

# Wildlife Writer Discusses New '56 Fishing Tackle

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By DUANE RAVER

The average fisherman is a chronic tackle collector. And the funny part of the situation is that he uses, at one time or another, almost all the items he collects from the tackle counters and catalogs. This article may be of assistance to Mr. A. Fisherman in pointing out a few of the better items in the 1956 field of angling gear. We hope better and more enjoyable fishing will be the end result.

To list all the new tackle items being offered the fishing public for 1956 would obviously be impossible. So, our apologies to those outstanding gadgets omitted.

First, let's look at the casting rod situation for a few minutes. This almost forgotten item is making a comeback this season with several bright spots in the picture. Two of the better ones we looked at come from James Heddon's Sons of Dowagiac, Michigan. One is a 6 1/2 footer in light action only, of two piece construction. This rod is designed specifically for use with reels using monofilament line, especially enclosed spool type spinning reels. But my guess is that it will work wonders with a standard fast action casting reel and nine pound braided line. A one piece companion rod of 6 feet and light action is also available. The two-piece job is called the Mono-Cast "Pal", the one-piece rod, the Mono-Spin "Pal". Both look very good.

Although Pflueger has been noted for years for high quality fishing reels, not until this season have they ventured into the rod manufacture department. Both tubular and solid glass casting models in lengths from 5 feet to 6 feet are available from Pflueger this year. One of their outstanding features is the "Quick-lock" reel seat which is one of the best designs I know of.

Two good-looking hollow glass casting rods, one a 6 1/2 footer (ferruled 2 piece tip) the other a one piece 6 footer, head South Bend Tackle Company's full line of equipment for '56. Both rods are designed for casting with monofilament line. The 6 1/2 footer rod is brand new for '56 and should have plenty of responsive tip action to handle the popular ultra-light to half-ounce lures.

Wright and McGill, of Denver, Colorado, also respond to this increasing demand for a light, long, casting stick by supplying, among others, their solid glass "Favorite" in 6 foot and 6 1/2 foot models. They mention that these rods—both jointed, and equipped with spinning guides—have new reel

seats, which should improve them vastly. If you like the feel and power of solid glass, these are worth looking into.

Casting reels during the last few years have caused about as much excitement as a dollar bet in a Las Vegas poker game. But this year their stock will rise considerably. Many of the old stand-bys originally built for heavier braided lines have been redesigned for monofilament line. The Pflueger "Summitt," new for '56, exemplifies this type. The spool flange is made to fit so closely into the end of the Summitt that even a line as thin as 8 pound test monofilament cannot get behind the flange. The "fishable" line capacity is 300 yards of 8 pound test, down to 150 yards of 15 pound test.

The number of spinning-principle casting reels for 1956 is, to use a slightly overworked word, "legion." Zebco led the way several years ago and have been followed by improved versions by many of the leading manufacturers. The latest is Airex Corporation's new reel, the "Masterkast." This cleanly designed reel can be used with either bait casting or spinning rods and is fully ambidextrous, for right or left hand use. The line can be controlled by the thumb while playing a fish. Even with tiny spinning size lures, backlashes are impossible. For the bait caster who wants conventional operation with the advantages of spinning, the "Masterkast" looks good.

Casting lures? New ones by the dozen for 1956. The big swing to little lures is still swinging. James Heddon's Sons offer a fascinating new lure destined to change the fishing habits of many an angler during the new season. We're speaking of the "Spinfin". Actually classified as a spinning lure, its 3 sizes (1/5, 1/4, and 1/2 ounce) make it versatile as a spin or cast bait. Watch it go on smallmouth and walleye in the deep reservoirs this summer. Heddon also has developed a new pattern for its hard-beat River Runt. Called the "Flasher", it derives its brilliance from a mirror-like insert in the transparent body. For all four River Runt ask for the RFK-kit.

While we're on this type of reflective lure, let us hasten to mention the "sleeper lure" of late 1955 which will make its mark again in 1956. Designed and built by the Kautzky Lure Co. of Fort Dodge, Iowa, it's called the Skitter Ike. This plug took everybody (including many a bragging-size sea trout) by surprise and in most coastal sections it proved to be the trout lure of last winter. Designed for casting, trolling or medium spinning, the Skitter Ike works well in surf, river, or sound on most species that feed on shrimp and minnows. It is equipped with good, strong, needle sharp hooks

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and comes in several beautiful finishes. It should perform on walleyes and bass down deep too. Kautzky also put out the Bounce-Ike last year and this bottom bumping bait made lasting impressions on many citizens of the deep water reservoirs from Lake Hickory to Hiwassee.

Let's hit only the high spots in freshwater spinning gear, new this year. Although I haven't tried one, the new Pflueger "Freespeed" spinning reel appears a good buy. If it is anything like its more aristocratic cousin, the Pflueger "Pelican", you can depend on it for faithful service.

Shakespeare has come up with a newly designed open face spinning reel called the "Wonderspin" (not to be confused with the enclosed models issued by Shakespeare). One of its outstanding characteristics is the absence of a pickup bail or wires. The instant release and retrieve of line is accomplished by manipulating the crank. Its operation should be almost "automatic." Ask for the number 1785 Wonder Spin.

The "Stream and Lake" spinning reel issued by Wright and McGill is new and improved and contains several features lacking in most other spinners. It has two optional methods of casting, one quite unique. It employs a "touch plate" control; by easy pressure of the fore finger for release of line on

# Two Scholarships Being Offered By A. C. Lawrence Co.

Granting of two \$500 scholarships in leather engineering at Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, Mass., was announced today by Harold N. Goodspeed, president of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Co., Peabody, Mass.

The first \$500 is to provide a second year at the school for the winner of last year's scholarship award, Leo J. McCaffrey, Peabody.

The second \$500 will be awarded to a beginning freshman, not yet chosen. Each scholarship pays for a full year's tuition and all special school fees, and provides some money toward living expenses. The second \$500 will be awarded to a qualified high school graduate enrolled, or wishing to enroll, in the leather engineering course at Lowell Technological Institute. Applications will be made to the Scholarship Committee of the Institute which will make the final selection. The Committee will consider the character and future

promise of the applicant as well as his school record. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the school and be accepted by the school, in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

First preference in awarding the scholarship will be given to employees of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Co. Next to receive consideration will be dependent children of employees and pensioners and then other relatives of employees. Applications will then be considered from any qualified person who lives in a community where an A. C. Lawrence Tannery is located.

"The award, originated last year, has been made as a result of the cooperation which has existed for several years between the Company and the school," according to ACL President Goodspeed. "The leather industry is constantly seeking people who are able and willing to become its leaders in the future. The scholarship will help someone to take advantage of the opportunity which exists in the leather industry. It will give some young person, who is so inclined, a head start in specializing in the development of leather," said

Goodspeed. In explaining the scholarship, Goodspeed pointed out that Lowell Tech is the only college in the country offering undergraduate programs in leather engineering. The Institute offers a Bachelor of Science degree in this field.

The Department of Leather Engineering was started as a new department at the Institute about six years ago, under the direction of Dr. Albert E. Chouinard, well known New England leather researcher. It has steadily grown in size, equipment, and its contribution to the leather industry and the industry's future.

Any resident of Hazelwood, interested in applying for the scholar-

# Rainy Day Golf Outfit

AP Newsfeatures

GIRL GOLFERS now can ignore the weather man.

If it rains just as you are approaching the sixth or seventh hole, you needn't panic any more. Golf star Johnny Revolla has taken pity on bedraggled links ladies and has designed a water-proof golf outfit of lightweight, clear plastic film, which folds up compactly and is carried in the golf bag when the sun shines.

The outfit consists of a smart, easy-fitting zippered jacket, wrap-around flared skirt and cap. The jacket has roomy pockets, handy for cigarettes, tees and such. The whole thing can be slipped on over regular golf clothes with complete modesty, and will keep the feminine golfer dry and comfortable.

The skirt is adjustable, the cap is roomy enough to protect the hair and the jacket is cut to provide freedom of swing for any kind of shot. The outfit comes in small, medium, large and extra large sizes.



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# Majorette Clinic Opens Here Monday

A baton-twirling clinic for majorettes of seven Western North Carolina high schools will be held in Waynesville Monday and Tuesday, according to Charles L. Isley, Jr., head of the WTHS music department.

Expected at the clinic are majorettes from Brevard, Franklin, Enka, Owen, Bethel, Canton and Waynesville high schools. During the two days, the out-of-town majorettes will stay in the homes of the WTHS girls.

Conducting the clinic will be three of the country's outstanding authorities on baton twirling: Don Sartell, undefeated in competition and the nation's most experienced contest judge and founder of the National Baton Twirling Jamoree; Bob Dawson of Dayton, Ohio, vice counselor of the National Baton Twirling Association, and Miss Alta M. Burg of Red Lion, Pa., 1952 NBTA senior national majorette champion and foremost two-baton expert.

The three baton-twirling authorities appeared at the Dixie National Baton Twirling Institute held at the University of Mississippi last year.

The majorette clinic here, which is being held under the sponsorship of the WTHS music department, will start at 9:30 a.m. Monday and continue through most of the day Tuesday.

# Texas Rivalry

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Texas presents a solid front against the rest of the world, but at home, folks spur each other a bit. In Dallas, when the weather's sticky, warm and humid, the headlines say its "another day like Houston," the state's biggest city down on the Gulf Coast.

Many people have normal temperatures slightly higher or lower than 98.6 degrees.

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