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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ask any business man how many seasons there are in a year and he will most likely answer: "Just two, slack and busy." So it is with CFFA. Winter and Spring keeps us busiest with fly tying schools, the fly fishing school, and participation in sportmen's or fishing shows, in addition to the regular activities associated with monthly programs, committee work, LINES AND LEADERS, and director's meetings.

Ditto most of the above for the Eastern Council of CFFA and you still haven't included all of our activities. Two major items are the Willimantic River Project which is underway, and the Farmington River Valley Day (Clean-up) scheduled for this fall. On top of this, CFFA has been asked to assist with the Connecticut Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Camp this summer, as well as provide fly tying instruction as "hobby-therapy" for some of our senior citizens in residence at a local rest home.

Yes, CFFA is ACTIVE. But, what is more encouraging is that MORE OF CFFA is active. Members aren't waiting to be asked to help, they're stepping forward. Even some of the "old-timers" who have served CFFA previously as chairmen or officers are getting active again. With all of our activities, however, we still need more help to lighten the load.

Ralph Waldo Emerson is quoted as saying: "Thought is the seed of action." Well, CFFA has sown a lot of seeds, and for those seeds to germinate and grow healthy, they need, as every backyard gardener knows, a lot of personal attention. The more members who pitch in to help, even on an occasional basis, the more we will all reap when harvesting season arrives. If you volunteered to serve on a committee

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A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

It's March 17th, snowing to beat hell, and fishing season is only a month away. We may be fishing with ice in our line guides, but such are the trials and tribulations of the sportsman.

As you can see from the contents of this issue, April is an active month. An epidemic of Spring Fever has been predicted and CFFA wants to harness some of that energy and use it at the various projects or events.

The only strenuous work comes on April 11 at the Work outing on the Willimantic. Actually, the heavy work has been completed and it should be all downhill from here. Or is that downstream.

Over 30 members turned out for the first work session on February 29th, did an enormous amount of work, and had a ball. Those who stayed on their toes managed to tap the beer wagon as it came by.

Some unusual sights were also spotted toward the end of the day. Such as your now infamous President, Ken Parkany, swinging through the trees on the shoulders of Ron Zawoysky.

Three or four members took advantage of the unseasonably warm Leap Day and did some afternoon fishing. This wasn't illegal, since February 29th was the last day of Connecticut's fishing season.

So plan on coming out Sunday morning, April 11th, and working up a little appetite. Then pick up the family and satisfy that appetite at the Annual outing. Details are in this newsletter.

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Editor: Don Johnston

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Annual CFFA Outing

PROGRAM: The Annual CFFA Outing

WHERE: Blast and Cast Sportsmen's Club

WHEN: Sunday, April 11, 1976

TIME: 12 noon until 6 p.m.

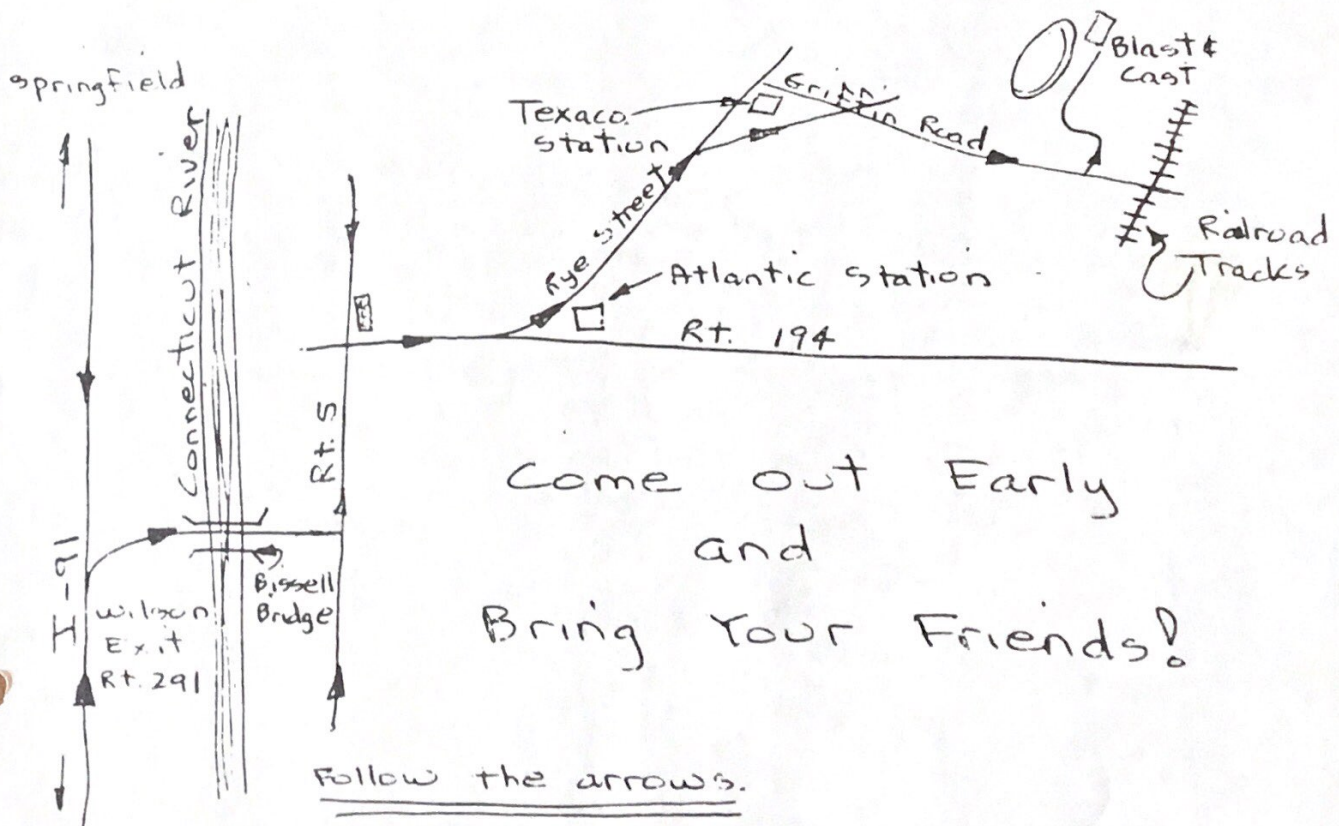
CFFA welcomes everyone to its annual Fish for Fun Spring Outing. This is your chance to tune up your fishing skills before the start of the 1976 season. Fly Fishing only will be allowed in the Blast and Cast Trout pond on a catch and release basis using barbless hooks (you must pinch the barb).

Plan on having lunch at the club as several CFFA master chefs will be on hand in the kitchen preparing food and refreshments including hot dogs, hamburgs, soda, coffee, beer and much more.

The afternoon will be filled with fly tying instructions and demonstrations; casting instructions for both beginner and intermediates; fly casting games (prizes awarded); and as always, door prizes for lucky winners.

Plan on bringing the whole family and guests for a fun filled day beside a lovely lodge and trout pond, rain or shine.

Map to Blast & Cast



Come out Early
and
Bring Your Friends!

Follow the arrows.

Hartford

Notes from Eastern Council of CFFA

ECCFFA April Meeting - SHAD SPECIAL!

WHEN: Wednesday evening, April 21st

Fly tying & Fishing gab at 6:45, Main Program at 7:30

WHERE: Mansfield Middle School, Storrs.

WHO: THE SHAD EXPERTS: Cole Wilde, DEP, our own Jim May, fly rod shadder, and our own shad fly tiers.

WHAT: film and discussion on fishing for SHAD*THE POOR MAN'S SALMON, with question and answer session following.

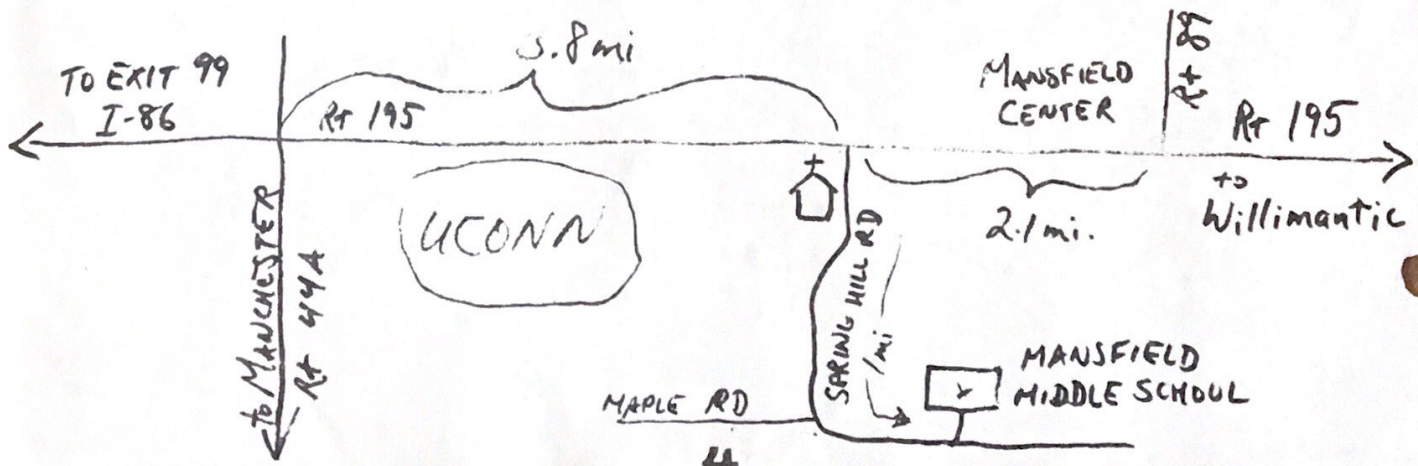
NOTE: Since this is the first week of fishing season, it'll be a great chance to compare notes on where the fish are and what they're taking. For anyone who's interested, we'll also have state fish stocking reports and pond and lake surveys for your examination.

Minimum enrollment was received for our Saturday fly-tying classes at the Mansfield Middle School. We'll be running classes again in the future but would appreciate suggestions or scheduling or changes that'll give us a bigger enrollment. A very special thanks is due to member Ray Gorsky of Ray's Tackle Shop in Manchester, who again donated not only all of the material for our classes, but also use of all necessary equipment.

At this time of year, looking back on a worthwhile season of programs in which many people helped in many special ways, it seems appropriate to single some out for a special thanks. Joe Garman put on a tremendous program for us in the fall (Fishing in Labrador) just before his illness, and we're all glad to hear that he's up and about again, and we hope to see him on the streams, or at least casting behind his Manchester shop real soon. Catherine Erey has been there to record our efforts at the work outings and help with the work, and we appreciate that. Jerry Beaulieu gave an especially interesting presentation on trolling gear and methods at our pond and lake fishing program, and at the same program Dr. Ellis and his friend Joe Liquir of the Limestone Trout Club had a long drive across the state, on short notice, to show us some fine films. And thanks to Jim May, who we'll see at the April meeting, for volunteering when needed to talk about the poor man's salmon.

We also have three people from the Town of Mansfield to thank for their fine cooperation through the year. Bill Eckert and Holly, his girl Friday at Mansfield Community Education and Recreation, and Ernie Partridge, head custodian at the Mansfield Middle School, have always been there when we have needed them.

THANKS! To all of these people who've given of their special talents, and to the many more unnamed who are always picking up the loose ends, thanks.



Date: February 25, 1976

From: Ken Parkany, President



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

To : All Interested Fly Fishermen

Re : The Willimantic River Project

Unlike much of the news we read about today, the Willimantic River in eastern Connecticut is clean-flowing testimony that all of the world has not gone to hell in a basket. The Willi is one of those rare encouraging accounts of a river come back to life. Clean water law enforcement can and does work, and the benefits to the fishermen of such enforcement can be found in the enclosed article entitled, "Return of the Willi".

But, what has all of this got to do with you? Well, the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association and its Eastern Council is currently working under the direction of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, to improve the access areas to the river. Since the state resumed stocking in 1973, the fishing pressure has been increasing gradually. The old neglected trails have limited some of the best areas of the stream to all but a few diehards. CFFA is actively working to change that situation.

As a means of promoting the fishing potential of the Willimantic, we invite you to join us in a FLY FISHING OUTING on the "fly only, catch and release" area (from Rt. 44 bridge upstream two miles to the mouth of Roaring Brook) on Sunday, May 23, 1976, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to state stocked fish, CFFA will be stocking an additional 2000 brown trout, including many up to four pounds in size. Also, the larger fish (2 - 4 lbs) will be specially tagged by CFFA. These tags should be carefully removed before releasing the fish and redeemed for valuable prizes (i.e., fly fishing equipment, gift certificates, etc.). CFFA members will be present to serve as guides on the river. Maps, showing access areas and "hot spots", will also be available. CFFA will set up headquarters for distributing maps and redeeming tags in Nye Holeman State Forest. Take Exit 100 off I-86/Rt 15 East onto Rt 44. Drive 1/2 mile east on Rt 44 to State Forest entrance on the left.

We encourage anyone interested in helping to join us in our work outings. I have enclosed an itinerary leading up to the "Big" event in May. Your support will be for your own benefit as well as for all fly fishermen.

Remember, that usage of the special regulated area on the Willi will be a prime factor in determining whether additional "catch and release" areas are established, perhaps, on rivers closer to your home. So, even if you can not make the outing on the 23rd, give the Willi a try some other time. See for yourself that clean water can have a "quality bonus", and

Good luck astream,

Ken Parkany

Ken Parkany, President

Work Outing

APRIL 11, 1976

Meet at 9 a.m. at Nye Holman State Forest, exit 100 off I-86/Rt. 15 onto Rt. 44, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east on Rt. 44, entrance to state forest on left before crossing bridge. OBJECTIVE is to cut and clear brush, widen existing trails to improve access to the river. BRING bow saws, loppers, hedge clippers, chain saws (no axes or machetes), mattocks, picks and shovels. Liquid refreshment provided. (See Map on page 7)

A Note from TU

Trout Unlimited has asked for help in supporting the Atlantic salmon hatchery in Bethel, Vermont.

According to experts, approximately 1 million Atlantic salmon smolts should be released in the Connecticut River each year in order to obtain a projected 40,000 adult annual run. Over the past decade, an average of perhaps 50,000 smolts have been stocked in the river annually - a drop in the bucket. The real solution to the problem of being able to pump only a fraction of the fish necessary into the system is the completion of the \$4 million Atlantic salmon hatchery and rearing facility now under construction on the White River in Bethel, Vermont.

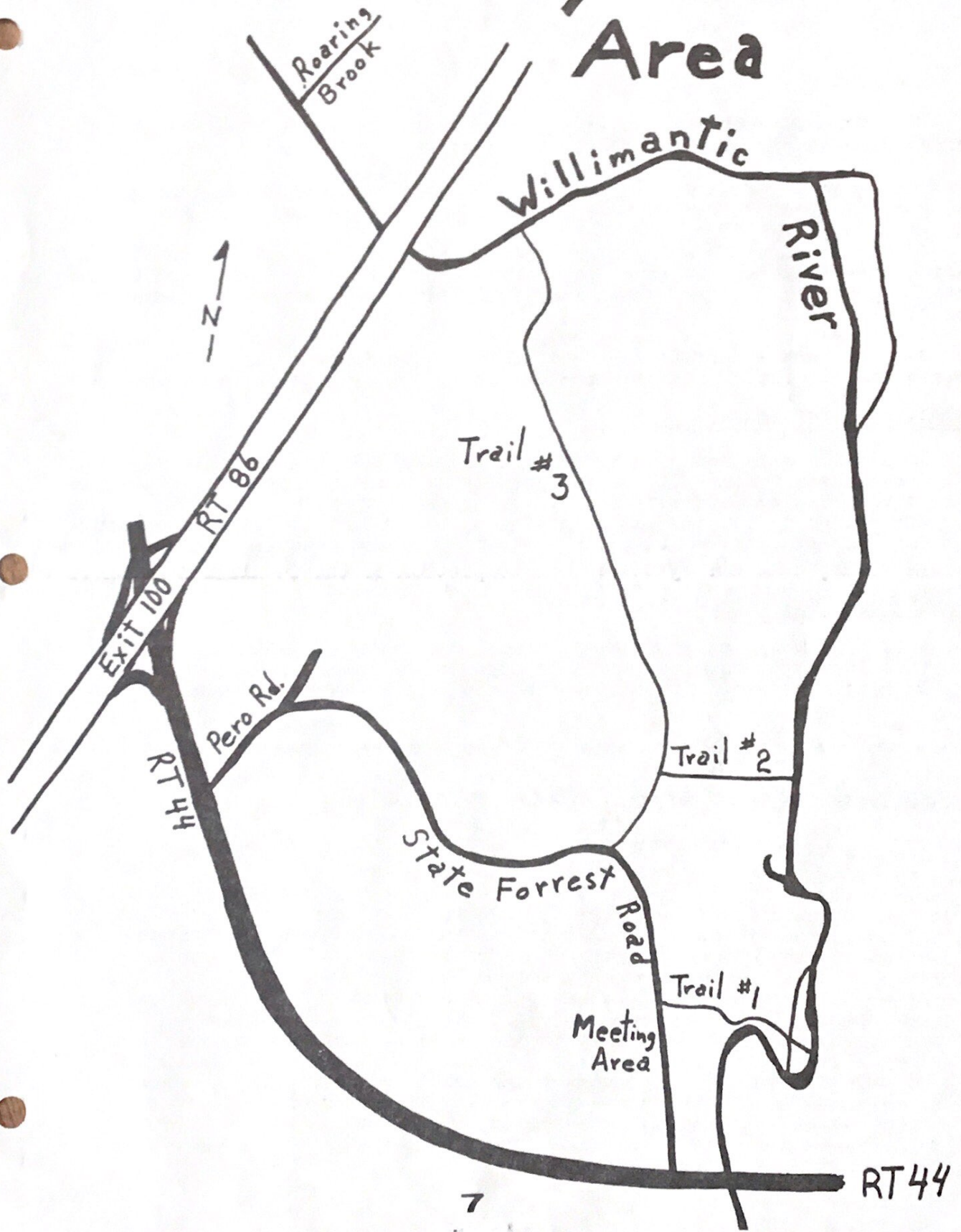
PROBLEM: We've run into a real snag which could possibly delay the project at best, and at worst cause the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife to modify the hatchery's size to cope with less-than-anticipated funding. Of the \$500,000 requested for this coming year's construction work on the facility, the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations has cut \$200,00 off the top! The committee is chaired by Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia. If this money is not restored, the 1980 completion date set for the Bethel hatchery seems unlikely.

WHAT WE CAN DO: Please bring this matter to the attention of your members at your next meeting or by mail. Urge them to write their U.S. Senators immediately, requesting that they use their influence and restore the \$200,000 to the appropriation through the Supplemental Appropriations Bill. If we can convince a majority of the New England delegation of the situation's urgency, there is a good chance funding will be restored and work on the vital salmon hatchery will continue at its present pace.

Remember not to use Trout Unlimited's name in letters you write as individuals. Explain what the Bethel hatchery will mean to the salmon restoration efforts made to date, and what the restoration of salar to the longest river in New England will do for our region in terms of economic, recreational and aesthetic benefits.

The future of the Atlantic salmon in New England will be brighter for our efforts!

Willi Fly - No Kill Area



Legislative Action

by Don Johnston

The Connecticut State Legislature is currently considering three bills which will affect all CFFA members and sportsmen alike.

Vin Ringrose, chairman of the CFFA Legislative Committee, stood before the general membership meeting and asked for one "yea" and two "nays."

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "The heedless majority is unable to defend itself against an able and instructed minority." By the end of this article you will be "instructed" and for the price of a couple of stamps you'll be "able."

Sit down NOW and write a letter to your State Senator and State Representative supporting or opposing the following bills accordingly:

OPPOSE S.B. 156 (Senate Bill)

This bill is intended to revert all revenue from the Boating Fund into the General Fund. All boating and marina fees are currently deposited in the Boating Fund and used by the Department of Environmental Protection to improve and maintain boating and marinas in Connecticut. The bill proposed would use the revenue for the general budget. Defeat it.

OPPOSE H.B. 5087 (House Bill)

This bill would raise hunting, fishing, camping and boating fees by 50%. This increase, however, would be put into the General Fund. Under current statutes, all fees of this nature are channeled back thru the

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Notes from the BOD Meeting

Balance as of 2-29-1976 was 4853.09.....Beginners fly tying school started by Eastern Council of CFFA. About 125 people at the meeting featuring Paul Kukonen.....Next Eastern Council meeting to feature Don Jones on the Future of the Atlantic Salmon.... Successful work outing was held on the Willimantic and three more are planned. CFFA trout will go in the Willi. Farmington River Clean-up day probable for September.... Warden's pension bill may be jepordized by CSEA's action.....March program to feature the DEP.....Membership is currently at 210-slightly ahead of 1975.....CFFA beginners fly tying school is completed and was very successful. Advanced fly tying school is still in progress. The Fly Fishing School will open soon and enrollment at this time is poor compared to past years....Banquet was attended by 171 people and over 1000 raffle tickets were sold. Meal, service, and speaker were excellent. Proceeds are down from years past due to increased expenses....Committee chairmen again urged to approach people on a one to one basis at the general meetings to get better general member participation in CFFA activities..... CFFA to affiliate this year with FFF and CWA.....Next directors meeting to be April 7.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION (Continued)

DEP for fish management programs, campsite maintenance, etc. In short, under current law, the sportsmen who pay the fees benefit directly by them. This bill and the previous bill would both mean a decrease in the funds available to fishing, wildlife, and the outdoors. Defeat it.

SUPPORT H.B. 5099 (House Bill)

This bill would award retirement and pension benefits to all Conservation Officers (better known as Game Wardens -- ed.) in the Department of Environmental Protection. These benefits would be the same as those received by Connecticut State Policemen. These Conservation Officers face dangers similar to those of State Policemen, especially when trying to apprehend Jack-lighters, and should be awarded benefits accordingly. Support this bill.

A note of caution here, however. The various state employee unions are supporting an amendment which would include all DEP workers. This would swell the number of those eligible from 40 to over 250. CFFA is not in favor of this.

WRITE NOW

If you don't have the name or address of your officials, contact Vin Ringrose at 828-4642. If he's not home, leave a message about what you need and he'll get back to you. In any event, sit down and write those letters. Remember, "Fish don't vote, Fishermen do!"

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Continued from page 1)

and haven't been contacted OR would like to participate in an upcoming activity, (i.e. April 11 outing or May 23 Willimantic outing), call one of the following:

Rich Colo: V.P. Activities, 668-0425; My Schulman: V.P. Environment, 289-7803; Joe D'Addario: V.P. Promotion, 568-5035; Ken Parkany: Pres., 643-9819; or Tony Lolli: Eastern Council Ch., 429-6656.

Speaking of active members, you'll recall that we honored John Cannata with the Ted Barbieri Achievement Award. CFFA would also like to thank Ray Gorsky, of Ray's Tackle Shop of Manchester, for donating the award - a 16 compartment Wheatley fly box and the cost of the engraving.

As these words go to print we're less than a month away from opening day here in Connecticut. Some of you will be getting a jump on others by travelling to New York and Vermont, whose seasons open earlier. I'd like to extend my best wishes to all of you for a great angling season and always

GOOD LUCK ASTREAM,
Ken Parkany, President



**EASTERN COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN**

March 9, 1976

Dear Fellow Angler:

Mark your calendar for June 4th, 5th & 6th. It's our 2nd Annual Conclave and every Who's Who in Fly Fishing will be at The Campbell Inn in Roscoe, N. Y. to fish the magnificent Beaverkill and Willowemoc amid the splendor of the Catskills and during the hatch of the Green Drakes.

This year there will be no registration fee. Just pay for your hotel and your meals and The Federation of Fly Fishermen, Eastern Council will provide a full program of events.

BILL ADAMS of Eastern Jersey Trout Unlimited is assembling a renown group for continuous fly tying demonstration.

LOU TABORY from Scientific Anglers will direct an intensive fly casting program.

WALTER KAUFMAN of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers will gather all the fabulous prizes for the conservation drawing.

The inimitable Walter will also allocate all Exhibitor spaces and will provide us with a vast display of fine rods, fine books and all the latest products.

It is the "Not To Be Missed" affair on the east coast. Any annoyances that you might have had last year such as seating arrangements and check out delays have been eliminated. You will be completely free to seat yourself at any table with any of your friends and there will be no check out at all, you can leave at any time. You may choose any or all meals and accommodation on the enclosed schedule in any combination you desire. The Sunday cook-out will stagger your imagination and the full weekend package is a bargain.

We would like to see everybody at the Banquet to share a truly memorable evening with our prominent guests and to enjoy our key-note speaker the incomparable "LEFTY" KREH.

It's a great occasion for good fellowship, to mingle with all the fishing greats and help The Federation of Fly Fishermen to grow, and to pursue your goals of "CLEANER WATER - BRIGHTER STREAMS".

Sincerely,

LOU ROSSI, Chairman
Eastern Council, Federation of Fly Fishermen

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FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN EASTERN COUNCIL CONCLAVE

June 4th, 5th & 6th, 1976

Rates include 15% gratuities and all applicable taxes.

FRIDAY NIGHT Continuous Buffet Dinner from 7:00 to 9:30 P. M.	\$ 6.50
SATURDAY BREAKFAST 7:30 to 9:30 A. M.	\$ 3.50
SATURDAY LUNCH Full Service 12:30 to 1:45 P. M.	\$ 5.00
BOX LUNCH Each	\$ 3.00
SATURDAY NIGHT:	
Happy Hour 6:00 to 7:30 P. M.	
Banquet 8:00 P. M. This will be a full course dinner with roast prime ribs of beef. <u>Price includes Happy Hour and all festivities.</u>	\$16.50
SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7:30 to 9:30 A. M.	\$ 3.50
SUNDAY LUNCH:	
Cookout Barbecue at 12:00 Noon, same as last year with beer, clams, spare ribs, chicken, etc., etc.	\$ 9.00
ROOMS SLEEPING ONLY:	
With running water, per person per night	\$ 6.00
With private bath, per person per night	\$ 9.00
SPECIAL TWO DAY PACKAGE PLAN:	
All meals and room with running water, per person	\$52.00
All meals and room with private bath, per person	\$58.00

All mixed drinks at the bar will be priced at \$1.50 each, beer will be \$.85 each.

NO TIPS NO TAXES NO EXTRA COSTS

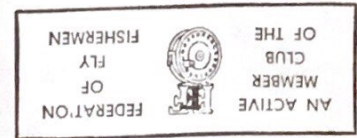
Please circle the price of the meals that you desire and send this sheet and your check for the full amount to THE CAMPBELL INN, Roscoe, N. Y. (Dinner tickets will be issued at check in time)

NAME and ADDRESS:

ENCLOSED FIND CHECK FOR:

All reservations must be prepaid in full. Cancellation deadline, May 26th.
Please make a copy of this reservation for your records.

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APRIL 1976 CALENDAR

- April 7 Board of Director's Meeting
- April 11 Work Outing on the Willimantic, see page 6
- April 11 Annual CFFA Spring Outing, see page 3
- April 17 Connecticut Fishing Season Opens
- April 21 Advanced Fly Tying Class
- April 26 Conservation Committee Meeting
- April 28 Eastern Council CFFA Meeting, see page 4

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COMING EVENTS

- May 12 Regular Meeting Featuring Doug Swisher
- May 16 Guide Meeting on the Willimantic
- May 23 Fly Fishing Outing on the Willimantic
- June 5-6 FFF Eastern Council Conclave

