

THE FISH THAT DIDN'T

LIKE ALL seasoned anglers Tom Begley, from Milltown, has been spinning tall yarns for many a long day... but after his "two in one" catch last week-end he has a tale to cap them all.

For on Thursday evening, Tom, who was doing a spot of fishing in the Clare River a few hundred yards from his house, landed a huge 9 lb. pike which had earlier swallowed a fine 2 lb. trout.

Using a hand-made copper spoon, Tom played the pike for 20 minutes before he landed him. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the fine trout which the pike had breakfasted on.

"It happened once before but it is very rare to catch a pike with another fish," he said. "It certainly shows the damage that pike are doing in our fishing rivers."

Paddy Brett, from Tuam, who was fishing with Tom at the time, commented: "This was one of the biggest pike taken from the river in years and it shows the damage they are causing very clearly."

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