

*Hotel Peabody Hi-Lites  
March 9, 1930*

EVERYBODY SOMETIME during his life is the goat, but only William L. Finley wears horns and whiskers. Mr. Finley, who is a naturalist, author and photographer of wild life, has a lot of fun hunting with the camera. Goats are very elusive creatures and it's hard to get next to them, so Mr. Finley has to disguise himself in a goat skin when he sets out to get a picture.

Photographing lions isn't quite so much fun. Sometimes, after treeing a lion, Mr. Finley has waited all night in order to get a picture the next morning. Bull mooses are not so amiable either. Mr.

Finley tells us that he has been charged by very vicious ones. Bears are less bothersome, that is, if one is a good bluffer. All you have to do when the big whoofing female comes dashing toward you, is to "screw your courage to the sticking point" and stand still.

Mr. Finley, who is connected with the American Nature Association, Washington, D. C., was a member of the Bering Sea expedition made in conjunction with the United States government for the purpose of studying first seal colonies. This mission took him to Pribilof Island in the North Pacific, where the Bogosof volcano, referred to as "jack in the box", erupts almost continuously. This is the home of blue foxes as well as seals. Two years from now Mr. Finley will revisit this region with Count von Luckner, who is going to Alaska to hunt big game.

Mr. Finley is the author of three books; "American Birds", "Wild Animal Pets" and "Little Bird Blue". He is also contributor to Nature Magazine, the National Geographic, Century and Collier's. His nature studies appear from time to time in the rotogravure section of the New York Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley are both graduates of the University of California. Mrs. Finley will accompany her husband to Arizona in April, where they will make a study of desert birds and hunt lions and antelope. When they are not adventuring, Mr. and Mrs. Finley are

at Jennings Lodge, Oregon, a beautiful 10 acre estate on the Willamette river. Two children, a boy and a girl, are students at the University of Oregon.



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## Finley Movies of Animal Life Delight Large Gathering at Sportsmen's Club Ladies' Night

The famed moving pictures of William L. Finley, noted western naturalist, consisting of selections from thousands of feet of film taken over a period of years, were shown before an exceptionally large audience at the annual meeting and ladies' night of the Fitchburg Sportsmen's club at the Hotel Raymond last night.

He combines the skill and patience of the naturalist with the soul of the artist and his pictures are magnificent animal studies, unexcelled everywhere. His appearance last night was the result of three years' efforts by the local club to bring him to this city.

More than 300 members, their wives and guests heard the graphic account of his experiences as a "camera hunter," and were fascinated by the truly exceptional pictures.

The subject of his greatest study has been the wild animal life, birds and vegetation of the northwestern United States and Canada, centered about Glacier National park. Panoramas of peerless scenery, mountains, vales, falls and lakes were charmingly interspersed with intimate glimpses of wild animals, especially those seldom viewed by man.

The Rocky mountain goat, the big-horn, wapiti, and antelope; the ptarmagin, Franklin grouse, and other curious birds; the mountain rabbits

and squirrels are the subjects he has studied and filmed.

To a hunter or woodsman the talk is like the unfolding of a magic curtain, revealing to them scenes they have never witnessed. To one less interested they are fascinating because of their artistry and intimate glimpses of seldom-heard subjects.

Dr. Finley's talk tends toward inspiring preservation and eliminating destructiveness of wild animal life.

The address followed the annual banquet and business meeting. Thomas H. Eckfeldt, Jr., was elected president. The other officers elected are: Vice president, G. W. Farrar; secretary, I. Carlton Farwell; treasurer, William E. Lyons; directors for three years, Harry J. Tapply and Henry Foss.

Reports of the officers were accepted. According to the treasurer's report the receipts and expenses for the year were \$2241.89. The club finished the year with a balance of \$465.16 compared to the balance of \$405.96 last year.

The secretary, Mr. Farwell, reported that the club has 410 members. Twenty-six new members were taken in during the year and 41 were lost through death, removal or resignation.

The fish and game distribution committee reported on the distribution of birds, rabbits and fish during the past year.

Mr. Farrar presided. The Townsend trio played during dinner.

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## Scouts Invited to Hear Lecture On Animal Life At Woman's Club Meeting

MEMBERS of the Woman's Club extend an invitation to the local Boy Scout Troops to attend a lecture to be delivered at 8 p. m. Friday in the Springfield High School auditorium by William L. Finley of Oregon, who will tell of his adventures and show his rare animal motion pictures. Mr. Finley has a national reputation as a naturalist, author and lecturer, as well as a successful photographer of wild animal life. Three large federal wild bird reservations in Oregon stand as a record of his efforts in arousing popular interest in the conservation of our outdoor resources. He is a most fascinating speaker and his appearance will be an interesting event.

The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting. Members of the nominating committee announced its selection of officers and candidates for directors a few weeks ago. Five officers and six directors are to be elected at this time.