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Re: Old rod: what line weight do I use on it?

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Just looked up some stuff and the 1308 1/2 appears in the 1955 catalog as the Lucky Strike and cost \$8.50, which is at the low end of the scale. It is listed as "light action", but that could mean 6 wt. I don't think 4 wt rods became common/available until the late 60's early 70's. The 1200 6' 9" Queen Elizabeth rod HI rod cost \$20 and some people claim it is a 4 wt. A 5 wt rod was a light rod in the mid 60's - unless you sprung for a high end cane rod. This is why some of us old timers chuckle when we hear someone claim you need a 2 or 3 wt to fish tricos or small streams since people did those things successfully before the current light rods were available.

In 1955 the line rating system wasn't in place. The number is just a product number, although the 8 1/2 probably stands for 8 1/2 feet long since that is how the standard product appear to be numbered; the high end rods don't seem to follow that though.