

## Animals Tell Own Story In Pictures

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An ardent advocate for preservation of wildlife and conservation of wilderness areas, Wendell Chapman, young American naturalist-photographer, who appeared on the Town Hall program at the Masonic temple with his illustrated lecture, "Wildlife in the Rockies," this morning, lets the animals speak for themselves through intimate close-up shots of them at work.

"They tell their story in pictures more effectively than I can do it in words. If everybody could see animals in their native haunts as we (Mrs. Chapman and himself) have seen them, there would be no problem in conservation.

### Requires Patience

"I used to hunt, but now I never carry a gun—don't even own a gun."

Chapman admitted that "camera hunting" requires a lot of patience, "but not half so much as beating a trail to and from an office every day.

"Patience is a matter of viewpoint. If you are doing something you like to do, time doesn't drag."

Chapman is an admirer of Portland's own Will Finley and said that Finley's lectures while he was still a student at the University of California were instrumental in getting him started in this type of work.

### Plan Didn't Work

"Finley has done as fine work in conservation as anyone else in the country. His integrity in presenting facts has not been approached by anyone."

Queried about the place of predatory animals in the balance of nature, Chapman said that the only predators which have exterminated anything are human beings. "Wolves, cougars, hawks have never exterminated any species."

He cited an instance where sportsmen trapped all the otter, thought to be heavy fish eaters, out of a certain section to improve fishing. It developed that extermination of the otter, which also feed heavily on crawfish, resulted in rapid multiplication of crawfish, which eat the same food as small fry fish. The fish were starved out to the point where they were fewer in number than before.

### Fine Water Helps

Portland's fine water supply can be attributed to a wilderness area in the back country, Chapman said. In the East and Midwest where the country has been overdeveloped, water is so contaminated it has to be treated with chlorine, "and it tastes foul," he said.

Chapman expects to begin a year-and-a-half expedition for the National Geographic society about March 1. A 50-page account of his latest trip will appear in the June or July issue of the magazine.

## Naturalist To Address AIEE Group

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### William L. Finley Will Talk On Big Game At High School Tuesday Night

William L. Finley, American naturalist, photographer, and author will speak on the A. I. E. E. popular lecture program at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the High School Auditorium. His subject will be "The Big Game Parade."

Mr. Finley's talk will be supplemented by motion pictures of mountain sheep, bear and caribou taken in the wilderness of British Columbia and Alaska. Other pictures will show mountain lions in the wilder sections of Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. Finley has spent 30 years camping from Alaska to Mexico and has collected what is considered the greatest photographic record of wild life ever made. Three large federal wild bird reservations and several state refuges in Oregon, stand as a record of Mr. Finley's efforts in arousing popular interest in preserving outdoor resources. Like Julien Bryan, previous speaker on the A. I. E. E. program, Mr. Finley has shown his films at the White House before the President of the United States and before heads of the biological survey.

There will be an informal dinner at 6:30 p. m. at the Stanley Club to honor the speaker.