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# DOC'S MENHADEN MINNOW AND THE SILVER DOLLAR LURE

By D. J. Brace, 1990



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"Doc," was William D. Gardiner (Doctor of Osteopathy), born December 17, 1896 in Chandler, Florida.

He received his medical education in Illinois, and in 1922 began a medical practice in Sanford, Florida. In addition to the Gardiner's home, at 421 Magnolia Avenue, being a place of business for Doc's medical practice, the garage and shaded arbor at the rear of the two-story house became the work area for his lure creations. His first attempts at an artificial bait dealt with an egg shaped wood sunfish, about two inches long and ¼ inch thick. The lure was drilled to accommodate a thru-body wire tie, which secured a single treble hook located at the tail. Shaped like a "T," the unique morticed tail was turned downward to give it action.

Doc believed a lure had to be light in color to be used in the dark fresh waters of Florida and painted each of these "Sunfish" a pale green. The large painted eyes, out of proportion with the rest of the body, consisted of a dark outer ring with a white center. The eyes were created by dabbing paint on the lure body with a special tool he made. It was said that with exaggerated eyes, "The lure now resembled a goldfish."

Unfortunately, these baits would not perform in the manner he wanted; specifically, stay down deep without spinning or turning sideways. Attempts were made to add weighted wire leaders, but this caused the bait to spin; also, leaders would rust. Doc liked to fish the deep holes in the lakes; he felt that's where the big ones were.

Not satisfied with wood, it was inevitable that he would resort to a metal lure. In the beginning, he experimented with eight to ten different sizes. Some, like his three inch "Needlefish," were long and slender but wouldn't pull straight. Others had various sized pot bellies. All of these early metal baits came from his own molds. The shape he finally chose to pursue, was that of the "Menhaden Minnow." Menhaden, a salt water bait fish, entered the St. John's River at Jacksonville and migrated south to spawn in Poinsett Lake and Lake Hell 'n Blazes. Numerous menhaden would fall victim to hungry bass along the way.

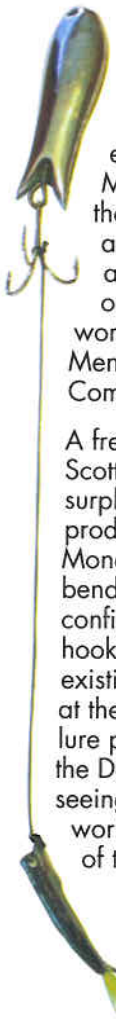
Doc's concept of a fishing lure in the shape of a menhaden was not new to the Sanford area. In the early 1930's, "Hop" Williams had designed a similar lure. Williams was an outboard motor repairman who had his business at Hill Hardware in Sanford. He was his own employer, free to take up his love of fishing whenever he chose. If the bass were "schooling," motor repairs had to wait!

Williams fashioned his first menhaden lure from three inch collars of Monel (a trademarked corrosion resistant alloy of nickel and copper). However, the required filing and shaping of the fork-tailed baits proved too time consuming. He then sought the services of Werts Jewelers in Sanford. It was here that Werts made a mold of the "Hop" Williams lure. To achieve a bright finish, silver dollars were melted down and cast into the shape of a menhaden! With a treble hook attached at the tail. Williams sold these "silver dollar" lures at \$5.00 each; a hefty price for fishing lures in the 1930's, so one can only guess how many were sold.

Doc's version of the "Menhaden Minnow" can be traced back prior to World War II, with peak production coming years later. In 1950, Florida Pipe and Foundry opened for business in Haines City, Florida. It was here at the foundry, that Doc Gardiner was able to have one-hundred aluminum "Menhaden Minnow" blanks cast at one time. The foundry also had a device that tumbled the blanks over and over again, bringing them to a smooth finish. Back home, Doc would buff them to a bright luster. In his tackle box, he always kept a typewriter eraser to maintain that luster.

Although not intended as a commercial enterprise in the beginning, the demand for his lure grew. On June 23, 1952, Doc Gardiner registered his Sanford Metal Bait Co. with the Seminole County Courthouse. Doc produced at least three sizes of the Menhaden Minnow Motion Lure. His smaller version was still larger than the "Silver Dollar" Menhaden made years earlier by Williams. Doc's largest Menhaden measured 2 ¾ inches in length.





A former neighbor recalled "Doc's lures were advertised nationally in fishing journals and he shipped them all over the country." Packaging of "Doc's Menhaden" has seen two varieties of a two-piece cardboard box. In one version, possibly the earliest, the box top is labeled very simply "Doc's Menhaden." The other is a bit more sophisticated with the box top containing, in one corner, the illustration of a seated fisherman near the bow of his boat catching a bass, which is shown in the diagonal corner. Based on his artistic talents, it is quite likely the original art work for the box was Doc's. This box is labeled "Doc's Menhaden Minnow Motion Lure, Sanford Metal Bait Company, 421 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, Florida."

A frequent fishing companion of Doc's was Chester Scott. Because of his connections with government surplus equipment, Scott became an asset to Doc's lure production. Scott furnished Doc with spools of rust free Monel wire. Using a vice and special jig, Doc would bend hundreds of the cut up pieces of wire in "S" shaped configurations. They were then used to attach a treble hook at the tail and also to provide a line tie through the existing hole in the head. The hole was purposely located at the top of the head to prevent spinning. Scott found the lure process very interesting and accompanied his friend, the Doctor, on several trips to the foundry. A visitor, seeing about fifty baits hanging from a wire above his workbench remarked, "Say Doc, is that some new kind of trot line you're working on?"

A place Doc favored to test his baits was off "Grassy Point," on nearby Lake Monroe.

Here, for unknown reasons, the water ran 25-30 feet deep. After returning from one of his successful outings, a sports writer who saw Doc's catch wanted to write an article about him for a national magazine. On this same lake,

Typical use of a "Doc's Menhaden" with a trailing "Marm"

an angler received local publicity when he caught a three pound "Speck" on one of Doc's "Menhaden Minnows." An instruction paper found in its original box stated in part, the lure should be "worked fast near the surface." One popular method of fishing his lure was to attach a trailing "Marm" (a small bucktail lure), about twelve to eighteen inches from the Menhaden lure; frequently an angler would reel in two fish!

While the majority of Doc's "Menhaden Minnows" have a shiny, bare metal finish, others known to have been painted by Doc, reflect his artistic ability. Some have yellow bellies with a black back, finished in a scale pattern. These examples have been found with either a yellow or red ring around the eye. Less artistic painting patterns would seem to be the creativity of individual fishermen. Because of its quick drying nature and durability, Doc used automobile lacquer. It is also known his wife Madge helped him at times painting the lures.

East of Sanford was "Crowe's Fish Camp." Inherited from his father-in-law, Jim Crowe operated the fish camp from 1947-1975. Although Crowe knew Doc Gardiner, he was unaware Doc painted his lures. The "Menhaden Minnows" Crow sold at \$1.25 each, were unpainted and unboxed; he'd purchase about twenty-five at a time from Doc. Crowe stated, "Doc's Menhaden was a great lure, especially in the Spring during schooling season." Crowe also told of Sears approaching Doc to produce "Doc's Menhaden" for their chain of stores. However, agreement to terms between the two could not be reached. Another local retail outlet for Doc's product was



A Hop Williams "Silver Dollar" Lure.

Seminole Sporting Goods, in Sanford. Production of "Doc's Menhaden," apparently begun before World War II, continued into the early 1960's until such time as the Gardiners moved away from Sanford. Within a few years of moving to Texarkana, near his wife's sister, Dr. William D. Gardiner died of lung cancer (March 31, 1965). His wife remained in the area until her death, several years later, on May 24, 1987.

Doc's paintings continue to hang in the homes of relatives. A few pieces of furniture he made were sold recently at an estate sale and the lures he made are still the treasured possessions of many a local fisherman.

*Footnotes:* The "Marms" referred to earlier in the text, were popularized by Orlando fisherman John Garey. In his sixties and retired from the military, Garey made a professional looking cork body lure that he used in conjunction with store bought top-water lures. His own technique was to tie as many as two "Marms" ahead of his top-water lure, giving the effect of a large fish in pursuit of small bait. Since this demanded a great deal of casting skill in order to keep the lures from becoming entangled, most anglers used his lure as a trailing bait.

Garey reasoned that since he was a "school-bass" fisherman, he would call his lure the "School Marm." In time, the lure became known as a "Marm."

Garey's "Marms" sold at various central Florida tackle shops, and were made in two sizes. The largest of Garey's bucktail lures was nearly one and a half inches in overall length. Complete with painted eyes, they were offered in all white and yellow bodies. Additionally, a black back and a brown back (both with painted aluminum bellies) were made. No longer available after the death of Garey, local fisherman began to carve their own versions.



An outstanding display of "Doc's Menhaden" lures, courtesy of Doug Brace.



# Metal detector strikes history

A prototype of a famous lure is found outside the inventor's son's home in Sanford.

By JIM ROBINSON  
SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

SANFORD — Tim Green had hoped his metal detector would find some old silver coins in Sanford's historic residential district.

Harry Wise was just returning to his East Sixth Street home from his favorite breakfast spot on Sanford Avenue when Green asked if he could search Wise's property.

That morning in mid-July, Green, 42, of Titusville found a gold ring lost in 1967 by Wise's former wife.

His other find, though, has collectors lining up, and Green's discovery could rewrite some local history.

Green, an electrician at Kennedy Space Center, frequently visits Sanford when looking for old coins to add to his collection. Settlement in Sanford dates back to the Second Seminole War of the

mid-1800s and the region's first hub for steamboat commerce on the St. Johns River and railroad travel to the south.

"I find a lot of stuff," he said, including a recent catch — a 1914 reunion pin of the Jacksonville chapter of the United Confederate Veterans.

Just from the sounds returned from his metal detector, Green has a pretty good idea of what kind of metal is buried. On this day, he was looking for silver, but aluminum and lead register just about the same sound, he said.

That's the sound that came back from a half-foot below the foot-worn grass and 18 inches from the back steps off the kitchen of Wise's wood-frame home. Green dug down and pulled up a tarnished, 2½-inch

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# Sidebar To The Doc's Menhaden Story And The Lure's Origin

Doug Brace has provided a copy of the recent *Orlando Sentinel* article by Jim Robinson, which is described below:

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the *Orlando Sentinel* featured an article by writer Jim Robinson dealing with the origin of the Doc's Menhaden lure. It begins with Mr. Tim Green of Titusville, Florida searching Mr. Harry Wise's property in Sanford, Florida's historic residential district, with his metal detector. Mr. Green found a "tarnished 2 ½ inch piece of metal shaped like a minnow", and gave it to Mr. Wise. Mr. Wise was elated, and immediately recognized it as the work of his father, Mr. A. W. Wise. Apparently, A. W. was nicknamed "Doc" because he sold medicines door-to-door and by mail order from the drug store he had purchased.

Harry Wise submits that his father, who was a close friend (and fishing companion) with Dr. William D. Gardiner, originated the concept of the "Menhaden Minnow" in the late 1930s, and was in fact the inventor of the lure! A. W. Wise accidentally discovered his friend was also making the lures, and "Doc" Wise and "Doc" Gardiner's friendship terminated immediately!

Harry Wise believes Tim Green's find to be one of "Doc" Wise's prototypes. Writer Robinson interviewed Doug Brace, Bill Stuart, Ron Gast, and Ray Heffington of FATC for their views on the "Menhaden Minnow". Hop Williams' "Silver Dollar" and others were mentioned as early examples of metal lures fabricated to mimic Mother Nature's glorious little baitfish. Whether one accepts Harry Wise's assertion of his father's status as the inventor of the "Menhaden Minnow" or not, Jim Robinson's story offers a compelling argument in support of A. W. Wise, and at the very least, adds a layer of interest and mystique to this great Florida bait!

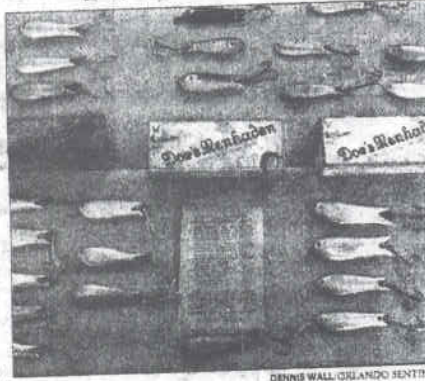
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family friend Bernice Ferry (from left), Harry Wise, his mother, Helen Wise, and father, A.W. 'Doc' Wise, pose in 1942. Harry Wise, a longtime circus performer and magician, recalls his father working on his lures.

## Friendship stopped over lure

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piece of metal shaped like a minnow — not a silver coin or some other treasure he had hoped to uncover.  
He tossed it to Wise, whose eyes lighted up as if he were holding a 1903 Morgan Silver Dollar from the Comstock Lode of Nevada.  
Now, Harry Wise is a man inclined to theatrics: It comes naturally. From youth to retirement, he took stages across the country as a magician and circus ringmaster. Many in Central Florida remember him as Mr. Magic from one of Orlando's WDBO-Channel 6 television shows of the 1960s.  
And he likes to tell stories.  
This time, he was talking about little chunks of lead, spent slugs of .22 bullets, that ruined a 25-year friendship between fishing buddies.  
That minnow-shaped fishing lure Green dug up had been in the ground for about 60 years, back to the days when



This is Don Durham's collection of 'Doc's' Menhaden Lures, which he says were invented by A.W. Wise but were patented by a friend.

That very sad day, my father, A.W. 'Doc' Wise, said, "That would have been in 1943 or 1944."  
He carved his own wooden mold to pour the hot lead. Once it cooled, A.W. Wise used the edge of his pocketknife to smooth the edges and shine the metal. Whenever a lure tarnished, he just used his knife to shine it again "and toss it in that river," Harry said.  
The recently discovered prototype shows knife scratches.

Wise wanted to turn down .22 slugs to fashion into fishing lures as gifts to friends in and around Sanford.

A.W. "Doc" Wise was some fishermen. He and his buddy, Dr. William "W.D." Gardiner, a Sanford osteopath, were local legends. A front-page article in the *Sanford Herald* on June 12, 1939, reported that Doc Wise had landed a 7½-pound flounder in Lake Harney, about 230 miles up the St. Johns River from its habitat in the Atlantic Ocean.

Those handmade lures were treasured by bass fishermen, who said schooling bass in the St. Johns jumped at them because when they danced over the top of the water they looked just like shiny Menhaden minnows.

A.W. Wise picked up his nickname "Doc" from the days he sold medicines such as "Wise's 4-Day Foot Fix," which, for the price of 75 cents a bottle, was said to cure all sorts of foot ailments. He went into the door-to-door and mail-order business by buying out a drugstore. He had had to change his line of work when Florida outlawed fireworks in 1939.

Selling fireworks for the Fourth of July, Christmas and New Year's holidays had been among his money makers when A.W. Wise ran indoor long-range shooting galleries in Sanford and Green Cove Springs.

Harry Wise, born in Sanford in 1934 as the only son of A.W. and Helen Wise, recalls that Navy boys came to the shooting galleries on the weekends, before World War II, when the military shut down the business to save brass, gunpowder and lead for the war effort.

Harry also remembers watching his father collect lead slugs from his shooting galleries and smelting the metal near the kitchen steps of their home.

"That was the last place I saw my dad working on those lures," Harry said. "That would have been in 1943 or 1944."

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Donnis Wall/Orlando Sentinel

One day, A.W. Wise dropped by his fishing buddy's house at Fifth Street and Magnolia, discovering that Gardiner had machinery running aluminum copies of Wise's lure and packing them for sale in small boxes labeled "Doc's Menhaden-Minnow Motion Lure." Gardiner had filed for a patent and started the Sanford Metal Bait Co. Most were shiny, but some were painted green or blue to look like scales.

The doctor had never spoken to "Doc" about the business, never asked permission, never offered to share the profit.

"That ruined the best friendship in the world," Harry Wise said, adding that his father left without saying a word to Gardiner. "Their friendship ended that sad day."

Gardiner died after making the lures for a decade or so, and his family moved to Texas. Those aluminum lures have become collector's items.

Sanford insurance dealer Don E. Durham, a fishing tackle and lure collector, owns a few of the Sanford Metal Bait Co. lures as well as the handmade lead lures. He confirmed that Sanford's old-time fishermen credit A.W. Wise as the originator.

"Harry's dad is really the true inventor," Durham said. "His fishing buddy took and ran with it. That's all its boils down to."

Durham is encouraging Harry Wise to make the lure available for auction. The story behind finding one of the Doc's Menhaden prototypes adds to its value, Durham said.

Florida's old lures are very popular.

Central Florida's sport fishing lakes made the region home to many of the state's early fishing gear companies, said Ron Gast, an engineer living in Kissimmee and an officer in the Florida Antique Tackle Collectors.

Antique lures, those made

before about the 1960s, can sell for as little as a few dollars to \$3,000 each, depending on rarity and condition, said Gast, who runs a Web site with photos of collectible lures made by Florida-based companies at home

Bill Stuart Jr. and Doug Brace write in their book, *Florida Lure Makers and Their Lures*, that Gardiner experimented with several types of lures in his shop, which also served as his artist's studio. Gardiner registered his lure company in Seminole County on June 23, 1952.

They add that others made minnow lures to try to catch schooling bass when the real menhadens were making their migration from salt water at Jacksonville to spawn at Poinsett Lake and Lake Hell 'n' Blazes. They mentioned Sanford outdoor motor repairman "Hop" Williams, who in the 1930s first made menhadenshaped lures of a nickel and copper alloy that proved too difficult to file and shape.

A Sanford jeweler suggested pouring melted metals into molds. Seeking something bright and shiny, Williams melted down silver dollars. He sold his silver dollar lures for 85 cents. That was a lot in the Great Depression, and he didn't make very many. Today, a silver dollar lure is extremely rare, Stuart and Brace write.

Ray Heffington, founder of the Florida Antique Tackle Collectors annual auction in Daytona Beach, said the significance of the discovered Wise lure, if it could be documented as one of the prototypes, would make it "very desirable" to avid collectors of Florida lures.

"They'd be champing at the bit for a chance to make bids." That might not happen.

Said Harry Wise, "I'm not sure I want to auction it. I'd like to keep it."

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# PAST AND CURRENT NOTES OF INTEREST

If you have not noticed, NFLCC has just completed a significant upgrade of the NFLCC Gazette. The September 2006 issue is forty pages in length with a color front and back cover, lots of color photographs and many interesting stories and ads. Please try to attend some of the NFLCC regional meets and the National in Louisville this year. While there, take the time to congratulate NFLCC Gazette Editor Jim Fleming and NFLCC President Bill McVeigh for their hard work in enhancing the Gazette. Since many of our FATC members are also NFLCC members, we are encouraged to observe an organization with its great past history experiencing new growth and fresh ideas, which can only be good news for the entire tackle collecting hobby.

## VEAL OYSTER FRIZEE

2 doz. oysters 1 tsp. salt  
2 lbs. tender veal ½ tsp. pepper  
1 tbsp. flour Hot toast points

Cut veal into small thin pieces three inches square. Fry slowly in drippings. When brown, add oysters with their liquor. Thicken with flour rubbed to paste with a little cold water. Season and cook until edges of oysters curl. Serve in deep dish with toast points.

## SHRIMP A LA BANG

Arrange a layer of shrimp in baking dish. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and chives, add a thin layer of bread crumbs and cover generously with butter. Add another layer of shrimp, etc., until dish is filled. Bake in a moderately hot oven for 20 minutes, and serve with plenty of melted butter sauce. A quart of shrimp, 3 heaping teaspoons chives, 2 scant cups crumbs, and half-pound butter will be needed.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF DOC'S MENHADEN BAIT

Doc's Menhaden takes more fish when worked fast near the surface. Move the rod tip with a rocking motion of the wrist during retrieve, but bait should not be jerked; run it to simulate minnow motion.

Much skill can be acquired in working this lure and it's a genuine thrill to make 'em do business when all other baits fail.

At times, fish deeper and slow, lift rod and give reel three or four turns, pause somewhat in rhythmic intervals.

All game fish will take this bait, especially Black Bass, Jacks, Specks, in fresh water; Blues, Mackerel, Crevalle, Snook and Trout in salt water.

Repolish lure with fine steel wool. A drop of oil applied after use preserves brightness.

Why not give yourself a break and go fishing. You cannot worry, and you'll forget your troubles, hoping a big one strikes. Take a tip—give it a flip (Doc's Menhaden) and have a whale of a time. It's good for you, believe me. You'll live longer.

Paper insert for the Doc's Menhaden Box

## In Memoriam

Long time FATC member Harvey Garrison passed on earlier in December at age 62, after a battle with cancer. Harvey's daughter, April, posted a warm and heartfelt statement on Joe's message board December 11th, asking that his friends celebrate his life as one about passion, happiness, friends and family. FATC has sent flowers to the family and a special Shakespeare tackle award will be dedicated to the memory of Harvey at the Daytona show in February 2007. President Ed Pritchard states, "Harvey was one of the good guys, and I know he will be missed by all who knew him. He had a good and kind heart. At this time let's all remember to keep Harvey and his family in our prayers".

On the opposite page are two colorful brochures printed in the early to mid 1950s by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the State of Florida. These brochures highlight both fresh and salt water fishing opportunities in the state and the fresh water issue from 1954 provides a listing of every licensed fish camp in the state. Each camp's operator name and address, the body of water, the number of boats and the number of cabins available, is given. The salt water issue contains a schedule of boat license fees with incremental increases of 20 cents per foot, up to vessels of 163 feet in length. Also included are the different types of salt water fish that abound in Florida waters and some "interesting and eclectic" recipes for the 1950s homemaker, (with no particular regard as to gender)...

## FISH BAKED IN BROWN PAPER BAG

(6 Servings)

3-lb. fish cleaned and split 2 tbsp. finely chopped onion  
Cream 1/3 cup soft butter 1 tbsp. lemon juice  
with 1 tbsp. flour ¼ tsp. pepper  
2 tsp. salt

Dip in salt solution made of 2 tbsp. salt dissolved in 1 cup of cold water. Allow to stand from 3 to 8 minutes. Drain and dry. Spread top with paste made of butter, flour, onion, lemon juice and pepper. Butter or oil a large brown paper bag (or use parchment paper). Lay fish carefully in bag (bag can be slit down side). Press air from bag. Fold over carefully. Fold over end 3 times. Fold sides and corners gently. Lay on a baking sheet or dripping pan. Place in hot oven. Reduce heat and bake 45 minutes when bag is browned evenly (not burned). (Bag will brown in 10 minutes.) Open bag and slip fish to serving platter.

Suggestion: Use mangrove snapper, sea trout, red fish, Spanish mackerel or any medium sized firm fish. This method of cooking fish eliminates all odor and the unpleasant cleaning of cooking pan.

## STUFFED CUCUMBERS WITH SHRIMP

Boil six cucumbers with salt until half cooked. Scoop out the centers and mix them with 1 lb. cooked shrimp, 2 tablespoons tomato, ½ cup mushrooms, 1 cup fresh bread crumbs, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon minced parsley, and ¼ teaspoon minced onion; chop fine and fry in butter. Fill the cucumbers with this, sprinkle with bread crumbs, and put a piece of butter on each. Bake about 10 minutes.

## FISH CROQUETTES

(6 Servings)

Left-over fish (fried, baked, 1 Salt and pepper to taste  
broiled or boiled) 1 cup mashed potatoes  
Onion 1 egg beaten  
Bread crumbs

Left-over fish may be used. Pick out bones, run through grinder with a little onion. Season with salt and pepper. Mix 1 cup of above with 1 cup mashed potatoes. Mould into balls. Dip in bread crumbs, beaten egg, and crumbs. Fry brown. Drain on crushed paper.

## FLORIDA LOBSTER THERMIDOR

1 Florida lobster ½ tsp. salt  
2 tbsp. butter ¼ tsp. dry mustard  
2 tbsp. chopped onion ¼ tsp. paprika  
2 tbsp. diced mushrooms 1 cup cream  
2 tbsp. flour 1 tsp. chopped parsley  
2 tsp. grated cheese

Boil Florida lobster in seasoned water 15 min. and split in halves. Remove edible parts. Remove meat from shell and dice. Mix with sauce made by melting butter, adding onion, and cooking until yellow. Add flour and seasonings and cook a few minutes before adding the cream. Stir until boiling begins and add the parsley and cubed crawfish meat. Stuff into shell, sprinkle lightly with cheese, or add cheese to the sauce. Bake at 450° until a delicate brown. Garnish with sliced lemon.





ORANGE COUNTY (continued)

Name of Camp	Operator's Name and Address	Body of Water	No. of Boats	No. of Cabins
Winter Garden Colored Dock	Ward Britt Box 98 Winter Garden, Fla.		6	0
	Anna Bell Mott Route 2, Box 121 Winter Garden, Fla.		14	0
Moose Head Camp	Beyre Bates Route 1 Apopka, Fla.	Lake Apopka	14	4
John's Camp	John W. McGraw Killarney, Fla.	Lake Apopka	10	4
	W. E. Eubanks General Delivery Titusville, Fla.	St. Johns River	3	0
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23 feet	2.05	50 feet	7.05
24 feet	2.25	51 feet	7.25
25 feet	2.45	52 feet	7.45
26 feet	2.65	53 feet	7.65
27 feet	2.85	54 feet	7.85
28 feet	3.05	55 feet	8.05
29 feet	3.25	56 feet	8.25
30 feet	3.45	57 feet	8.45
31 feet	3.65	58 feet	8.65
32 feet	3.85	59 feet	8.85
33 feet	4.05	60 feet	9.05
34 feet	4.25	61 feet	9.25
35 feet	4.45	62 feet	9.45
36 feet	4.65	63 feet	9.65
37 feet	4.85	64 feet	9.85
38 feet	5.05	65 feet	10.05
39 feet	5.25	66 feet	10.25
40 feet	5.45	67 feet	10.45
41 feet	5.65	68 feet	10.65
42 feet	5.85	69 feet	10.85
43 feet	6.05	70 feet	11.05
44 feet		71 feet	11.25

SCHEDULE OF BOAT LICENSES

72 feet	11.45	118 feet	20.65
73 feet	11.65	119 feet	20.85
74 feet	11.85	120 feet	21.05
75 feet	12.05	121 feet	21.25
76 feet	12.25	122 feet	21.45
77 feet	12.45	123 feet	21.65
78 feet	12.65	124 feet	21.85
79 feet	12.85	125 feet	22.05
80 feet	13.05	126 feet	22.25
81 feet	13.25	127 feet	22.45
82 feet	13.45	128 feet	22.65
83 feet	13.65	129 feet	22.85
84 feet	13.85	130 feet	23.05
85 feet	14.05	131 feet	23.25
86 feet	14.25	132 feet	23.45
87 feet	14.45	133 feet	23.65
88 feet	14.65	134 feet	23.85
89 feet	14.85	135 feet	24.05
90 feet	15.05	136 feet	24.25
91 feet	15.25	137 feet	24.45
92 feet	15.45	138 feet	24.65
93 feet	15.65	139 feet	24.85
94 feet	15.85	140 feet	25.05
95 feet	16.05	141 feet	25.25
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101 feet	17.25	147 feet	26.45
102 feet	17.45	148 feet	26.65
103 feet	17.65	149 feet	26.85
104 feet	17.85	150 feet	27.05
105 feet	18.05	151 feet	27.25
106 feet	18.25	152 feet	27.45
107 feet	18.45	153 feet	27.65
108 feet	18.65	154 feet	27.85
109 feet	18.85	155 feet	28.05
110 feet	19.05	156 feet	28.25
111 feet	19.25	157 feet	28.45
112 feet	19.45	158 feet	28.65
113 feet	19.65	159 feet	28.85
114 feet	19.85	160 feet	29.05
115 feet	20.05	161 feet	29.25
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117 feet	20.45	163 feet	29.65

Combine length and beam and add together, then apply to above schedule to arrive at proper tax.

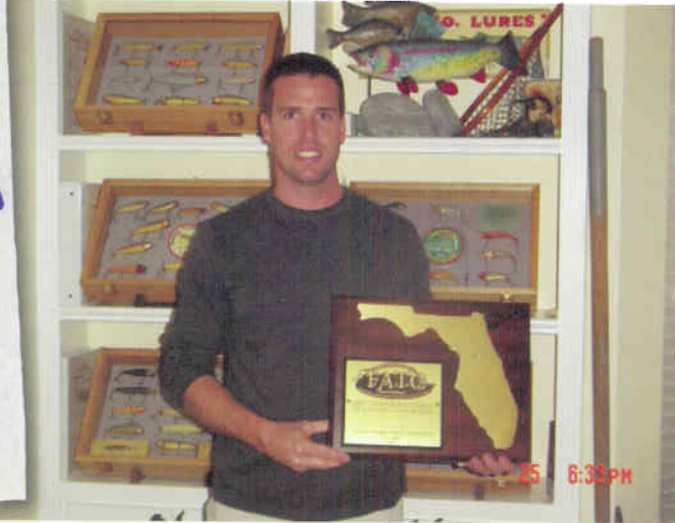


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Ed Bauries, exhibit winner at The Villages of Lady Lake for his Florida Lure Maker display.

Doug Brace's outstanding display of York/Eger Lures from The Villages of Lady Lake show.



(above)

Ed Bauries' SUV, parked on a side street at The Villages, was the apparent target of a hit-and-run golf cart! This note, found under Ed's windshield wiper, gave him quite a "start" for about 90 seconds. He then realized that the name and phone number was lifted from a pop hit by Tommy Tutone, and the jig was up!



Catherine Carlstrom, Lilly Carlstrom, Katy Pratt, and Megan Hankin, hard working registration volunteers for The Villages of Lady Lake show.



Proud dad Steve Cox and daughter Nicki at The Villages fountain.



Sally Jett, Nicki Cox, and Ryan Keith at The Villages of Lady Lake.



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