Wild Life Federation Leaders Speak Here

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So convincing were the appeals of these members of the Oregon Wild Life federation here last night that Umatilla county will form a branch of the state group. Above, left to right, are: Dr. William Finley, world famous naturalist; Stanley Jewett, in charge of wild life refuges in the Northwest; William J. Smith, vice-president of the federation; Ed F. Averill, president; Ed P. Cliff, of the U. S. Forest service, and Charles A. Lockwood, of the Oregon State Game commission.

Sports Folks Will Organize Wild Life Unit

Preliminary Plans Made at Conservation Meeting Last Night

Local sportsmen and women voted here last night to form a Umatilla county branch of the Oregon Wild Life federation, after hearing talks by Ed F. Averill, federation president; William Smith, vice-president; Stanley Jewitt, in charge of wild life regues in the Northwest; E. P. Cliff, U. S. Forest service and Charles P. Lockwood, of the Oregon State Game commission, all Portland conservationists.

Speaking before an audience which filled the Vert auditorium, the four representatives of the federation stressed the need for coordinated effort in conserving the wild life of Oregon.

Told of Double Value

Averill, speaking not only from the standpoint of one who loves the out-of-doors, but also of a business man, said that last year tourists spent 35 million dollars in Oregon, 10 million more than in 1935.

"It's Oregon's wild life that attracts the visitor," he said.

Empowered to appoint an organization committee for the county branch of the federation, Averill named Walter Holt, county agent, chairman, and the following, representing various groups, to serve with him: Mac Hoke, county agriculturalist; Dick Averill, schools; H. W. Dickson, Pendleton Chamber of Commerce; Claude Hanscom, granges; William Claterbos, Boy Scouts; W. D. Humphrey, Pendleton Hunters and Anglers club; Miss Kathleen McClintock, Pendleton Woman's club; J. R. Erwin and George Carnes, Pilot Rock, and Roy Hale, Hermiston, sporsmen ouside of Pendleton.

Showed Wild Life Movies

The strange and endearing ways of wild things, as recorded by the camera of Dr. William F. Finley, world famed naturalist, were revealed in motion pictures which showed with what infiniate patience, understanding and skill he had "camera-hunted" birds and animals.

He pointed out that animals, alive, are more valuable than when dead, and cited the dams built by beavers.

"The skin of this beaver," he said, as an enterprising dam-maker flashed on the screen, "is worth about $10. Alive, I should judge, he's worth $200. I know of no animal more valuable to man than the beaver."

Stresses Conservation

Of the scarcity of ducks and geese he remarked that one of the greatest reasons for this is destruction of their breeding places. He blamed pollution of streams for lack of fish, and declared that measures must be taken to avert this evil.

His pictures included those of the water ouzel, bears, beavers, bighorn sheep, hoary marmots, chipmunks, ground squirrels, gray jays, Clark's crow, coney whistling hare, antelope, trout, horned owl, screech owl, baby jackrabbits, sage grouse, antelope, hawks and kangaroo rats.

W. D. Humphrey, secretary of the hunters and anglers club, opened the meeting. Averill was chairman.