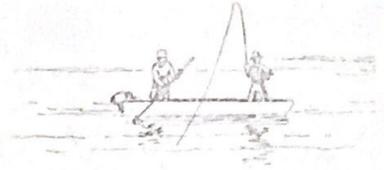


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - - - - -

Our Summer newsletter would not be complete without a few well-chosen words of thanks for a splendid job well done. All who labored long and hard to promote our badly needed minimum flow legislation were rewarded by the Governor signing the Bill into law just before Memorial Day. The four legislators who sponsored the Bill, Representatives Holdsworth and Tudan, Senators Pac and Gunther, the members of all the other clubs and groups who testified in its behalf, and the steady support of the Board of Fisheries and Game - - - all contributed mightily to the successful passage. Connecticut is the first State in the Union to have a statewide law regulating minimum flow, and all CFFA members should be proud of the part they played in accomplishing this project. We intend to remain active legislatively, and expect to announce our major legislative project for 1972 early in the Fall.

Our Jeremys River Project is receiving better support so far this season than last, and fishing results have been generally more productive, - - a tribute to our stream improvement and our members' increasing knowledge of the stream.

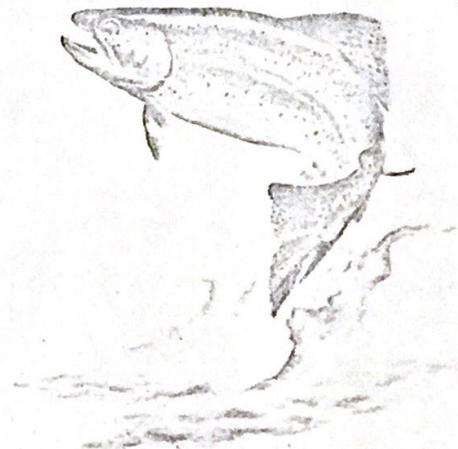
However, few have been fishing there since June 15th, and we want to see the diehards in CFFA test the stream in low water, - - will they get 6 or 8 or 10 more trout on a July visit, as they did in May?

Remember, we want to prove our theory that a "catch and release" program makes fishing more productive all season long. If not enough members fish, we'll never know!

I might add that our stream improvement projects will continue through the summer. Those of you who have marvelled at what we've been able to do on the Jeremys, should realize that a relative handful has done most of the work.

Tight lines !!

Vin Ringrose



Last, but not least, our Eastern Conclave of FFF in May was a grand week-end for fly fishermen. Plan to attend the affair next spring. It promises to be even finer!!!!

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From: THE SPORTSMAN'S GAZETTEER AND GENERAL GUIDE by Charles Halleck, Date 1877 :

Connecticut: The Twin Lakes are fast growing into favor as a camping and picnic resort. On the mountain tops near at hand, are lakes as wild and much less frequented than the Adirondacks or Maine lakes, and abundantly stocked with fish and game. The "Twins" -- "Waushinee" and "Waushining" -- are on the Connecticut Western Railroad, twelve miles east of Millerton, which is on the Harlem road, and fifty-seven miles west from Hartford. They are on high ground, and held in place by a range of hills. The Twins are "siamesed" together by a narrow, crooked strait, that is barely navigable in low water. Both lakes are well stocked with the fish usually found in this region, and vast quantities of pickerel and perch are taken from the smaller lakes during the winter. The large lake--some six miles in circuit -- has long been famous for its fine pike (pickerel they are called hereabouts), fish of five to seven pounds weight being not unusual in the bygone days; but since the stocking of the waters with black bass, some years since, the pike are not so plenty nor so large. The abundant supply of bass, however, more than makes up for it, and during the summer affords rare sport to those experts who know the when and the how to take them. The lakes have also been stocked with land locked salmon. Close around this lake region are numerous trout streams, which afford the angler fine sport; notably More Brook, and Bracie's Brook in Salisbury, and Bartholomew, Spurr, and Lee Brooks, in Sheffield, and the Sage's Ravine Brook, that divides the two states. The streams are hardly large enough for the fly-fisher's best efforts, though trout of two pounds weight have been taken from the Lee Brook, and very good creels full in Sages' Ravine and the More Brook. (.....nigh onto one hundred years later, all of the above adjectives still apply.....)

K.P.



• Set Your Sights

## ARMCHAIR ANGLING

by

Peter  
Greenan

Does winter get you down? It shouldn't! Snowflakes should not hamper your strive for knowledge of trout fishing. Find a warm spot, a soft chair, and a cold Manhattan. Dig out your notes, dust off your books, and prepare yourself for an enjoyable and rewarding facet of angling.

For years, men and women have spoken of their fishing trips and the big ones that got away. I've heard stories about the Westkill Tavern and the re-

nowned LeTort, and so have all of us. Could you guess how many CFFA members tell of trips that rival these classic tales? Many, I'm sure. Who was it that got the two pounder under the apple tree? Are you sure the Ephemerellidae hatches came late last spring? A trip to New York or to Maine or to the Jeremys River can be exciting and unforgettable, especially when retold to open ears.

These are stories for cold nights and good friends. Over a hot cup of coffee or a cold beer a new pattern can be born or an old one retied. Winter is the time to discuss who caught the biggest fish, or where the best pool is, or, perhaps, who builds the best rods. A gentleman's den often hears the pros and cons of "The Modern Dry Fly Code", and how I long to be there. An old timer swears by his bamboo and a youngster speaks of the wonders of glass. Which of these men are you?

The cold weather doesn't penetrate the brain so put it to work. From your notes on the previous season draw out your favorite hatches, your best days, and the most productive flies. Analyze them and formulate a new plan of attack. Make a note of the manner of trout feeding on nymphs, on duns, on spinners. Do you remember the rise forms? Which terrestrials worked late? What of Flick's patterns, of Schwiebert's, or perhaps of Swisher's and Richard's.

I wish every fly-fisherman in Connecticut could participate in a bull session with his cronies at least three times each winter. Do you think this isn't a well loved fraternity? Some day ask fifteen likely looking strangers if they are fly-fishermen. Want to bet you find at least five new friends? There are few nights that you can't find a friend or two to talk with.

Conservation, a word that rings of summer outings, clean-up crews and releasing trout. But what of conservation in winter? If you are not hardy enough to get out in those bitter cold days, here's what to do. Write your public officials, congressmen, governor, president or anyone in a position to help. Study up on the latest methods of water and soil protection. Support the good legislation and speak out against poor. You may find it helpful and interesting to read the federal and state publications. No one will put you down for knowledgeable advice. Be opinionated, be out-spoken, but be sure of your facts.

Now it's time for me to return to my wise and bench. I hope I've brought you to a new door that will open to pleasure and fulfillment.

LOST. - Clean, healthy air in general vicinity of the United States. Finder may keep any cash, promotions or retirements realized through destruction of same. Please return immediately. No questions asked.

IN THE WORDS OF Pete Seeger,  
"we have found ourselves  
standing knee deep in  
garbage throwing rockets  
at the moon."



Youth at work - vying for fly casting honors!



Line-up for tournament casting.



"Teach" D'Addario conveying technique of "follow me, let's try it this way!"



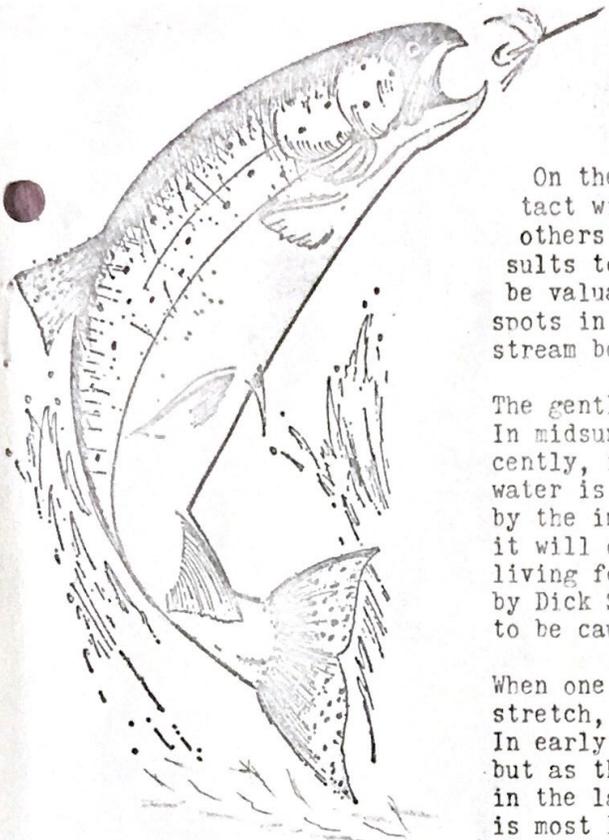
Relaxed group enjoying events alongside of pond, with Blast & Cast clubhouse in rear setting.

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Lure & Lore of Trout Fishing - A. R. Grove; plus any old books/magazines containing trout fishing in New England, New York or Pennsylvania. I have desirable duplicates of Fox - Wonderful World of Trout, Everett - Fun with Trout, Bergman - Trout (1st Edition), and many others for TRADE (Preferably), or Sale. Inquire K. J. Parkany, 61 Hemlock St., Manchester, Conn. 06040.  
Phone (203) 643-9819

A VISIT TO THE JEREMYS

by Vin Ringrose



On the thought that many CFFA members have had little contact with our experimental Jeremys River stretch, and that others have had only brief experience, and unrewarding results to boot; your President thought that it might well be valuable if he gave his impressions quickly of the best spots in the stream, realizing full well that two miles of stream bed is a lot of water to cover.

The gentle Jeremys is a small river except in early spring. In midsummer of dry years such as we have experienced recently, it slows to a mere trickle; but its tea-colored water is always clear, cool and pure, -- as yet untainted by the impurities of modern civilization. We know now that it will carry brook trout year round and provide healthful living for holdover brown trout, --one of 17" being taken by Dick Sablitz on opening weekend this season, and released to be caught again.

When one stands at the open trestle at the beginning of our stretch, he naturally wants to know where his best bet is. In early season he can fish almost anywhere and pick up fish, but as the water level drops, all but a few fish concentrate in the larger holding pools; so where one finds depth, one is most likely to find trout. Also, even in these lies, the fish tend to feed early and late, and after mid-June,

fishing between 10 AM and 6 PM on a sunny day is almost certainly futile. Joe D!Addario took a 17" fish on an inchworm imitation at 2 PM on June 13th this year, but his is the exception that proves the rule. (Yes, Joe released his fish too!)

The first major pool that we encounter as we start upstream from the trestle is a "new" pool that we call the Log Pool, since we have tied several large rafts of logs to the bank with cable to provide overhead cover. (Refer to map diagram of Jeremys River and Pools at end of this article for pool locations). This pool is just around the first bend from the trestle, and has a new low rock dam at its tail to hold water in the pool. Fish this pool carefully at the tail and along the logged bank to your right. The trout who hide beneath the logs rarely venture far out from their cover to feed and since black ants love to crawl along dead trees, the black ant is a good fly to fish carefully along the edges of the timbers. At the head of this long, quiet, gently curving pool, a huge hemlock overhangs gentle riffles and a deep pocket against its roots. I have taken nice fish from this pocket with a long sidearm cast under the overhang. A number 18 Henryville rarely fails to produce at least a large chub from this spot; and more often than not, the fish turns out to be a good brown. This was not true in past seasons, but our stream improvement work has improved this pool tremendously.

The next major pool is several hundred yards upstream from Log Pool, and is aptly called Junction Pool, perhaps the best natural pool in the stretch where Judd Brook riffles into the Jeremys. Short and deep, dark and mysterious, it gives promises of a gigantic fish, but our electro-shocking taught us that instead it holds numerous better than average fish. The best water is at the tail slick of the pool, and we urge caution in approaching the pool from below, since fish feeding in the tail have to be taken from well down in the riffles below. The very deep water to the left under the overhanging maple is productive only in inchworm season -- the rest of the time the fish are along the right hand edge of the pool, and in the foam flecked center. One final tip, --- don't ignore the riffles just above Junction Pool. They are deep and pocketed, good fish often feed there.

The next important pool above Junction Pool is Henryville Pool, so named because it bears similarities to the famous Buttonwood Pool at Henryville. This pool is around

the second bend above Junction, and is recognized by a sturdy rock dam across its tail, a mirror-like surface, a deep undercut bank with heavy bushy overhang along most of its left bank, and a large partially submerged dead tree parallel to the current in the right center of the pool. There are dozens of trout in this pool, and they are insanely difficult to catch. Like many of our big pools, the current is so gentle in low water that the fish cruise rather than hold, and one has to fish as though it were a pond. Getting into the pool sends waves along the surface, and all fish go down for a while. One fishes this from a good vantage spot with ants, jassids, Henryvilles, working along the tail, along the large log, and all along the undercut bank. At the head of the pool, the water shallows and speeds up, and here one can hope to find a fish feeding in a holding position. Fish run up into the next small pool from Henryville, and this also must be fished with extreme caution. A large rainbow loves to lie in the foamy riffles at the very head of this run, alongside a group of medium sized granite boulders.

Upstream from Henryville Pool, we come next to the Hewitt Dam. This is unquestionably the most important area of the stream from a fishing standpoint, and is the result of our building the dam in early 1970. We have created a deep quiet pool with undercut banks, sunken logs, deadfalls, and have given ideal habitat to a tremendous population of trout. The pool is divided into two sections by a monstrous cross-stream log about 400 feet above the dam and the trout move freely up and down both sections. Again we have a usual situation where fish cruise leisurely up and down the pool, and one has to anticipate where the fish will be next. The one exception to this rule seems to be the

area just at the spillway; where, even in low water, the current gathers, narrows and speeds up. Here, more than one trout can usually be found, lying in a shadow, and moving only short distances to seize food. The best fish in the pool have been caught here, -- a chunky 15" brown caught and released four times in 1970, and Joe D's two-pounder a few weeks ago. At times this pool can come alive with feeding fish, and at others, - as in all brown trout streams, -- it can seem completely dead and barren.

One of our veteran anglers has had good luck with twitching spiders, and a Henryville made to dance can have the same explosive effect with large fish, boiling up suddenly from some hidden vantage point.

The last major pool in the stretch is the Hemlock Pool, so-named because of the right bank being completely lined with massive evergreens. Here we have also constructed a water-tight low rock dam which improved an already fine pool. This is a classic right-handed dry fly pool, coming in over small boulders through a narrow neck, then fanning out to a full 50 foot width before pinching in to a narrower slick and spillway over the dam. There is ample cover everywhere from sunken logs to boulders, to dark-shadowed overhangs, and undercut bank at the neck. This is a pool where there is always at least one fish rising from the end of March to the cold weather of the

fall. The best tip I can give on fishing Hemlock is not to pass up the shallow water on the left-hand side midway through the pool. My best fish of this season in Hemlock came in this area to a dry Quill Gordon as I fished "blind". He had not risen recently, but he was lying in about four inches of water, a fine 13" rainbow.

There are no more large pools in our water, but it would not be fair to finish without mentioning the pocket water stretch which runs for several hundred yards beginning just above Hemlock Pool. This is especially good water in mid-summer, since the high oxygen content of the boulder strewn runs brings trout from other areas of the stream; and a lesser but important factor is the fact that there is enough current in the pockets so that the trout will hold in their lies, - and take a drifting fly in traditional fashion. They do not cruise as in the bigger pools.

Above the pockets to the upper end of our stretch at Raymond Brook Junction, we have



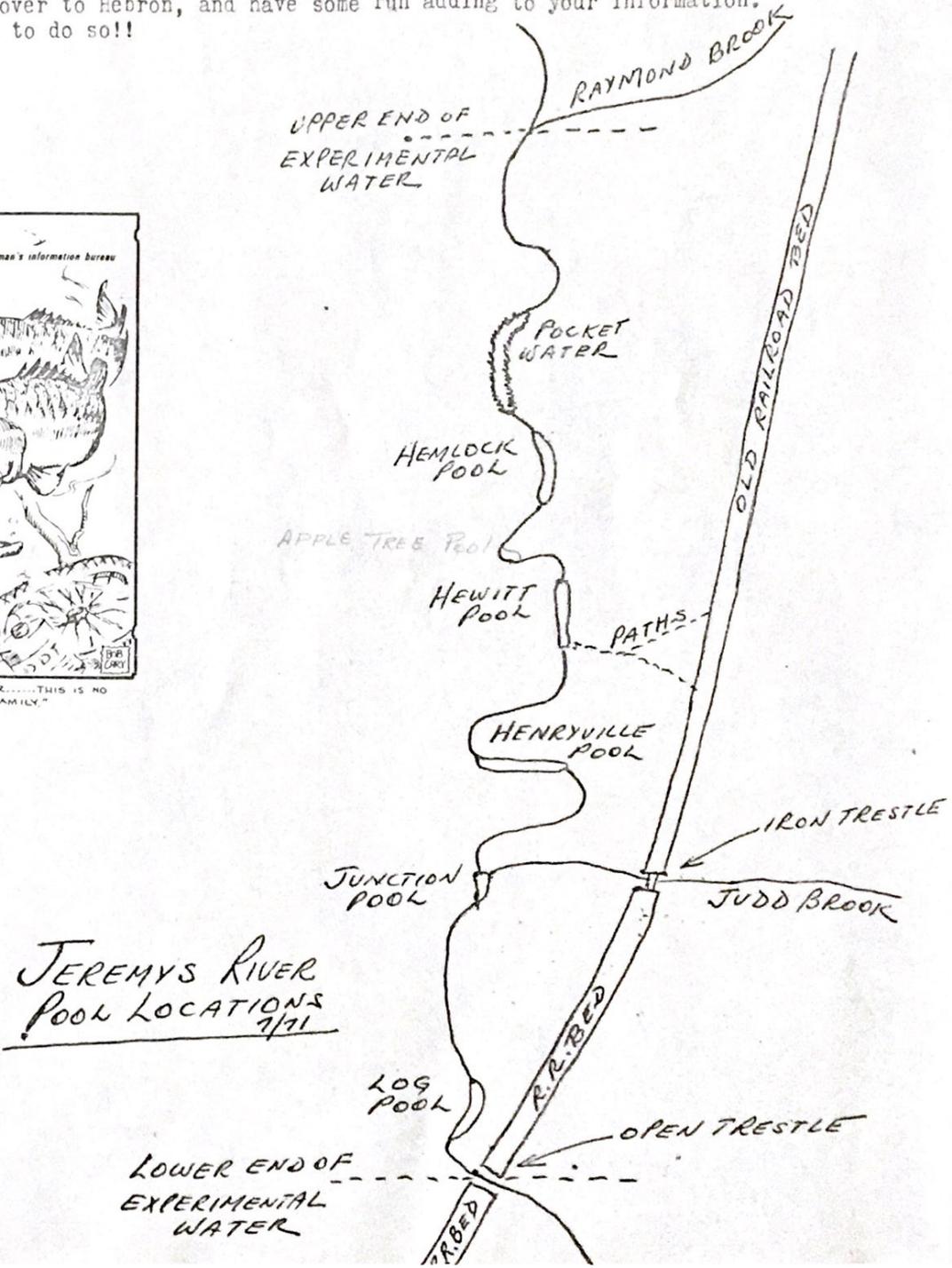
several pretty runs, but the best fishing ends just above the pockets. Black ants and jassids have been my best flies in the pockets and above, during the summer months.

For those who might enjoy starting at the Hewitt Dam and fishing upstream, there is ready access if one walks up the railroad bed from the first trestle, across the Judd Brook trestle and about 500 yards beyond to where very obvious paths lead off to the left toward the stream. These paths come down to the stream bank just above the Hewitt spillway; and one saves at least ten minutes walking time by using the railroad bed to this starting point.

I have now fished the Jeremys some three dozen times in the past season and a half, and I am still learning. The marvelous thing about studying a stream, large or small, is the fact that surprises constantly await you. Low summer waters teach more about the secrets of a stream than the swift currents of Spring. Digest what you can from the tips above, drive over to Hebron, and have some fun adding to your information. I certainly intend to do so!!



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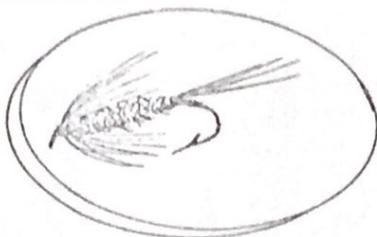


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## FLY TYERS PAGE

Thru the courtesy of, and credit to, the "Roundtable", United Fly Tyers, Inc.

### MUSKRAT STONE



- Hook: 3906 - size 10  
 Thread: Black 6/0  
 Tail: Wood duck, sparse, 3/4 length of body - approximately  
 Body: Dubbed muskrat belly  
 Ribbing: One strand coat's and clark embroidery cotton - yellow  
 Hackle: Partridge body feather belly - dab of yellow fly lacquer

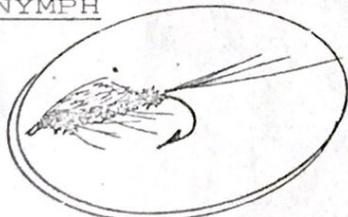
Been good in Battenhill in Vt., and Mass. streams where yellow bellied stone nymphs are present.

### BROWN MAY NYMPH

Same as above, but substitute brown mink, or brown dubbing for body.

Later in season - same flies but tie on 3906 B (or 2X hook) size 16

### BROWN NYMPH



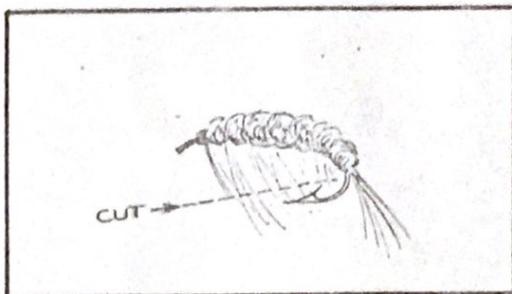
- Hook: 3906 B - size 14  
 Thread: Black 6/0  
 Tail: Brown hackle sparse  
 Body: Brown mink  
 Thorax: Herl (peacock near eye)  
 Covert: Brown hackle  
 Legs: Brown hackle

Cock pheasant tail makes good covert and legs on this also.

This nymph - slow and on bottom - accounted for 18" trout in streams and 14" trout in local ponds.

**TAP'S TIPS** - One of the best materials for dry-fly tails is the quill of a hackle feather from which the fiber has been stripped. Use two or three of the slightly curved tips, tied so they spread out. They help to support the fly and give the pattern a more lifelike appearance.

## GRASS SHRIMP



### THE GRASS SHRIMP

By Walt Burr, Storrs, Conn.

Frustration at the highest level. Striped bass breaking all around the boat, but refusing all offers of plugs, popping bugs, and streamer flies. What the devil are they feeding on?? My fishing buddy Al Mann and I had this happen to us one foggy September night, fishing close to Pine Island, near Groton, Connecticut. We never did catch a fish, but a friend of ours showed us the magic bait when we returned to the dock.

He had been using a grass shrimp fly and caught many nice bass which incidently were filled with grass shrimp when dressed out. He graciously gave me a fly which I keep as a pattern and with which I've had good success on many occasions since that night. Give this pattern a try in similar situations.

- Hook Herters #189-G Bait hook, gold plated. Size 2 or 4.  
 Body Olive greenish wool.  
 Hackle 3 cream saddle hackles palmered.

The hackles are tied in near the bend, close to the tips of the hackle, leaving the tips to imitate the tail of the shrimp. Body material is tied in far down the bend and the body is built up to give a tapered effect toward the eye. Hackles are palmered up the body and tied off behind the eye of the hook. All hackle fibers are clipped close to the body except on the under side of the hook. Fibers on the under side of the hook are clipped off on an angle toward the tail to imitate the legs of the shrimp (see sketch). Herters #189-G bait hook has a long natural shrimp type curve and is ideal for this type of fly.

Thread one or two small glass beads on your leader tippet before tying on the fly. The beads add a flash of color and help to sink the fly.

## WELCOME —

To the first regional conclave of the Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishermen. As you can see from the schedule of events, the weekend is geared to you as a fly fisherman. Recent advances in the arts of angling and the fly fisherman's role in protecting and using sportfishing resources wisely will be interwoven to give you a weekend rich in the skills and knowledge of fly fishing and the conservation of fishing waters.

But the purpose of this conclave goes far beyond a weekend of entertainment. It is the first of many Eastern conclaves to come, and its goal is to encourage your commitment to the concepts of Federation and your *personal* participation, through the Eastern Council, in furthering fly fishing as a sport and in protecting and preserving the priceless resource of clean water on which this sport depends.

We hope this conclave will be personally rewarding. And we believe it will be if you take this opportunity to share your ideas, your problems and your knowledge with other fly fishers you meet here. This bond of mutual interests and common problems is the foundation of the Federation on which will be built a brighter future for fly fishing everywhere.

James Gilford, Council Chairman

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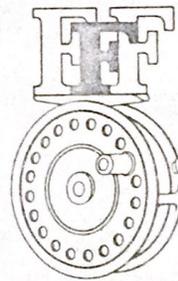
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## EASTERN COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN



## 1ST REGIONAL CONCLAVE

MAY 14, 15, 16, 1971

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This page and its reverse side represents the bold and outstanding agenda which made its mark at the Eastern Conclave, P.F.F. This is duplicated herewith for our membership General Information. -Editor.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

- 9:00 AM- 5:30 PM — Arrivals, registration and orientation. (Lobby)
- 1:00 PM- 5:30 PM — *New dimensions in fly casting. Featuring CHARLES RITZ.*  
(Terrace Pool Area)
- *Fly tying with WALTER BURR, JOHN SHOLENBERGER, KEN BAY, AL BREWSTER, KEITH FULSHER and DAVE WHITLOCK.*  
(Terrace Lounge)
- *Displays. Tackle and equipment displays by sustaining members of FFF. Pennsylvania Fish Commission display.*  
(Terrace Stone Room)
- *Auction and Raffle items.*  
(New Terrace Room)
- *Casting games.* (The Park)
- *Film Festival.*  
(Valley View Room)
- *Trout fishing at Pocono Manor Inn's Swiftwater*
- 8:00 PM- 9:00 PM — **FORMAL OPENING OF THE FIRST EASTERN REGIONAL CONCLAVE**  
(Terrace Ballroom)
- *Welcome and introductions. Master of Ceremonies—L. JAMES BASHLINE, writer-angler; formerly editor of the Fly Fisherman and Assistant Editor for Field & Stream, President, Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association.*
- *Keynote address—LEWIS A. BELL, President of the Federation of Fly Fishermen.*
- 9:00 PM- — *Dancing and entertainment.*  
(Terrace Ballroom and Old Lamplighter Lounge)

SATURDAY, MAY 15

- 8:00 AM-12:00 — *Registration continuing.* (Lobby)
- 9:00 AM-12:00 — **MORNING PROGRAM**  
(Terrace Ballroom)
- *Moderator—ARNOLD GINGRICH, ardent fly fisherman, author, light tackle expert and dean of the Federation's conclaves.*
- *Future For Salmon—ALFRED MEISTER, Chief Biologist, Maine Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.*
- *Fishing Salt Water With A Fly—MARK SOSIN, author-angler, well-known salt water sportsman and journalist.*
- *Fly Patterns For Selective Trout—DOUG SWISHER and CARL RICHARDS, fly fishers and authors of current best seller, "Selective Trout"*
- 9:00 AM-12:00 — *Antiquing in the Poconos (check at registration table for details.)*
- 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM — **AFTERNOON PROGRAM**
- **WORKSHOP SESSIONS**
- *Photography for fly fishermen—GENE ANDEREGG (TV Lounge)*
- *Water watching to keep streams clean—PHIL CHASE (New Club Room)*
- *Streamside entomology—JIM GILFORD*  
(Terrace Ballroom)
- *Fly Casting for Women—JOAN WULFF*
- *Fly tying.* (Terrace Lounge)
- *Film Festival.*  
(Valley View Room)
- 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM — *Cocktail Mixer*  
(Terrace Lounge)
- 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM — **BANQUET AND EVENING PROGRAM**
- *Master of Ceremonies—L. JAMES BASHLINE*

SATURDAY, MAY 15 (cont.)

- *Address—The HON. NATHANIEL REED, Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Federal Policies and the Future of Fly Fishing.*
- *Resumé—ARNOLD GINGRICH, angling literature scholar, author, founding editor and publisher of Esquire. The Well-Read Angler.*
- 9:30 PM-10:30 PM — **AUCTION & RAFFLE**
- 10:30 PM — *Dancing and entertainment.*  
(Terrace Ballroom and Old Lamplighter Lounge)
- SUNDAY, MAY 16**
- 8:00 AM-11:00 AM — **BREAKFAST MEETING of the Eastern Council**  
(Valley View Room)
- 11:00 AM-12:00 — *Fly Casting Demonstration by LEFTY KREH, Director Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament, nationally known writer-angler and fly casting great.*  
(Lake Minausin and The Meadows)
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM — **OUTDOOR BARBECUE.** (The Meadows)
- 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM — **DEMONSTRATIONS AND FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION**
- *Fly casting—JOAN and LEE WULFF, MARK SOSIN, LEFTY KREH, RAY PRESCOTT, GENE ANDEREGG.* (Lake Minausin and The Meadows)
- *Fly tying*  
(Terrace Lounge)
- *Casting games*  
(Location to be announced)
- 4:00 PM — *Close of Conclave*

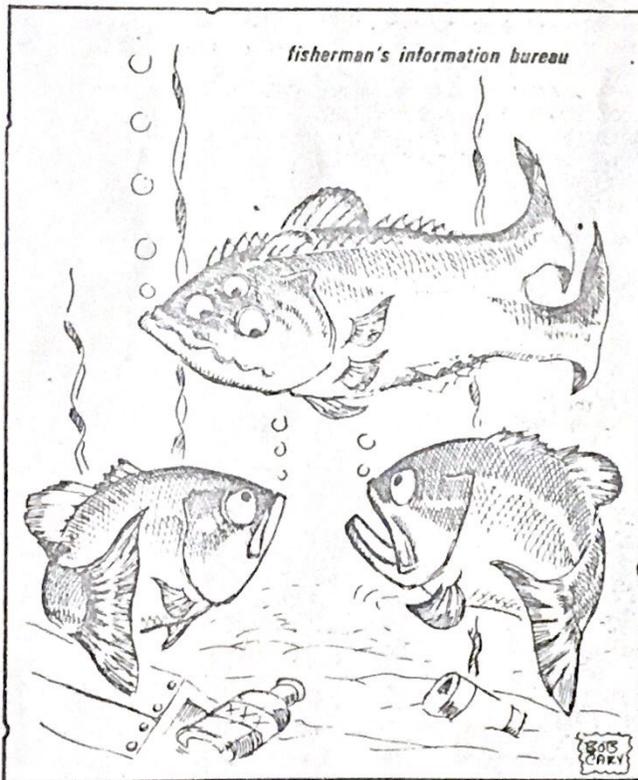


TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION  
or Matching the Hatch on Opening Day -- by K.J. Parkany

The practice of praising one's sport at the expense of others is an ancient practice, possibly as old as man himself. And the fisherman, I believe, has acquired a profound reputation for glorifying his sport that remains unparalleled in human history. Unfortunately this reputation became tainted eons ago by an overzealous ancestral piscator. Legend has it that an ardent paleolithic angler named Uglug Von Muglug added more than the proper amount of "spice" when telling of an angling experience. Whether Ugs was filled with his favorite (liquid) spirits at the time or, like most of his brothers of the angle, merely non compos mentis is of minor importance. The catastrophic consequence of his verbal blunder is the common everyday colloquialism "fishy", defined universally as an improbable story.

The following account of my opening day experience may sound plausible to some. To those of you to whom it may sound fishy, I only hope one future opening day that you may experience the same good fortune.

I was slowly fishing down my favorite stream using a bucktail, generally accepted as the most effective fly rod and fly combo for early season hatchery trout. With the water unseasonably low and clear my luck until then had been minimal. While casting to the cover on the opposite bank, at the head of a long pool, I barely noticed some small insects in the air. The sight of them sort of went in one eye and out the other without ever registering, because just minutes earlier my thermometer had recorded a water temperature of only 36°F. And in addition to my blue fingers, the ice still forming repeatedly in my rod guides assured me that the early morning air temperature wasn't any warmer.



"I'd like you to meet my cousin Fred from down back of the nuclear power plant."

When several distinct rings began to appear on the surface of the pool, I immediately looked up, fully expecting to see a suffering diarrhetic bird or clumsy squirrel in the overhanging trees. When that proved negative, my attention again focused on the water. The disturbance was obviously being caused by something beneath the surface and not above. The tell-tale dimple rise meant that the trout weren't nymphing, but surely they wouldn't be taking those tiny flies on the surface this early in the season. So, I then turned around and suspiciously glanced upstream, thinking that my fishing partner was up to his usual chicanery. His favorite trick is to nonchalantly slip in just upstream of another fisherman who is unrightly fishing his favorite pool, wilefully toss in some floating trout pellets, and sadistically watch his victim approach insanity trying to match the hatch. But my partner was nowhere in sight and fortunately for me no one else was either. I must've been a pretty kooky sight, to say the least, scurrying to and fro trying to snatch one of those blasted tiny bugs. A closer examination of one of the brownish-gray insects at rest in my hand, revealed semi-

transparent venulose wings that lay flat down over its body and two tiny but distinct tails. The casual observer might have suspected flying ants but those tails indicated otherwise. Noting the overall length, I quickly tied on a #16 downwing dry fly pattern that is better known for its effectiveness as an adult caddis imitation. Now, would

it work? Using a downstream technique, I let the little Henryville Special drift towards the risers in the tail of the pool. Well, I lost track of how many trout could have been entered into my diary, but four nice browns and one typically acrobatic rainbow were released before my time was regretfully up. As I slowly walked away, trout were still rising in the shadows of those towering hemlocks that rigidly guard the broad glassy pool.

Sound "fishy"? Well, the event was surely puzzling to me at the time. After discussing the experience the next day with the angler more knowledgeable in stream entomology and after paging through Schiebert, Wetzel, and Jennings in my library, I discovered that the tiniest genus Cannia, of the order Plecoptera, is one of the first insects of the season to appear. In fact, it is not uncommon for them to hatch while the forest is yet clothed in its white winter coat; and hence, are sometimes erroneously called snowflies. Little did I know before that frigid April morning that those tiny stoneflies, or anything for that matter, could provide such excellent sport so early in the season. Being little more than a novice at fly fishing for trout, I thankfully learned one more tidbit about my favorite pasttime, and that's what is important. For in the words of the late angling authority, Larry Koller, "...No one will ever know all there is to know about angling, but the angler's pleasure will always be in direct proportion to his understanding. Like all worthwhile efforts, angling gives back in the degree to which it is given."

That early season hatch of small brown (or black) stoneflies not only educated me, but also provided me with a truly rewarding indelible impression that I'll always remember as "matching the hatch on opening day" !!.



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The following excerpt from "I Go A-Fishing" by W. C. Prime, date 1873 ; but so appropriate today:

"It cannot be supposed that one who has not been accustomed to it should find that refreshment in going a-fishing which is so welcome to him who knows it by old experiences; yet it is a habit of body and mind easily cultivated, and much to be commended. Every hard working man should have a hobby. This is sound doctrine. Especially should the professional man and the active business man remember this. He whose mind is occupied during the day with severe labour will find it impossible at evening to abandon his work. The responsibilities of the day will weigh on him at night; he cannot rid himself of them. Social enjoyment, conversation, ordinary amusement and recreation will serve but a temporary purpose, and cannot be relied on to divert the mind from anxiety and care. Try the experiment. Take to collecting engravings, or coins, or shells, or anything else,

so it be a subject to interest you, and make a hobby of it. It will absorb the mind, enable it to throw off all business thought, afford sensible relief and refreshment, and be of great insurance against those diseases of the brain which close the labours and usefulness of so many strong intellects..... It is not every man who should go a-fishing, but there are many who would find this their true rest and recreation of body and mind. And having, either in boyhood or in later life, learned by experience how pleasant it is to go a-fishing, you will find..... that, - you are drawn to it whenever you are weary, impatient, or sad. "

K.R.

Notes & Quotes from May, June & July Director's Meeting .....Up to the present writing, our Treasury is holding up pretty well..... Conservation Committee members through their scheduled monthly work day outings cleared approximately one and a half miles of brush on the Farmington River in June; and in July patched Jeremys Dam. Looking for more bodies interested in undertaking and assisting conservation work.....

.... A new chain saw, gas-operated, has been purchased for Conservation group use, also a Cumalong, to assist to "tote that log, lift that stone".....OUTING on June 20th, Father's Day, at the Blast & Cast was light in attendance, a great time enjoyed by those that did make it, -- attendance would have been heavy, but we didn't take into consideration the many highschool and college graduations taking place on this particular day, - well, next time-----OUTDOOR FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Working on Pond in Chabline, draining, ditching, trenching, etc., to get in shape for member's use, having difficult in obtaining equipment and operator to complete work.....

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Reports 173 members and growing monthly.....INDOOR FACILITIES----- Meetings starting in September will be held in same quarters as previous year, in the downstairs auditorium of the Federal Savings & Loan Asso., in Windsor, Conn., looking at other quarters in other cities as a possible change of location someday, but not now. Raffles will be continued at meetings, plus door prizes.....FUND RAISING COMMITTEE - Reports that the CFFA emblems are selling quite well, demand is heavy, also have some sterling silver emblem pins available, both items can be obtained from Moneybucs Allard, our treasurer, at any meeting or by mail, this committee is also looking for additional bodies, volume of work is increasing, contact Al Dixon....

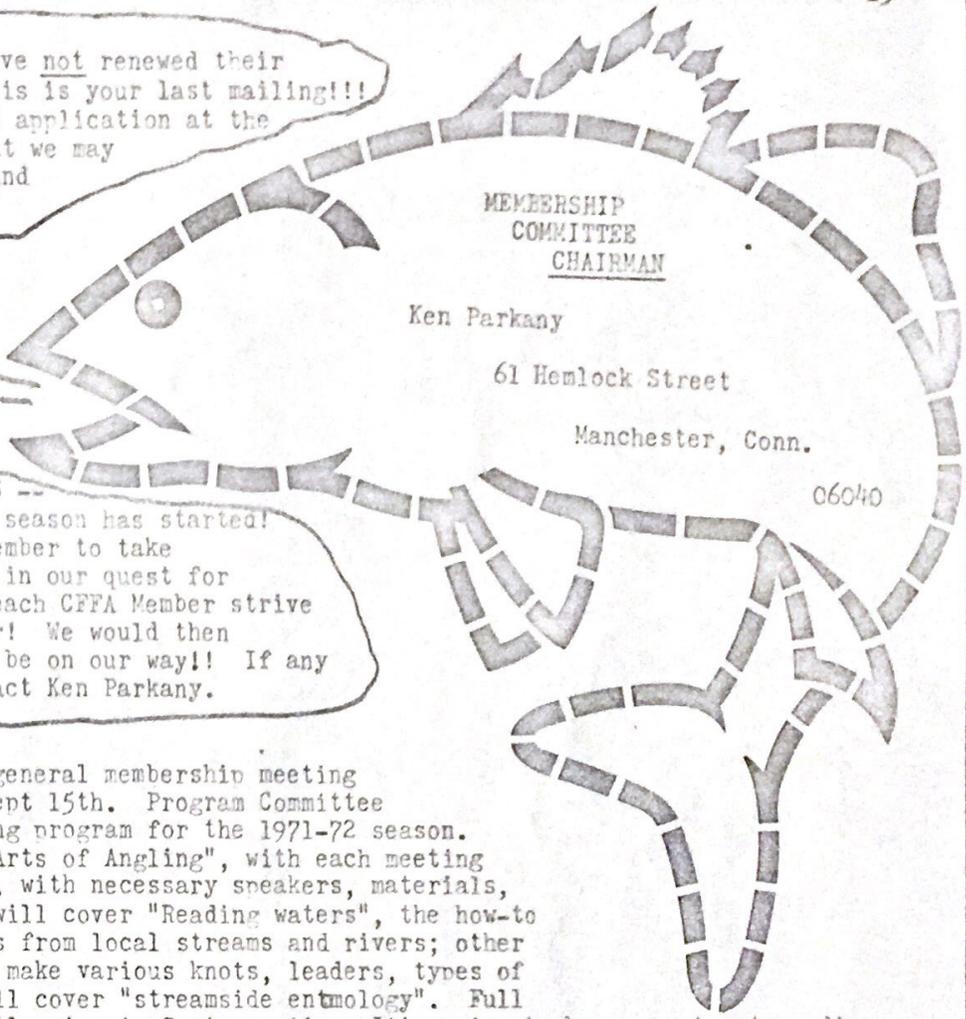
.....PROGRAM COMMITTEE - will publish the 1971-72 meeting program for distribution by end of August. Will be a historic program year, will take on the name of "Arts of Angling", with each meeting devoted to a phase of Angling, from Septembers right thru May. Speakers, materials, necessary films to portray subject will be utilized. Five fly tying classes will be held prior to each meeting, conducted by Walt Burr. The Five classes will cover streamer, nymph, wet and dry flies, one class covering one type of fly to be held prior to each meeting for a total of five meetings. Annual Dinner Committee will start to meet in September to prepare for the February Dinner Meeting.....PUBLICITY - Preparing news releases for conservation and outdoor publications of Connecticut's recently passed Minimum Flow Bill, our pet endeavor.....

.....LEGISLATIVE - Studying the next worthwhile State needed legislation that we should pursue for adoption, will announce soon.....EASTERN COUNCIL - Next Eastern Council Meeting to be held in Newport, Rhode Island, week-end October 8th, take in some fly-fishing for stribers, details in the future.....RHODY FLY RODDERS - Week-end Oct 2&3, will host a Fly Fishing Seminar for Striped Bass at Newport, R.I., Details enclosed with this publication for those desiring to attend. Your Editor attended last year and had an immensely great time, caught a few small ones, but watched an 11 pounder and a seventeen pounder reeled in on blue & white deer hair streamer flies.....OCTOBER 15th - CFFA Members may be invited to fish in Henryville waters, Pennsylvania.....BLAST & CAST - Projects to be undertaken at this area in the near future will be, to assist in posting property signs, assist in fencing-in property lines, undertakes some brush and overhead branch cutting. The Blast & Cast organization has permitted us to use their facilities for so many of our outdoor gatherings that the above undertakings are small recompense actions that we can accomplish for this organization with a big heart.....LETTERS of thanks and congratulations have been sent to the Senators and Representatives who subscribed to aiding the legislature of the Minimum Flow Bill for Connecticut, the first such statewide bill in the nation.....Trust we have now brought you up to date with information from all quarters of your CFFA organization....Ed.

ATTENTION - Members who have not renewed their 1971 CFFA Membership - This is your last mailing!!! Hurry! Renew! Utilize the application at the bottom of this page so that we may continue communications, and CFFA membership!!!!

ATTENTION ALL CFFA MEMBERS -- Membership drive for fall season has started! We would like each CFFA Member to take responsibility and assist in our quest for additional members. Let each CFFA Member strive to bring in one new member! We would then have a great kick-off and be on our way!! If any information required contact Ken Parkany.

FALL PROGRAM - The first general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept 15th. Program Committee has outlined an outstanding program for the 1971-72 season. It will be known as the "Arts of Angling", with each meeting covering a separate phase, with necessary speakers, materials, etc., -- initial meeting will cover "Reading waters", the how-to and wherefore, with slides from local streams and rivers; other meeting to cover, "how to make various knots, leaders, types of line to use"; another will cover "streamside entomology". Full details will be in the mail prior to Sept. meeting. It's going to be a great extraordinary year!!!!



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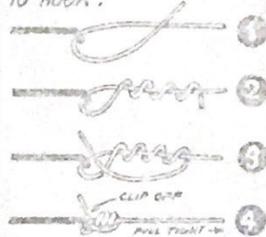
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