



USES HIS HOBBY TO CATCH 'THE BIG ONES'
M. F. Garwood makes a new dry fly

(Eccentric Staff Photo)

Some Fishermen Prefer to Tie Their Own Flies

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It takes a lot of time, patience and skill for a fly tyer to fool a fish—even an expert like M. F. Garwood of 315 Williamsbury.

Professional fly tyers can tie about twelve 35¢ flies an hour, but Garwood is in no great hurry and is very particular about his fly tying, so he only does about four or five an hour. Those he doesn't use himself, he gives away.

These flies, as all fishermen know, are to take the place of live bait and are made in a variety of forms as lifelike in action as is possible.

In many cases they also resemble an insect but this is not always necessary. It's the way the fly acts in or on the water that counts in catching the fish.

Various flies are used for fresh and salt water fish by fishermen who prefer them to live bait. Flies are much more efficient under certain conditions, Garwood says. Only when a trout stream is muddy and the fish can't see the artificial lure, are the flies inefficient.

GARWOOD got started in his hobby six years ago because he and a fishing companion were dissatisfied with the commercial lures they were buying. So they decided to make their own—neither of them ever having tried before.

Garwood still keeps the first two flies he made but compared to his latest efforts, they are pretty sorry specimens.

As a beginner, Garwood bought a lot of material and equipment, which he found out wasn't at all necessary. Now that he is experienced in the hobby, he keeps his equipment and materials to a minimum.

His fly tying hobby is practical in the den of his home and compared with some hobbies, it doesn't take up much space. Garwood admits, however, that when he is working at his hobby, "nobody can get into the room because I have stuff all over the place."

AT HIS DESK is a special vice which holds the lure he is working on and he works under a fluorescent overhead light.

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the water and became so exhausted trying to get away that he hasn't the strength left to lift his wings that are resting on the water.

The "parachute" fly is so constructed that the hair or feather on the fly acts like a parachute and the fly gently floats down to the water, thereby fooling the fish into thinking that it's a real insect. Now, a wet fly, another classification, is supposed to be some insect that has landed on the water, got drowned and waterlogged and sinks beneath the surface. Fish like that kind, too.

THEN THERE are the streamer flies. They are made with long hair or feathers trailing out behind, so that when they are in the water, the "streamer" moves back and forth and the lure imitates a minnow.

One classification that Garwood doesn't make many of are the nymphs. They are made to resemble insects who haven't hatched out yet but who spend many of their life cycle in the water as nymphs or larvae.

"This type of lure is good during certain periods," Garwood said. "The larvae are under the rocks and certain periods of the year when they are to become adult insects with wings, they detach themselves from the rocks and float toward the surface." The fish are so used to feeding on this delicacy (?) at this particular time that they will hit a lure which resembles the real thing.

THE LAST classification comprised the bugs. These are large flies, and cork is used for the heads or body of the "bug." The cork is enamelled in bright colors.

A humpbacked hook is used to keep the hook from turning in the cork body and is held in place by marine glue. Wings of tail are attached to the cork and hides the hook.

Bass, says Garwood, are especially susceptible to this type of lure.

Another type of lure which Garwood has made and which the bass are "crazy for" are cute little mice, complete with eyes, ears, whiskers and tail. Realistic looking crayfish are another lure in Garwood's line.

THE ENGLISH have developed standard patterns which fly tyers use and these have names such as Adams, Royal Coachman, or McGinty. However, every fly tyer will have a little from the standard pattern.

"Even in fly tying," Garwood says, "two people will do a thing exactly alike. The individuality of the person comes out and every one develops their own particular little quirks."

Garwood, who is chief metallurgical engineer for Chrysler Corp., has made all of his fishing equipment with the exception of lines and reels.

He catches a lot of fish with his lures and is enthusiastic about putting his hobby to the practical purpose of catching fish.

Announces Candidacy As Director of DAAI

Albert W. Bates, 1944 Graefield, a member of Boquet and company, Detroit, is a candidate for the office of director with the Detroit Association of Insurance Agents.

Bates, who has been in the insurance business since 1928, served as lieutenant commander during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation. He is active in the DAAI safety program, is Michigan chairman of the Worcester academy scholarship fund, and in many civic affairs of Birmingham and Detroit.

Cranbrook Alumni Honored At Schools

Three members of the Cranbrook School class of 1949 were elected Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard and Columbia Universities during the autumn term.

Martin S. Hanna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Eaton Hanna, 1423 Buckingham Road, and David M. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Olson, Detroit, were among 16 Harvard seniors chosen for the autumn honor list.

William K. Broder, son of Mrs. H. L. Broder, Detroit, was selected for Phi Beta Kappa at Columbia University where he is doing graduate work after receiving a BA degree in three years.

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PLAY IT SAFE! Fire Hazards Or Christmas Joy—Which?

One of the worst fire hazards comes at the best time of the year—the Christmas tree. You can reduce the hazard with a few simple precautions.

Don't bring the tree indoors until needed. Select a corner away from a radiator, stove, fireplace or other source of heat to display it. After cutting off the bottom an inch from the original cut, stand the tree in plain water to keep it fresher longer and so, less likely to catch fire.

The electric lights should be carefully checked for worn spots that expose bare wires, cracked insulation and faulty sockets before hanging on tree.

When purchasing new lights be sure they have been approved by "Underwriters Laboratories".

In connection with tree lights, never place more than a 15 amp fuse in the household circuit. When a 15 amp fuse burns out, it is trying to tell you that the circuit is overloaded. If this happens you should reduce the number of appliances on this circuit but never install a heavier fuse.

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