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Lectures Here Tonight

Kenosha, Wis.



William L. Finley, noted western naturalist and photographer, who will give an illustrated lecture on "Camera Hunting on the Continental Divide," in the Central High school auditorium this evening at 8:15 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Gilbert M. Simmons library.

Vivid Glimpses of Nature are Seen in Finley Pictures

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 Secrets of Many Shy Wild Animals Will Be Revealed in Lecture Monday Evening.

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A thousand thrills are recorded in the unparalleled scenics and exciting adventures of William L. Finley, noted western naturalist, while filming the shyest and rarest birds and mammals high among the peaks and pinnacles of the Rockies.

Unrolling through the five reels of film which will be shown here by Mr. Finley is a lecture to be given in the Central high school auditorium Monday evening at 8:15 under the sponsorship of the Gilbert M. Simmons library, is a story which vividly brings out the grandeur and beauty of the Rockies, where the scenes were filmed, and the fascination of their wild animal life.

Besides the Rocky Mountain goat, the most daring steeplejack on the continent, one meets the bighorn or mountain sheep framed among sheer cliffs, deer and wapiti in flower-filled meadows, ptarmigan or snow-grouse nesting in the heather, bears that ambled boldly into camp, marmots among the boulders and cronies or pikas, that make hay in the summertime and store little stacks under the rock-slides.

Life of Beaver

The beaver is accustomed to work only after nightfall but the secrets of his life have been revealed through the eyes of the Finley cameras, in close-up pictures of his life at home and in the act of bringing in materials and constructing a dam.

Next comes the tale of the pronghorn, the swiftest wild animal in America, roaming in greatly decreased numbers in the wide stretch of sage and sand from the base of the Rockies westward to the Cascade range. Never before have these fleet-footed animals been pictured in full action.

The chance came when a herd of antelope raced an automobile across the dry alkaline lake bed and the cameraman cranked as he careened along at forty-five miles an hour.

Intermingled with the home life of the wild folks are the striking scenes of fishing and camping in the forests and packing over high mountain passes, as well as glimpses of animal pets, tamed by the Finleys.

Arctic Animals Shown in Film by W. H. Finley

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 Adventures on Alaskan Nature Expedition Form Theme of Lecture at High School.

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The antics of a pair of bear cubs seemed to have a peculiar appeal to the audience which filled the Central High school auditorium last evening to hear the illustrated lecture given by William L. Finley. Mr. Finley who is a noted western naturalist and photographer, is the second speaker to appear here this season in connection with the adult education program of the Gilbert M. Simmons library.

In his lecture, "Wild Animal Outposts," Mr. Finley described the adventures of an expedition to study wild animal and bird life in Alaska and on islands off the coast. While the expedition, headed by himself and Campbell Church, travelled by yacht along the coast, innumerable trips by boat and canoe were made into the interior.

Background is Striking

Against a striking background of rock, river, forest and glacier were shown fascinating glimpses of the life habits of shy denizens of the country.

Scenes of the salmon fishers hauling in their tons of silvery quivering fish and of the hordes of salmon battling upstream against rapids and falls to reach their spawning grounds were also shown. Pictures of mountain sheep and bear were displayed as souvenirs of the expedition's visit to the hunting and big game country of Kenai and Kodiak.

Unimak and the strange volcanic island of Bogoslof, the Pribilof islands and McKinley national park were among the other places where the expedition made extended stays.

Seals and Sea Birds

Sea lions, the blue Arctic foxes, rock ptarmigans, caribou and many species of sea birds and their young were viewed as the pictorial account of the expedition was unrolled.

Seals in multitudes on the beaches, reminiscent of Kipling's famous story of the "White Seal," and the engaging little seal puppies proved especially appealing to the audience.

Most interesting of all, however, judging from listeners' comments, were the pet bear cubs, in their explorations in the ship's cabin, their battles over strawberry jam and dinner and in their sufferings from "mal-de-mer."

A whale hunt also was shown in the picture.

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in Illustrated Lecture

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