

# Tropical Fish Catching on as Area's Newest Hobby

Did you ever see a fish collector? — including every body who has a couple of goldfish floating in a glass vase to those residents like Walt Mauers of Livonia, with 25 to 30 tanks of betta fish — number and one-third of suburban families here.

These local residents are part of the growing number of collectors of tropical fish, which is fast sweeping through the suburban communities as one of the newest and fastest-growing hobbies.

And the "walking," "kissing" and "spitting" fish are only part of the strange species of water life that they're collecting from all over the world. Tropical fish

water is caught in warm waters throughout the world and shipped to a central hatchery in New York, from where they're flown in special styrofoam cases to the aquariums and other parts of the United States.

From here, they go to the collectors.

Ruth Alevedo, 31, of such community like Livonia, is such a collector. Ruth's specialty is the breeding of albino guppies. Another local resident, Sam Shulman, is also nationally known in tropical fish circles, for his supplies. Gerald Gonda of Livonia, Obregon's 1111 Plymouth, also breeds the strange glowing fish called neon tetras. Only six people in the U.S. have bred them on a large scale, and Jerry is

aiming to match their records. Where does the interest begin? In this hobby of breeding, collecting and watching the strange creatures.

Much of his business, reported Duberstein, is in outfitting a aquarium in new schools. Almost every school science teacher has an aquarium, and the study of marine life is widespread in secondary school science classes.

And tropical fish collecting, in which they sell, is a pastime in which they sell.

The hobby, specializing in collecting live bearers, egg layers, in aquarium plants and in decorations. The hobby is an aid to relaxation, they report, and even hospitals are using aquar-

iums to "calm patients" its reported.

There are more than 500 species, for collectors to choose from, and they're

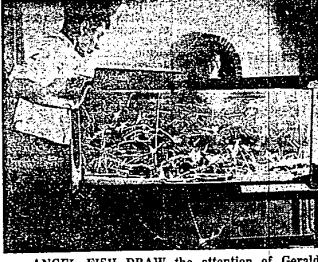
priced from five cents to \$30 a pair, for some of the more exotic species.

And although much of the

hobby's fascination comes from watching strange species like Siamese fighting fish, which have their practical side too.

One of the most popular new

suburban fanciers.



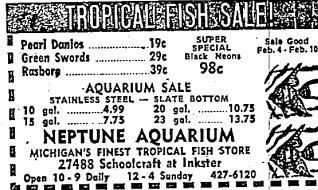
ANGEL FISH DRAW the attention of Gerald Gonda, 32431 Maryland, Livonia, one of this area's tropical fish enthusiasts. Gonda has more than 200 fish in his 35 gallon tank and auxiliaries.



REDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENT Gene Burt, 17293 Delaware, looks at the "Black Mollies" in his built-in aquarium in the basement of his home.



HERB MARTIN, 21255 Birchwood in Farmington, looks at his mono and discus fish in his home aquarium. Martin is one of the area's best-known tropical fish collectors.



EUGENE DUTTON, Member, Executive Board, Redford Assembly for Human Relations, GETTYSBURG, Pa.: Nov. 19, 1963. "Our family is the fourth in our family to maintain a tradition of service to our country. We dedicated to the proposition that ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL."

In February, as we honor the birth of Abraham Lincoln, President Kennedy, we must not forget those who, like a short, clear statement of the true meaning of America, spoken by a northern backwoods lawyer who rose to greatness.

Four score and seven years before this speech, given at Gettysburg, another American, a Southern aristocrat, had written: "We hold these truths to be self-evident."

Our history, from 1776 to 1863, 1863 to 1963 has been an attempt to secure the unalienable rights.

Right suppressed all others, and as this right is guaranteed universally, all others will follow. I agree with former President Eisenhower that with the right to vote guaranteed to all men, all men are endowed with certain inalienable rights, all men should be guaranteed equal opportunity, all citizens have the right to participate in decisions affecting them (especially through the right to vote).

If we accept these goals, we can proceed, as Lincoln outlined: "With firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work."

## School Halts Peddling of Anti-UN Tracts

An alleged attempt to disrupt plans for a competitive examination on the United Nations was described by the principal of Clarenceville High School on Thursday before a meeting of the Board of Education.

David McDonald told the board that he had received a letter from a group outside the school district to stop distributing anti-UN tracts to students on school property.

He said the three were giving pupils, they left the school last Thursday, sheets labeled, "The UN is the Devil's Government." They were published, school officials said, by a group called the "Southern Conservative Inc."

McDonald said one of the ladies had called a teacher at the school who had organized a competitive exam on the UN which was to be held on Feb. 10. The teacher failed to talk to him about it. The examination, McDonald added, had the approval of the

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