and Mr. Wardwell on the Bureau of Biological Survey. Arthur W. Reed of the Cumberland County group and Mr. Wardwell had charge of arrangements.

Dr. Finley's pictures consisted of five reels taken on an Alaskan trip and showed unusual studies of birds, spectacular views of crumbling glaciers, whaling, Kodiak bears and various types of Alaskan sea life.