

req. Not by Bread Alone *June 5 37*

In the boom days people were derided when they ventured objection to the draining of lakes and marshes for agricultural land. They were called impractical, and the promoters insisted that in an issue between folks and waterfowl, the birds must come out a poor second. The birds did. Now we are laboriously contriving to restore the natural refuges we took away from them, and it is costing a lot of money.

William L. Finley, Oregon's distinguished naturalist, looked at lower Klamath lake the other day and aptly styled it "a biological desert." The project never was profitable, and the myriads of birds that had found shelter there, since ancient times, were dispersed and decimated. Now it is proposed to reflood the lake and restore it as a sanctuary.

To the present it seems the past was peculiarly blind. In the vast Dakota wheat lands, a few decades ago, the land was pleasantly watered by numerous lakes and sloughs, in which surplus rainfall was caught and held. People weren't content with having most of the land. They wanted it all. And by drainage and ever advancing tillage they dried up the natural reservoirs. The subterranean water level sank into the bowels of the earth. And today drouth and crop failure are common to the area.

"Man doth not live by bread only." To keep our heritage of waterfowl were cause enough for conservation of their breeding areas. But we insisted that we were a practical people, and that this talk of birds was sentiment. Nature is practical, too. We disturbed and nullified her natural provisions, and economic disaster was the result. If you see a swampland where the redwings are nesting, the plover calling, the teal in flight, be glad that it is there. It is entirely true that man does not live by bread alone. There is plenty of land elsewhere.

Harney Promised Opportunity to See Wild Life Movies

Burns 781 June 7 1937
Frank Wire, state game supervisor, plans to bring his wild life movie films to Burns for a free showing sometime during the present month, according to word brought back to Burns by Dr. L. E. Hibbard, Dr. Llewellyn Hibbard, Murl Coe and Darrell Howser. The four Burns men were at Bend Friday night to sit in at a wild life federation conference. They saw the pictures and declare them of exceptional interest and well worth seeing when the opportunity comes.

The Bend wild life federation meeting, one of a series being held over the state, they report, was attended by about 150 persons. How cooperation among sportsmen and civic organizations is needed to combat despoilation of natural resources was described as a chief aim.

Among speakers were Stanley Jewett, U. S. biological survey; William Smith, state vice-president of the wild life federation; Mr. Wire; C. W. Reynolds, state planning commission; Edwin P. Cliff, game management agent for the forest service, William L. Finley, famed naturalist; Ed. F. Averill, president of the Oregon Wild Life Federation, and Dr. L. E. Hibbard.

HARRIMAN SPEAKS

Gives Report of Game Meeting In K. Falls *June 10 1937*
LAKEVIEW

The Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon heard W. O. Harriman give a report of the sportsmen's association meeting held in Klamath Falls last Thursday evening, one of a series of meetings held in various sections of the state to promote a more united organization of sportsmen.

Harriman stated that W. C. Reynolds, executive secretary of the state planning board, W. L. Findley, widely known sportsmen's leader of the state, Frank B. Wire member of the state fish and game commission, and Ed Averill, former game chief of the state were among the speakers on the program.

The speaker urged that Lake county fall in line with other counties of the state in organizing along the lines of the state federation, expressing the opinion that in such a manner the most good could be accomplished here.

He said that Findley was quite exercised over conditions in lower Klamath Lake, calling it a biological desert, and stating that it is too alkaline for agricultural purposes.

Harriman stated that many interesting pictures were shown including the old antelope picture. This he said was shown before the Kiwanis Club members and visitors.

Attending from Lakeview were Harriman, Carl Fetsch, Judge Arthur D. Hay and Ted Conn.

George Simerville, president of the Deschutes Sportsmen's association, Don Peoples, and Dr. Paul Rogers of Redmond, spoke briefly. Dr. Rogers reported that the Redmond-Sisters Sportsmen's association now has 171 paid up members.

GAME AUTHORITIES ADDRESS WILD LIFE CONFERENCE HERE

Bend June 11 1937
Central Oregon sportsmen gathered here last Friday night to hear nationally known wild life authorities speak on the conservation of Oregon wild life, voted to join into a district and become a unit of the state federation of sportsmen.

Approximately 100 sportsmen attended the meeting which was sponsored by the Deschutes Sportsmen's association and the Bend Chamber of Commerce. Among the speakers was Dr. Wm. F. Finley who spoke of the serious inroad on wild life as resulting from commercial activities. He cited the draining of swamp land in the Klamath Basin which destroyed thousands of migratory bird nests, and in the end was of no commercial value due to the alkali condition of the reclaimed soil. Pollution of streams by commercial activities and cities resulting in destroying of fish and game was decried by Finley who complimented Bend on the purity of the Deschutes river now becoming nationally famous as a trout stream.

Dr. L. E. Hibbard, formerly a member of the game commission, and Stanley Jewett, now with the Malheur game refuge, spoke of the bird life on the refuge and the work being done there, saying that some 220 species of birds are now found on the refuge, with a range from the Arctic circle to Argentina.

Edward Cliff outlined the program of conservation of natural resources as is being carried out by the forest service. W. J. Smith, president of the Oregon Wild Life federation, spoke on the "dollar-

and-cents" value of wild life to a community, mentioning that about \$750,000,000 are spent annually in hunting, fishing, and enjoyment of the out-of-doors.

Other speakers were Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor, who entertained the group with his film of a bear emerging from hibernation. C. W. Reynolds and V. L. Sexton, member of the state planning board, were here, and Reynolds spoke on the work that has been done by the state board. Ed F. Averill was toastmaster, being introduced by George Aitkin of Sisters. Dr. J. C. Vandeventer,