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SPEAKER

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SUBJECT

"Sanctuaries for Wild Life"

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With the arrival of spring we again turn to the great out-of-doors for our recreation. Who is better qualified to usher us into this atmosphere than a man who has devoted his life to a study of wild life? Mr. Finley has just returned from an extended visit in the East. He has consented to briefly discuss the new Southeastern Oregon Project in addition to his picture lecture.

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OREGON MAY OBTAIN NATIONAL BIRD REFUGES

A letter urging carrying out of the recommendations of the President's committee on wild life restoration is being sent to the chief executive and to members of Oregon's delegation in congress by the board of directors of the Portland Chamber. The President's committee consists of Thomas Beck, chairman, Jay N. Darling and Aldo Leopold.

The President's committee report recommends among other factors the purchase by the national government of certain areas of marginal land which are natural resting and breeding places for ducks, geese and other migratory birds. Twenty-five million dollars has been set aside for the purchase of marginal lands.

Information received by the Chamber is to the effect that if the President approves his committee's report, Oregon will likely be one of the first sections of the country affected in that certain lands around Malheur and Lower Klamath lend themselves to such an undertaking.

William P. Finley, noted naturalist, who has just returned from conferences at Washington in connection with the proposed program for conserving and propagating wild life, told members of the Chamber's Outdoor Recreation committee which reported to the board, that the President's committee program offered the one great comprehensive opportunity for saving and increasing the nation's wild life. Members of the Chamber's committee feel that with the passing of the years, Oregon's wild life and fish will become increasingly important as a drawing card not only for sportsmen and visitors but for new home-seekers.

Journal

Finley Tells of Plan to Purchase Bird Sanctuaries

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William L. Finley, internationally known naturalist of Portland, has returned from Washington, D. C., and New York, where he attended meetings of the American game conference for conservation of wild life.

Naturalists are awaiting acceptance by President Roosevelt of the report of a committee appointed by the president to study a plan for wild life restoration, Finley said. Thomas Beck is chairman of this group. It is the purpose of the Beck report to outline expenditures of \$25,000,000 for purchase of sub-marginal lands around lake areas for wild goose and wild duck feeding grounds.

The report designates Lower Klamath lake and Malheur lake as two of the first areas to be purchased. These migratory bird feeding grounds are the stopover resting place for swans, ducks and geese in the great annual flight from Northern Canada to Mexico and return.

The Pacific coast route is one of three airways used by American migratory birds. The Mississippi valley is another and the Atlantic seaboard the third. Drying up of the swampy lake land in Southern Oregon and Northern California has threatened the western course, Finley said.

Three bills are before congress which, if passed, will be greatly beneficial to Oregon's game resources, Finley said. One is the duck stamp bill, imposing the purchase of a \$1 license on any person who shoots a migratory bird. Another is the Taylor bill, providing that the federal government shall take control of all public domain to regulate grazing. The other is a co-ordination bill, bringing all wild life departments in the various governmental divisions under one head, appointed by agreement of the secretaries of the interior, agriculture and commerce. Finley believes these bills will pass.