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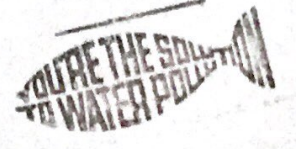
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MEMBERS!!

by Walt Stachura,
Membership Chairman

Many times we ask ourselves, "What is an effective organization?" Most often the answer to this question is, "an organization that is comprised of energetic and conscientious people". But in essence, to be continually effective; an organization has to be large and must experience continuous growth in its membership so that it contains numerous "effective" people.

Just where does CFFA fall? We most certainly have energetic people, and we certainly have conscientious people, -- but, we are not as large as our requirements demand us to be. Our committees just cannot rely on the same earnest and reliable people to show up over and over again. This is just not fair, and at times causes projects to fall short of expectations because there are just not enough people.

What is the solution? The answer is obvious, -- we must increase our CFFA membership. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find



two new membership brochures, and it is hoped that everyone will be of great service and solicit, and sign up two new members. It is not as difficult as it may sound. I am sure that most of you have many friends or

acquaintances who share your interests. It is surprising how often casual conversation will turn up an interested individual.

CFFA currently has almost two hundred (200) members, but to satisfactorily accomplish the numerous projects that require and demand attention throughout the state; we must increase our membership rapidly, and preferably within the next sixty (60) days. So, let's go all out and bring those new members into the most active non-profit fishermen's or sportsmen's organization within the boundaries of the State of Connecticut.

We need your immediate assistance to swell our membership ranks; so let's get the enclosed brochures to your prospective members!

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Most fishermen when walking from cars or from one spot to another, carry their rods tip-first. If they stumble, the rod tip often digs into the ground and "snacapppp!" Also, a rod carried tip-first tends to catch in limbs and brush, or the line and the attached lure will snag.

Best way to carry any rod is butt-first. If you trip and fall forward the rod is safely behind you and cannot be broken. Moreover neither the rod, line or lure will foul on leaves, limbs, etc.

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In the very near future, the CFFA Newsletter will be published on a periodic scheduled basis. We encourage and urge all members to forward letters and articles relating to Fly Fishing and Fly Tying, fresh-water and salt-water; or articles of interest covering other types or forms of fishing, for possible publication in future issues of our Newsletter.....Address all mail and material for possible publication to Editor, CFFA Newsletter, PO Box 42, Windsor Locks, Conn. 06096.

WANTED

We are in need of members who desire to serve on a committee to generate ideas for fund-raising and handle the activities concerned with fund-raising. Anyone desiring to serve on this committee, please contact a member of the Board of Directors as soon as possible. If you have ideas on this subject, we would like your help....Make your contact soon!!!!

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CFFA Regular membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September thru May, 6:30 PM Fly Tying Clinic, 7:30 PM Regular Meeting. These meetings are held in the Downstair Auditorium in the Federal Savings & Loan, Downtown Windsor, Main & Broad Streets, Windsor, Connecticut.....Officers & Board of Directors meet on the first Wednesday of each month thru-out the year.
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CONTEST

We are searching for an appropriate name for our CFFA Newsletter; therefore, a Newsletter Name Contest goes into effect immediately, and will expire November 1st, 1970. Some suggestions have been: Random Casts, Angler's Creel, Fly Lines, etc....these are some examples.....We desire to utilize a name that would impart a dual meaning, -- it should refer to some form of fishing, fishing equipment, or fishing terminology, and should also infer the embodiment of news, lines, or newspaper. For instance, "Random Casts", a newsletter title employed by another organization is a typical example; --as one can "cast at random" fishing-wise, -- and one can have a group of newsworthy items, which could be termed as "random casts" for print. MAIL YOUR ENTRY TO CFFA NEWSLETTER, PO BOX 42, WINDSOR LOCKS, CONN. 06096.....REMEMBER.....CONTEST ENDS ON MIDNIGHT, NOVEMBER 1, 1970.....if name selected is identical to other submittals.....earliest postmark will determine winner....WINNER WILL HAVE CHOICE OF PFLUEGER #1495 FLY REEL OR A UNIVERSAL ROTARY FLY TYING VISE.....SO HURRY,.....SEND YOUR SELECTION(S) NOW !!!!!!!

OF INTEREST

At the CFFA Board of Director's June meeting, the following resolution,.....relative to members selling and displaying merchandise at member's meetings,.....was adopted -- "Any Club member may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, arrange for a display and/or sale of sporting equipment that would be of interest to the membership at a general meeting. Requests may be made to any member of the Board of Directors, either verbally or in writing, prior to the 1st Wednesday of any month to enable the Board to discuss and vote on the request at the monthly Board of Director's meeting. The Program Chairman will coordinate details of approved requests."

Matching the Hatch

Wild trout eat insects, crustaceans, salmon eggs, worms and little fishes. Therefore they are properly angled for with those natural baits or with the flies, spinners, plugs and other lures that imitate them. But when was the last time you caught a wild trout? Or even saw one? Only those few fishermen who go a long way uphill, or Up North, get into wild trout. Almost all trout fishermen fish for hatchery trout.

And what do hatchery trout eat? They eat Purina Trout Chow, or Country Best's Strike brand feed, or Glencoe Mills' fish pellets, and similar products. And what are they fished for with? Why with natural or imitation insects, crustaceans, salmon spawn, worms and little fishes. No wonder some recent experiments by fisheries biologists indicate that many trout simply go uncaught, eventually to die of winter-kill, arteriosclerosis or ennui.

Though there are various schools of fly tying and lure making---exact imitation, generic, impressionist, even surreal---they have in common that they begin with the natural. The time has come for anglers who pursue hatchery trout to do likewise. The natural trout pellet looks rather like bread croutons, or dry dog food scaled down for smaller mouths. There should be no great problem in imitating this natural: clipped deer body hair, cork, and plastic injection molding will all do admirably.....Now, let us consider presentation. Anglers for wild trout make at least a cursory obeisance to camouflage. They wear dun, dull garb and trust they will go unnoticed. But hatchery trout receive their food not as the reward of cautious hunting but as largesse distributed from an overhead aluminum hopper.....Fancy then a hatchery trout who has been rudely removed from his temperature-controlled, civilized environment and tossed into a stream. He is surrounded by barbarians who eat living food that wriggles and squirms as they squash it to death (ecch!). The humans that approach now offer him the same fare or simulations of it. They sneak up behind him as if--justly--ashamed of such shabby treatment. Like a gentleman lost up the Orinoco, he can only survive by enduring a grisly life-style in hope that one day he will return to La Caravelle and order a decent bottle of Mouton-Rothschild.....The rational, logical hatchery-trout angler approaches such fish in a suit rather like that worn by Jack Haley while playing the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz. He drums his fingers on his breatplate to emulate the sound of pellets dribbling down a hopper. Then he casts a brace of cork croutons upon the water...and down below a happy hatchery trout cries, "Soul food!" ---by Keith Gardner, July Fishing World.



From the

President's Desk

The President's message traditionally is one of encouragement and inspiration. However, without attempting to be a "Gloomy Gus", I want to take this opportunity to alert the membership to what I fear may be early trouble signs within the association.

We are now nearing a total membership of nearly 200. Understanding that many new members join with no intention of ever doing more than paying dues, it still is frustrating to see so very few new members turning out to work on any of our committees or work projects. A case in point is our recent Sunday brush-cutting day along the Farmington River. We had a meager turnout of some of the same "old faithful" group of workers that have been doing most of the work for the past two years.

What CFFA has accomplished thus far, --what has set us apart from most other groups in the state, has been a willingness to work hard and unselfishly on projects benefitting all fishermen.

The ever increasing cooperation and liason with the Board of Fish and Game has developed out of this feeling of mutual respect and appreciation. If this is to flourish, we have to keep producing.

Our membership has not been deprived fringe benefits, I might add. Our fine little private pond in Somers has produced excellent fishing for dozens of our members, even if the trophy fish has so far eluded capture.

We are in the process of being given another private brook trout pond in Chaplin if we are only willing to work helping to clean it up, ----small price to pay for what promises to be a superb facility.

Your program committee is planning a fantastically interesting series of monthly meetings and outings with a good possibility of a chance to fish the fabulous Henryville water on a fall outing.

We are entering into an election year. Those of you who might not be able to help on outdoor projects can help CFFA greatly by contacting your local representatives to the State Legislature and their opponents to, -- feel them out on conservation in general, and minimum flow laws in particular.

Our big legislative project in the next session, in support of the Board of Fish and Game, will deal with minimum flow regulations to protect our streams. Those politicians that are for such regulations should be identified long before election day.

Our Gubernatorial candidates should also be listened to closely with respect to their conservation interests, and CFFA members should be vocal in support of the one who seems to be most attuned to the times.

In the same vein, the present Board of Commissioners of Fish and

Game (all fine dedicated men who serve salary-free), is constituted so as to have a voting majority (3-2) that is generally unsympathetic to fly fishermen, and has gone on record as being opposed to any new special regulations such as new fly-fishing areas, trophy fishing, catch and release, etc., as being discriminatory and too difficult to enforce.

These three "conservative" Commissioners are all Democrats, appointed by a Democratic Governor, and two of them will be up for re-appointment during the next four years. Things being what they are, a Democratic Governor, even as fine a conservationist as Mr. Daddario, will undoubtedly re-appoint them. A Republican Governor would replace them with men from his own party. These replacements might be lesser men, but they might also be more open-minded, --something to consider in the overall picture when making your gubernatorial choice in the fall.

CFFA made a proposal at the recent hearings on regulations for 1971 that endorsed a Bristol Fish and Game resolution to re-establish a fly-fishing area on the West Branch of the Farmington. Our proposal was to create an area of equal length in the same general area which would exclude fly fishermen, and give the bait and spin fishermen at long last a place of their own. The Board turned it down, but we are hoping that they will reconsider in the future, whoever the Commissioners might be.

What we really want is to make fishing better for all fishermen, and we firmly believe that special regulations, intelligently applied in certain areas, are a big step in the right direction. You can help by doing your part to see that the best men sit in the high places in Hartford.

Last, but not least, don't forget our experimental stretch of the Jeremys.



Water is now low and clear, and hatches are slowing down. This is the time for terrestrials on long fine tippets.

Yours truly has had excellent sport recently trying to stalk the shy, skittish browns in their feeding places. Get down and try for them, and get a look at the beautiful Hewitt dam we built this year, with the two excellent pools -- one below and one above the dam.

There are nine lunker browns at large in the two-mile stretch, and none has been caught as yet. Give them a try, and don't forget to fill out a report card, -- we need statistics!

Don't wait for "George to do it" on any of our outdoor or indoor activities.

Apathy is a deadly Cancer that can erode even the most vital organization.....

Tight lines !

Vin Ringrose
PRESIDENT



A PAGE FROM A FLY FISHERMAN'S DIARY

by Karl J. Van Valkenburgh



When I began keeping a fishing diary some years ago, I entertained high hopes of its becoming the repository of enviable records of high piscatorial achievement. As I look at that diary today, however, the strong suspicion arises that the weight of its pages exceeds that of the catches they record. Indeed, after reviewing these accounts of my days astream, one is forced to the conclusion that there must be more to fly-fishing than catching fish.

Well, there's a lot more to it. For openers, take the people you meet. The following entry describes two of the most memorable hours I've spent pursuing the delightful hobby that we all share:

"Monday, January 10, 1966—This was a day to remember. I had driven to Albany, N.Y. on business and decided to return to Connecticut via Highland Mills, N.Y. in the hope that I might meet the famous rod-maker, Jim Payne, and visit his rod factory.

It was getting dark when I arrived at the little village that for two generations has been the home of the Payne rod. A townsman directed me to a small dilapidated one-story frame building. There was no sign to identify it, and it appeared vacant, except for a single light glowing dimly through a cob-webby window.

As I entered, the pungent odor of varnish and glue confirmed that I had arrived at my destination.

To my right, the open door of a small office cast a shaft of yellow light across the darkened entrance hall. I stepped in, and there, sitting at a roll-top desk was an old man. His face was Dickensian, with ruddy cheeks, wispy white hair, a strong nose, and a large smiling mouth. His blue eyes sparkled over steel-rimmed spectacles. As he rose from his desk, I could see that he was tall and spare. His hands were large, muscular, and capable, and he wore his faded blue overalls and loose short-sleeved shirt with an air of simple dignity.

It was Jim Payne, of course, and he seemed pleased when I told him why I'd come. His manner was easy and unaffected, and the conversation soon flowed as though we had known each other for years. He reminisced about fishing with Hendrickson on the "Big Beaver-Kill" and the fabulous catches they made there in the early 1900's; the history of rod-making; the great craftsmen in bamboo like Leonard, Edwards, and Thomas; the casting technique of Ted Trueblood (a beautiful high backcast); the difficulty in getting good bamboo; the impossibility of finding young men these days willing to learn the rod-building art; of his boyhood days—fishing and hunting in the stream and hills around Highland Mills; of politics; and taxes; the weather; his illustrious father and on and on in a fascinating monologue.

His voice was strong and he spoke with a whimsical smile—even when complaining of something that didn't suit him. He is 72 years old, has three daughters, and a number of grandchildren. When I asked him how his father happened to come to Highland Mills, he said that when Hiram Leonard left Maine, he married a girl from nearby Central Valley, so he

set up his business there. The elder Payne came with him and worked for some time in his shop before going on his own.

As Jim Payne talked, I looked around his little office. It was simple, even bare, and a bit disorderly. The walls were unadorned except for a couple of old calendars and a decrepit stuffed salmon of indifferent size and ancient vintage. I had expected to see pictures of famous clients, and memorabilia, but there was no boastfulness about this man or his surroundings.

Then he took me out into his shop. Most of his machinery and tools had been built by or for his father almost 100 years ago. It was like walking into a museum, except that everything was being used. I felt transported into the past.

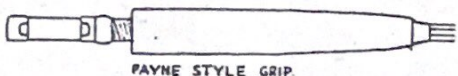
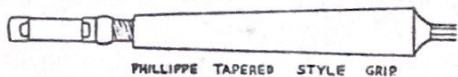
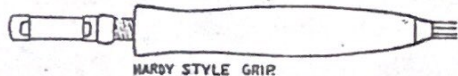
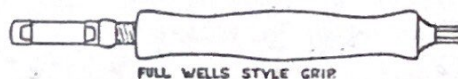
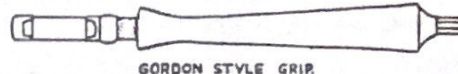
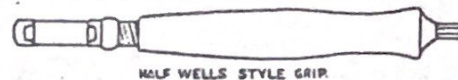
There were, perhaps half a dozen partly finished rods standing in a rack--the cork handles still unshaped. I guess that this represented one "production run".

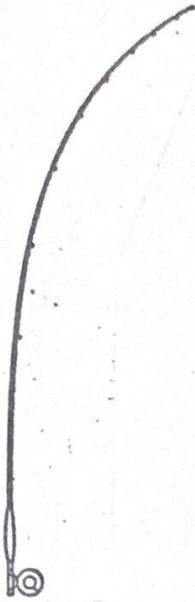
We talked about rod handles. He readily agreed that the cigar-shaped handle is uncomfortable to use because it is contrary to the contour of the hand. He makes them that way because that's the way people want them, but he himself prefers the Half Wells style.

We looked at the machine that he used to cut and taper bamboo strips. It was a long "Rube Goldberg" affair, fringed with mellow old oak that was worn and cupped from untold hours of contact with hard calloused hands. The drive belts were of leather, and the cutting was done by two small circular saw blades, each about the size of a 50 cent piece, set at opposing angles. He can't buy such blades, so makes them himself. The milling machine, he said, is so old that it doesn't cut accurately. He compensates for this deficiency by knowing "what it can do" and by tedious hand filing of each strip 'til it's just right (tolerances to 1/1,000 of an inch!)

We looked at carefully stacked strips of Tonkin Cane that had been cut from the original stalk. The nodes had been partially filed down and the bamboo had been dried in his drying room. He doesn't have modern temperature or humidity controls for drying, so "they don't always come out just right". This problem he adjusts for by drying the bamboo over a gas flame until each piece looks just right to him. At the same time, he does some hand straightening of the pieces, if necessary.

The gluing machine stood in sticky solitude in a small room all its own. It was the first piece of equipment he worked with back in 1908 when, at the tender age of 14, he went to work for his father. He says that if he made a mistake, his dad rapped him smartly on the head with a stick. Since 1908, every rod leaving the Payne factory has been glued on that machine by Jim Payne himself.





He showed me a finished rod. The glue lines were invisible to the naked eye. A piece he had cut in cross-section for demonstration purposes, looked like solid bamboo--not a glue line showed!

He wondered out loud whether all of the painstaking work he put into each rod was worthwhile. He fiddles and fusses with each one, he said, to make sure that everything is perfect, but the person who buys it often treats it carelessly. "You should see how they come back to me" he said, indignantly. I could imagine Stradivarius speaking the same way of his violins.

We talked about fly lines. He prefers the old silk line and feels that it's best to use a size heavier than you might expect, and cast only the taper for close-in work. For longer casts, get just enough of the belly past the rod tip to give sufficient weight to shoot the line. This, rather than cut-off part of the taper to balance the line as many do.

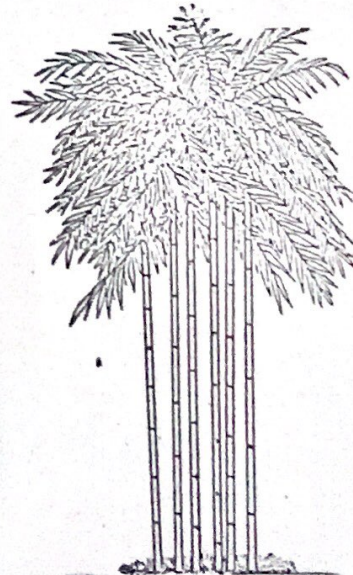
He dwelt on the "parabolic" rod. He made the first one for Charles Ritz, but doesn't think it a good design for most people. "There is just one good basic taper", he says.

He gave me one of his catalogues and autographed it in a firm hand. He struck me as a simple man and an artisan in the very truest sense of the word--perhaps even--an artist. He was proud of his work, although he tried not to show it, and he seemed saddened by the passage of time which is making his trade obsolete. His years are numbered now, and when he is gone, there will be no one left to carry on. His work will live after him, though, as a monument to one of the last of the truly great American craftsmen.

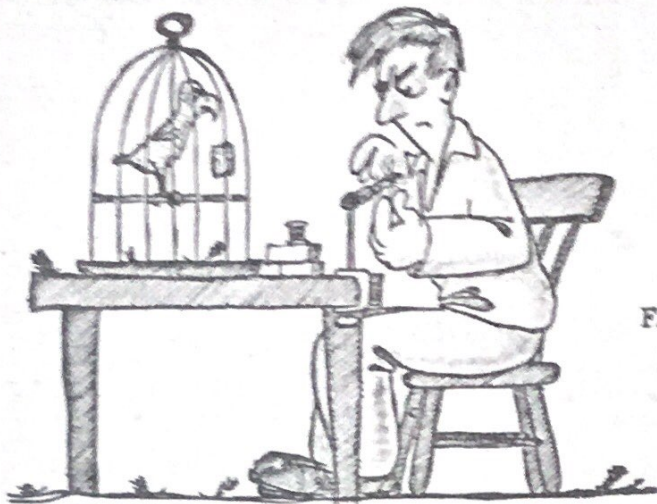
I took my leave and, about two hours after I had first entered, stepped out the door of Jim Payne's shop. It seemed as though I was leaving another and gentler world, devoid of pretense, where the old values and simple virtues still held sway. In a flash, I was swallowed up in today's world of exhaust fumes and neon signs.

But I took a bit of Jim Payne with me when I left that shop. How fortunate I have been to sit, for even so brief a time, at the feet of this grand old man!

Note: James A. Payne, regarded by many as the greatest maker of split bamboo rods who ever lived, passed away in 1969.



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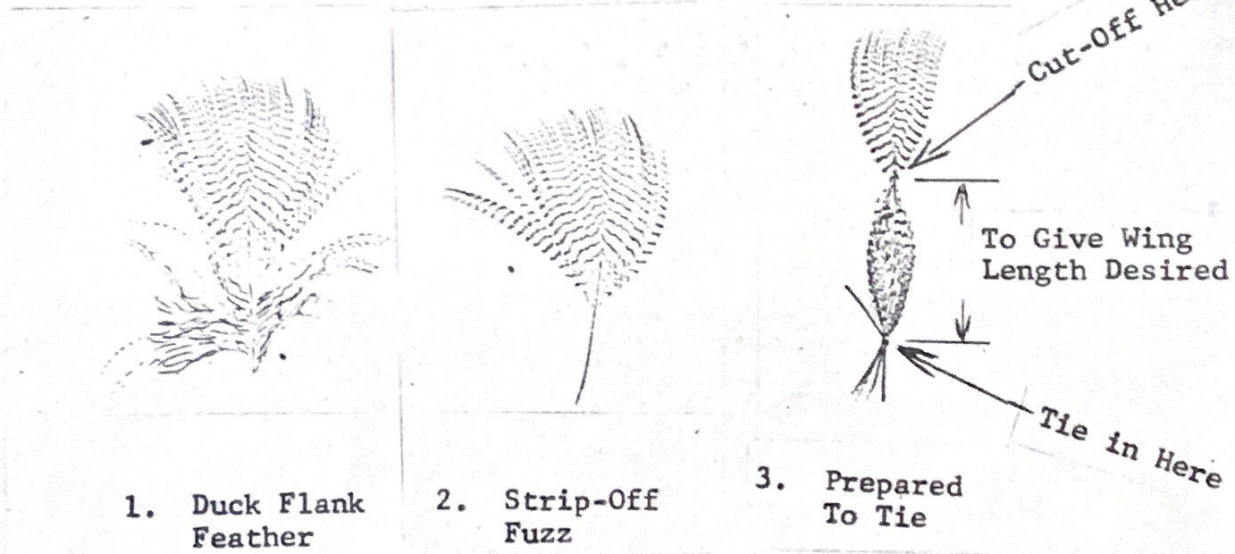



FAN WINGS FROM DUCK FLANK FEATHERS

by Walt Burr

Several years ago there appeared in one of our popular sport magazines a method of making fan wings from duck flank feathers. The method as I recall it was as follows:

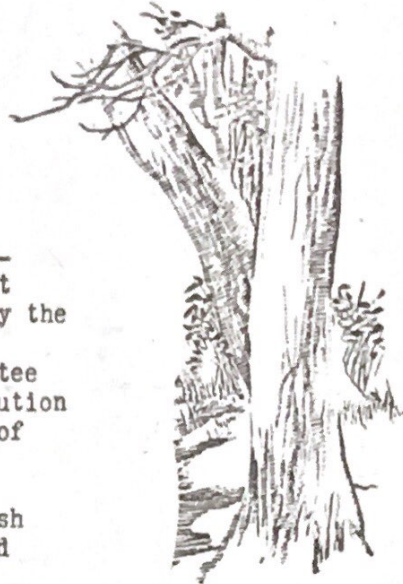
Select a pair of matching side feathers and prepare them one at a time. Strip the soft fuzz from the base of the stem. Grasp the tip of the feather with thumb and forefinger of the left hand. With the right thumb and forefinger, grasp the feather at a point on the stem to give the length of wing desired and bend the fibres downward against the base of the stem. Prepare second feather in like manner.



Grasp both feathers, convex sides together, and with hook shank between base of stems, tie in prepared wings. Cut-off tip of feathers as close as possible to first downward bent fibres. 

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Al Dixon, Chairman



The last Conservation Committee Report came to you during the winter months. Although considerable time has past since then, we have not been idle. Much has been accomplished, notably the progress on the Jeremys River Project,--our primary project for 1970. Conservation Committee workers have been unselfish with their contribution of both time and energy, expending many hours of hard work on Stream Improvement projects.

As promised or forecasted, we are now in the fish raising business,--thanks to the State Fish and Game Department, and to Mr. Bordeau of Somers. Approximately one thousand fingerlings were released in our fish rearing pond in Somers during the latter part of April, and at last report they were doing well and indicate fine growth. We have also stocked the larger of the two ponds in Somers with some exceptional fish, and our members have reported to be excellent.

Our most exciting project has been the Jeremys River Project. Several work days have produced excellent results, including a single log, ramp type dam, built on the week-ends of May 17th and May 24th, 1970. This type of dam is designed to produce a large quiet pool above, and a well-aerated, very deep pool below. At last report, the dam was functioning well; and fishing was reported good,--both above and below the dam. Census cards are being turned in regularly by those fishing the Jeremys, and analysis and comparisons are being initiated, but a conclusive report cannot be made at this time. Some of the findings should prove interesting and may help your fishing on these waters.

A quick analysis of some of the statistics submitted, prove some of the best fishing areas to be the Junction Pool, (at the junction of the Jeremys River and Judd Brook), also the Dam Site, the Henryville Pool, Apple Tree Bend and the pool above the trestle.

The best fishing times are either very early, from 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM, (for the dedicated anglers), and from 6:00 PM until dark. Water temperatures have averaged out to be very good and consistent, from 60 to 65 degrees. These temperatures are very good for dry fly fishing and dries have been taking most of the fish. The best producing patterns have been the early season May Flies, March Brown, Light Cahill, and Adams. The Henryville Pool has also produced well with some Midges.

Many more work days will be required before the Jeremys becomes the stream we desire it to be. All members are asked to put in at least one fishing day on the Jeremys and to turn in a fishing Census Card, no matter what your catch, or lack of catch.

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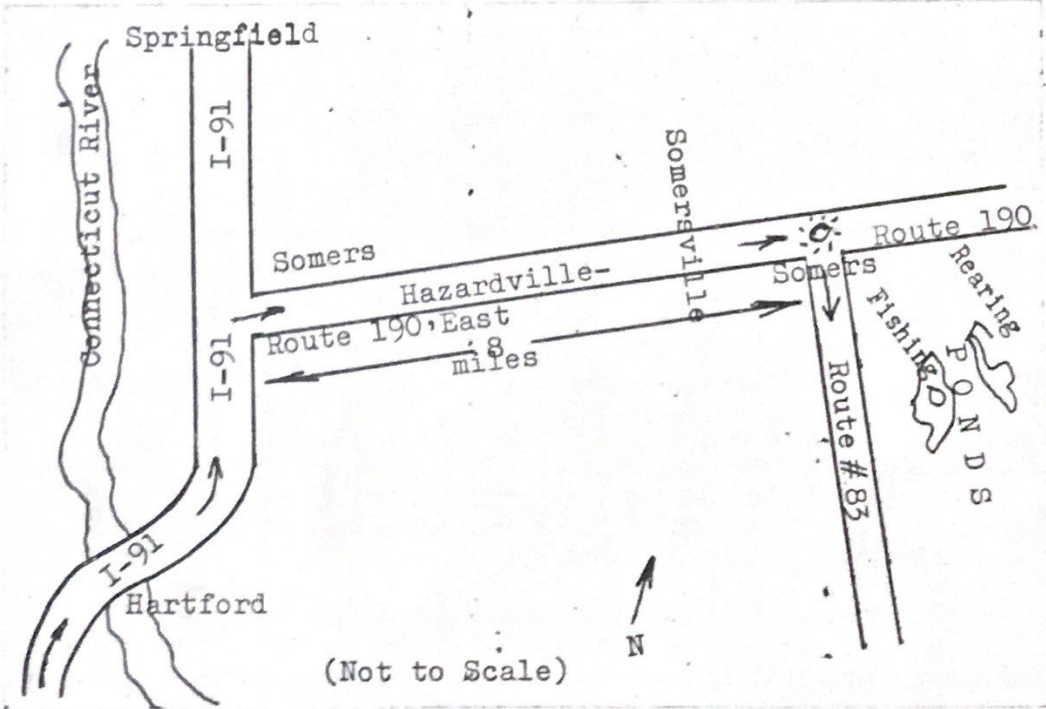
Your Conservation Committee has also become involved in other projects which have kept all its members busy. Our only open water project for 1970 was the recent brush cutting work day along the West Branch of the Farmington River in Riverton. Much was accomplished at this well-attended outing. Many CFFA members, to their surprise, have found that the fishing on this stretch of the Farmington has improved considerably over the past few years. This is due, we are sure, to the constant flow from the new Colebrook Impoundment. Water runs out of this new body of water at an annual average of approximately 60 degrees. Members should watch for some special happenings to occur along this stretch of the Farmington.



On the Legislative front, -- things have been looking up. Some excellent results have been attained at a meeting held on April 2nd 1970 with the State Highway Dept., in reference to the Yantic River relocation. We are now turning our sights on another target, - "minimum flow legislation" - to protect all Connecticut streams. Our State

Board of Fisheries and Game feels that minimum flow control on Connecticut streams is of more importance to anglers than any other single factor, - CFFA Conservation Committee members unanimously agree. Time will soon be upon us when we will be asking you to help and support this piece of legislation, - and take your pen and exercise your writing talents. This year, although only half gone, is proving to be a very important year for CFFA. The CFFA is growing rapidly, and becoming more experienced every day; and your Conservation Committee is keeping stride.

For your reference, a Jeremys River Reference Map, and a Location Map for the Rearing Pond and Fishing Pond in Somers, are outlined for your use.

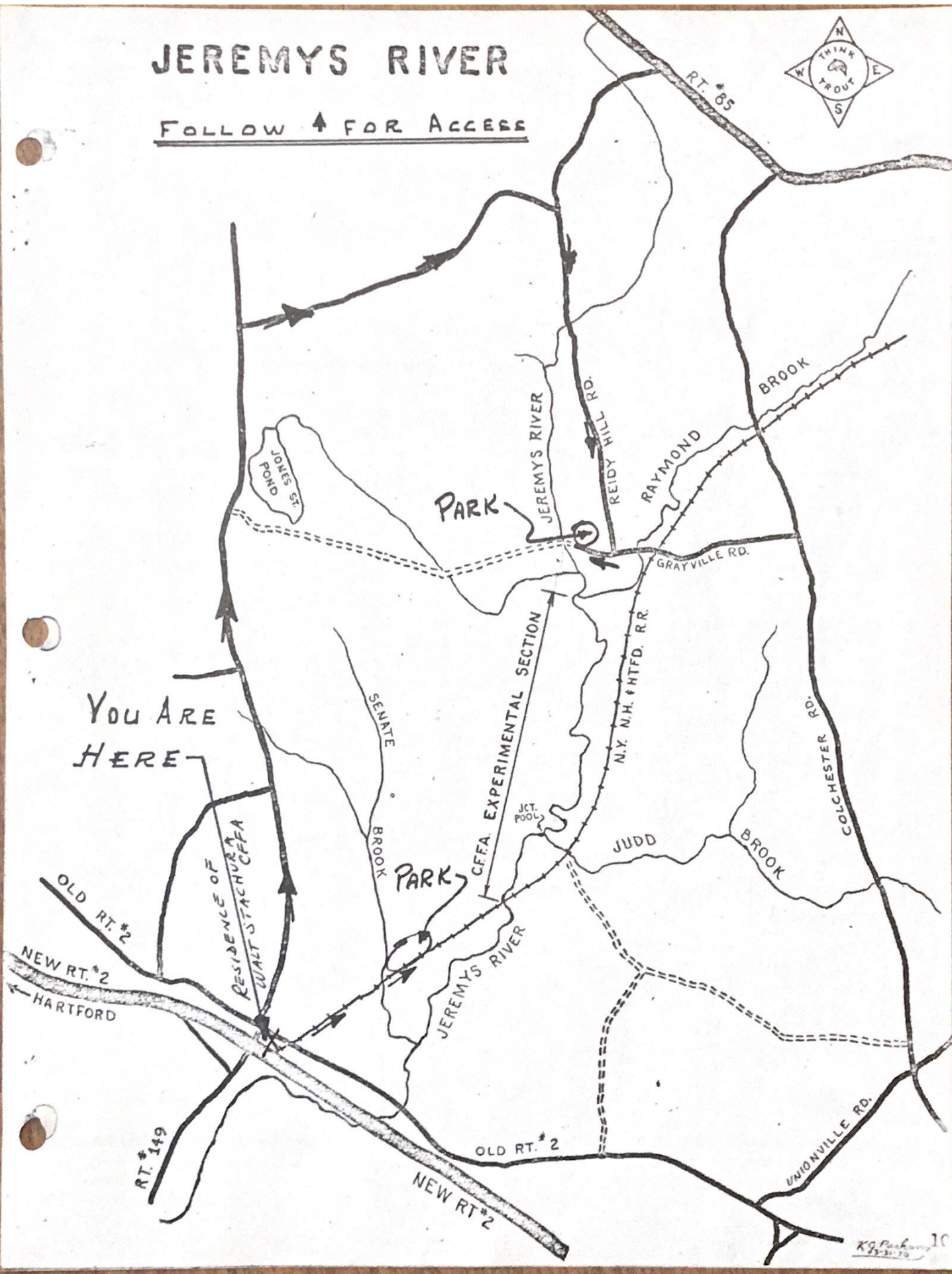


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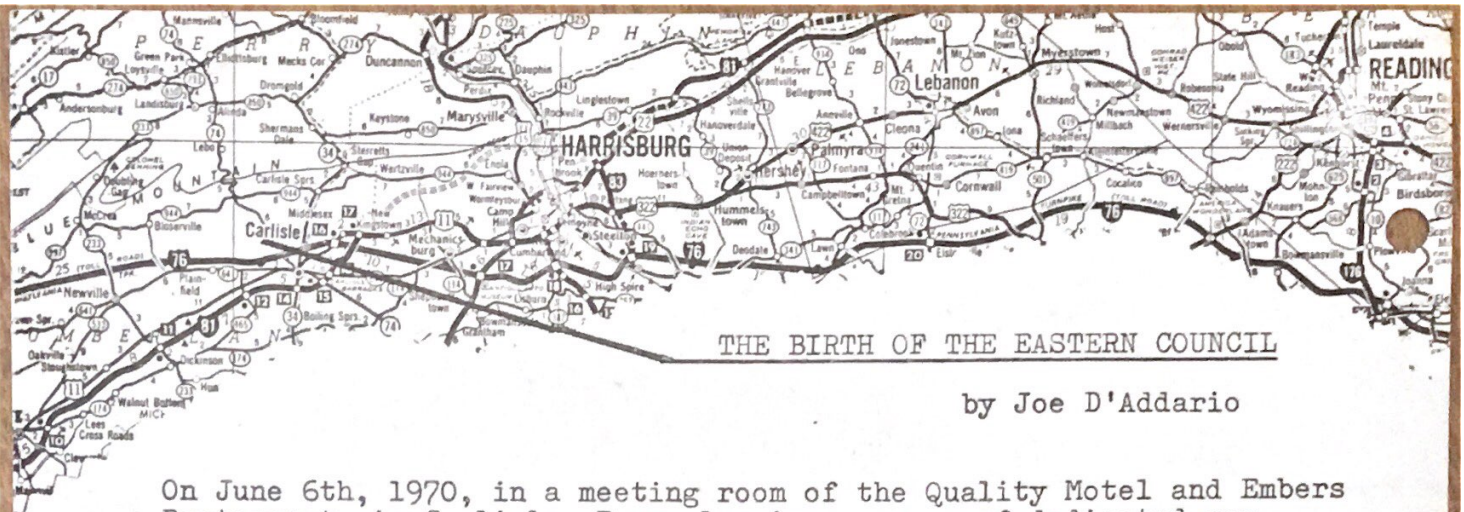
Follow I-91 North from Hartford. Take Route 190 East Exit, follow 190 to Somers. Turn right at stoplight, in Somers Center, on Route 83. Ponds are on left, about 500 feet.

JEREMYS RIVER

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THE BIRTH OF THE EASTERN COUNCIL

by Joe D'Addario

On June 6th, 1970, in a meeting room of the Quality Motel and Embers Restaurant, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; a group of dedicated men from many clubs in the East met to form the Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishermen, (FFF),.

As we all know, the Federation has been Western oriented and this was a move to bring some of the thunder East, where fly fishing was born through such men as Theodore Gordon, George La Branche, Edward Hewitt, and a host of other legendary figures. What better place than Carlisle -- the home of the fabled Letort, and living legends -- Vince Marinaro and Charlie Fox.

I am extremely proud to have been your delegate at this meeting, -- and now to the contents of the meeting.

At 9 AM, the meeting was called to order with the official welcome and introduction of delegates made by James Akerman, President of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen. This was followed immediately by a discussion of FEDERATION -- what is Federation? -- what does it offer? -- what are Federation goals? -- and how can they best be achieved!

In the temporary absence of Gene Anderegg, Senior Director and Past President; David Scoll, Vice President, presided over a lively discussion in which many of the obvious past short-comings of the Federation were constructively criticized and brought forth to the attention of all, with many suggestions for cure and remedy. The most notable and outstanding fault brought to light, was the great gap in, and the lack of communication amongst the clubs; and also the need for the exchange of ideas and solutions to problems faced by one club that might well be the cure of another club's similar problem.

In the midst of the discussion, Gene Anderegg made his appearance and spoke to the delegates on the communication problems faced by the Directors and Officers. Prescott Tollman, of the Theodore Gordon FlyFishers, (TGF), also went further into the definite need of better communications, -- which is probably one of the more important needs for the forming of an Eastern Council of the FFF.

At the termination of this discussion, a very enlightening and interesting talk was given by Phil Chase of Fontinalis Fly Fishermen, on the problems of Conservation and Preservation of Fly Fishing waters; and the problems faced by his club in trying to save the fabled Neversink River. At this point almost all the delegates brought forth their particular Conservation problems, ---and- Voila!!! -- now it could clearly be seen how all of the gathered Eastern

Clubs working together, could exchange ideads that would greatly each other.

After this lengthy discussion, the resolution to form the Eastern Council was read by James Akerman, President of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen, who also drew up the resolution. The resolution was unanimously voted and passed; and an Ad-Hoc Steering Committee was set up to construct programs and organizational structures for the forming of the Eastern Council. This committee is being chaired by Dr. John Nutter of the Maryland Fly Anglers. The resolution is herewith listed for your reading, -----and interests,-----

**"RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN EASTERN COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN by James Akerman, President
Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen, June 6th, 1970"**

The Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen organized as a Charter Club of the Federation. We accepted then, as we do now, the concept of a national Federation of Fly Fishermen and we will continue to subscribe to the tenets and goals of this Federation and to work through its elected officers and representatives.

At the same time, we see a great potential for furthering the goals of Federation and extending active membership through regional communication, cooperation and participation in implementing the various programs of our Federation. We believe that the collective experience of the Federation clubs in the East, the rich pool of talent here and the many dedicated individuals who wish to take an active part in Federation can be more effective in meeting our mutual needs and in implementing the programs of our national Federation if there is a more efficient and practical means of communication and coordination among the clubs. We believe that a council of clubs will best serve this end.

Therefore, as President of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen, I would like on behalf of my club to present to this gathering a resolution calling for the establishment of an Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishermen.

The purpose of this council will be:

- (1). To assist the national officers of the Federation in implementing, in the Eastern United States, the programs and policies of the national organization. In part, this function will involve providing assistance to regional clubs in translating general programs and policies into specific club sponsored actions and activities.
- (2). To assist the officers of the Federation of Fly Fishermen in formulating national policies and programs which reflect the mutual needs and interests of the Eastern Federation clubs.
- (3). To provide a more effective means of communication coordination and participation between the national officers and the member clubs and associate members of the Federation in the East in order to achieve the above stated objectives of the council.

In accord with the national policy of the Federation, such a council will respect and support the autonomy of the local clubs and recognize the individual clubs and associate members as the logical agency through which Federation programs and policies must be implemented voluntarily.

To implement this resolution, if it is so agreed in principle, we further recommend:



(1). That an initial meeting of the Eastern Council of The Federation of Fly Fishermen be convened prior to the national Conclave of the Federation to be held this fall.

(2). That an Ad Hoc Steering Committee be selected to recommend to the Council the most feasible organization and procedure for accomplishing the purpose of the Council.

We welcome constructive modification of this resolution and urge the clubs gathered here to take affirmative action on this motion before adjournment of this gathering."

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:30 PM for dinner. After dinner, the delegates were privileged to hear from Mr. Tom Rogers, an attorney in the Division of Environmental Quality, U. S. Dept. of Interior, a brilliant young man, and a dedicated pollution fighter.

After Mr. Roger's talk, a gracious invitation was made by Mr. Charles K. Fox to any delegate who desired to fish the Letort on Sunday the 7th, and he would be glad to act as host and guide.



Upon arriving at the Letort at 9 AM Sunday morning and stepping out of the car -- one was instantly transported into another world where the air smelled sweet with the aroma of wild roses and honeysuckle; ----- the river running clean and trout rising steadily amongst the elodea and watercress. Now the message of Conservation was clearly brought home to me.

Here was something special, ---- something that has to be preserved, ---- a stream that is not stocked, ---- has a population of extremely sophisticated wild trout, ---- one trout of sixteen (16) inches or longer can be kept daily, all others released, -- -- and all fishing done with barbless hooks.

This concept does work, ---- it has been proven at the Letort. The same concept could work at the Jeremys River or any other trout stream or body of water ----- when we finally wake up and realize that if we are to conserve the sport we all love and prize so dearly, we will have to pledge ourselves to releasing trout,

----- to fighting the polluters, land developers, and detrimental dam builders with all the vitality we can muster.

To this end, we must join forces with other clubs dedicated to the same cause, so that my son, your son, and their sons "can go a-fishin' " on a Sunday afternoon and thrill to the rise of a trout on the 'morrow as we do today.

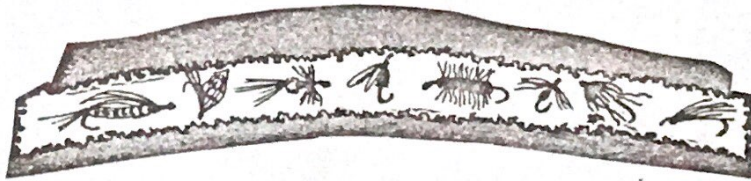
June 6th, 1970 will long be remembered as the initial evolutionary development to meet the needs of the Eastern Fly Fishermen.

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