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Size #8 Montreal wet fly, May of 1964.

I had a Herter's kit which included claret floss, gold tinsel and a turkey quill. I also had a Herter's tying guide where old man Herter wrote that the Montreal was the fly of choice of the disciples for fishing in the Sea of Galilee.

He was always saying stuff like that. I think old man Herter was drunk a good deal of the time...

Anyway, I tied this Montreal and a #10 McGinty wooly worm that first time I sat down at the vise. Then I rode my bike down to Lake LeBoeuf and fished in my hippers behind the old Lakeside tavern. I caught a bluegill on the Montreal right away, then nothing for about 15 minutes. So, I switched to the McGinty wooly worm and caught gillies as fast as I could put it out there.

The Montreal isn't a very good fly...