

Lyric Lecture

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"BIRDS, BERGS AND KODIAK BEARS," a lecture and motion-picture version of wild life in Alaska, delivered by Dr. William L. Finley, of Portland, Ore., under the auspices of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, charmed a large audience at the Lyric last night.

Dr. Finley is associated with the American Nature Association, of Washington, and with Arthur N. Pack, the association's president, has made a number of nature-study expeditions to the Alaskan wilds. His lecture is based on these trips, starting in 1926, and the five reels of motion pictures represent the pick of more than 40,000 feet of film "shot." P. C.

Wood, Field and Stream

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Some of the anglers and hunters here for the North American Wild Life Conference are strolling about the lobbies and corridors of the Mayflower Hotel in a bit of a daze. They cannot quite grasp the unprecedented scope of this gathering. In some respects it resembles the old American Game Conference and yet it is totally different.

It is different because the sportsmen's element, which directed and dominated former game sessions, today finds itself only one unit out of many gathered together for the purpose of solving the wild life problem. The complexion of the conservation picture has undergone such a revolutionary change that the old-timers of the fish and game crowd are somewhat staggered by it all.

They are confused and puzzled at encountering so many representatives of diverse and far-flung organizations, heretofore unidentified with the American Game Conference.

Talk Conservation With Women.

Here is the way one veteran fish and game official put it in a chat with the writer this morning:

"I never thought the time would come when the fishermen and hunters would sit down and talk conservation with the women from the garden clubs. Who would have ever thought they had anything in common?"

"But they do have something in common. The angler and the hunter are primarily interested in an abundance of fish and game. The women of the nation think in terms of esthetic, educational and recreational values. Their objective is identical—safeguarding of natural resources which affect the lives and happiness of all the people."

So it is that conference headquarters finds assembled under one roof not only the sportsmen and the garden club women, but also representatives of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization that today looms as a powerful factor in the revitalized wild life movement; farm groups, chambers of commerce, civic societies, schools and colleges, nature and bird societies, and many others, all with a stake in the replenishment of wild life and the restoration of wild life environment.

Only the Beginning.

They thought it would never happen. But it has happened. This conference is proof of it.

However, the bringing together of all interested groups constitutes only the beginning of the task. The test of whether the broad objectives are to be accomplished will come tomorrow, when an effort will

be made to fuse the diversified elements into a general federation.

Leaders of the movement intimated today that the path is not entirely a smooth one. Jealousies and differences of opinion on policies exist. Submerging of special interests for the good of the common cause is necessary.

In fact, rumors were afloat this morning that one powerful group will not play along unless it obtains control of the federation and there is a feeling that a factional fight will develop on the floor of the convention tomorrow.

However, the majority of delegates are optimistic and are pinning their hopes of success on the persuasive eloquence of the dynamic Jay N. Darling, who will preside. If any one can pave the way to harmony, they feel the famous Ding is the man to do it.

Dream of Many Years.

He has the respect and admiration of all factions; his sincerity for the cause of wild life is universally recognized. It is freely admitted that this conference never would have developed were it not for the crusading spirit, energy and foresight of the popular Iowan.

A general federation of wild life interests has been the dream of Jay Darling for many years. If it is within his powers, that dream will be realized tomorrow. Furthermore, judging from the sentiment expressed by leaders of every group represented here, the former chief of the Biological Survey will be drafted on Friday for the office of president of the national organization, although he has announced that he does not want the post.

New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are well represented at the conference. Familiar figures encountered in the Mayflower include Lithgow Osborne, William C. Adams and Gardiner Bump of the New York Conservation Department; Arthur L. Clark, superintendent of the Connecticut Board of Fisheries and Game, and Captain H. J. Burlington, executive secretary of the New Jersey Commission.

A delegation from the Campfire Club of America is active in the proceedings. The group comprises A. S. Oughton, William B. Greeley, Marshall McLean, O. H. Van Norden, Joseph H. Ford and Karl T. Frederick.

Others in attendance are Thomas H. Beck, president of the American Wild Life Institute; John C. Huntington and Ray Benson of More Game Birds Foundation; Charles Hayford, superintendent of the Hackettstown Hatchery; Colonel Arthur F. Foran, John H. Baker and T. Gilbert Pearson of the National Association of Audubon Societies, and Philip Barney, water fowl expert of the Connecticut board.