

Wood, Field and Stream

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The winners in the Wood, Field and Stream Snapshot contest, sponsored jointly by the National Sportsmen's Show and Wide World Photos, will be announced in THE NEW YORK TIMES next Wednesday. Today is the final day for submitting pictures. Entries postmarked after midnight tonight will not be eligible for consideration.

Up to yesterday morning, entries had been received from 600 persons who sent in a total of 2,052 photographs. The pictures have come from twenty-nine States and from Washington, D. C., Quebec and Manitoba.

States represented so far are New York, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Maryland, Maine, Wisconsin, Delaware, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Michigan, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Alabama, Idaho, Indiana and California.

Two Days for Selection

Francis G. Russell, president of the Camera Club of New York; Lynn Bogue Hunt of this city, outdoor artist and sportsman, and William L. Finley of Portland, Ore., wildlife photographer and naturalist, are the contest judges. They will devote two days, next Monday and Tuesday, to the task of selecting the winners.

On Monday the best 200 pictures will be submitted to the judges by the contest authorities. Each judge, voting individually, will rank the 200 according to his opinion of their merit, marking on a ballot his order of choice by numbers. To illustrate, the entry which he thinks superior to all the rest will be marked No. 1 and his 200th choice will be ranked No. 200.

When the three ballots have been marked the contest authorities, using the low-point total system, will add the numbers the judges have given each picture, and the fifty-one with the lowest totals will qualify for the cash prizes. The grand prize winner will be selected from the fifty-one on Tuesday, the judges conferring together on this choice.

The fifty-one cash prize winners and the 149 "special merit" pictures will be exhibited in a photographic salon for the duration of the National Sportsmen's Show. Gold seals and ribbons will be awarded to each entrant whose photograph goes on display. The prizes will be presented to the winners by a prominent outdoor figure on Saturday, Feb. 20, the presentation ceremony being held at Grand Central Palace.

Favor Conservation Bills

Members of the Rockaway Point Surf Anglers Club have gone on record in support of the bills pending at Albany to confer broad discretionary powers on the New York State Conservation Department. Petitions have been distributed by the club and a strong drive is under way to bring pressure to bear on legislators who in the past have succeeded in pigeon-holing the measure.

It is an encouraging sign that

SNAPSHOT CONTEST RULES

The Wood, Field and Stream Snapshot Contest offers a \$100 grand prize and fifty honorable mention prizes of \$5 each for the best photographs of outdoor life (except athletic contests and games) taken by amateurs. Open to amateurs anywhere. Deadline for mailing entries—midnight, tonight.

The contest is sponsored by THE NEW YORK TIMES Wide World Photos, Inc., and the National Sportsmen's Show. The fifty-one prize winners and the best of the others (which will be awarded gold seals and ribbons) will be displayed in a special salon at the show in Grand Central Palace Feb. 18-27.

Contestants assume all risks and release sponsors from all responsibility of liability. No pictures to be returned unless accompanied by stamped, self-addressed envelopes. Advisable to place stiff cardboard in envelope to protect photos. No limit on number of pictures you may enter, but only one prize to an individual.

Send entries to Snapshot Contest, THE NEW YORK TIMES Wide World Photos, Inc., Times Square, New York.

surf fishermen, who have much less at stake in the matter of Conservation Department policies than their fresh-water brethren, should be sufficiently interested to take up this fight in an active way.

One thing is sure. Sportsmen generally are beginning to realize that the time has come when they must have a greater voice in the regulation of their sport. The pending legislation is a step toward that end, for it takes much of the control of fish and game out of politics and places it in the hands of men experienced in the field.

Already Awaiting Trout

"With the grand opening only seventy-four days away and a promise from the World Almanac of clear weather (but maybe with just a little ice on the rod guides in the early hours) it is a cinch to guess what the trout are thinking of," writes Bert Barrett, secretary of the Newark Bait and Fly-casting Club.

"Already certain 'faller-inners' and 'back-cast tree catchers' have been observed slinking into sporting goods stores and sampling the new Spring styles in bucktails."

Mr. Barrett predicts a feverish hot-stove league session of trout enthusiasts at the next meeting of the club in Newark next Wednesday night. Charles Hayford, superintendent of the Hackettstown hatchery of the New Jersey Fish and Game Commission, will be on hand to describe a few of the big ones he expects to plant in the State streams when another Spring rolls around.

Finley Wins *Journal* Great Audiences In Canada *Feb. 13, 1937*

Dr. William L. Finley, Oregon naturalist and lecturer, is drawing capacity crowds on his 2½-month tour of Eastern United States and Canada, according to reports received here. He is showing motion pictures of the West and Alaska on this tour.

Recently he appeared in Ottawa, Canada, and drew such audiences that more than 1000 persons were turned away. In the audience was the governor general and other officials of the province.

Two of his popular lecture topics are "Where Rolls the Oregon" and "Birds, Bergs and Kodiak Bears." In each talk he stresses conservation of wild life.

Additional honors came to Dr. Finley Friday, with the new issue of Life magazine which contained two full pages of pictures of Finley and animals.

He is expected home late in March.