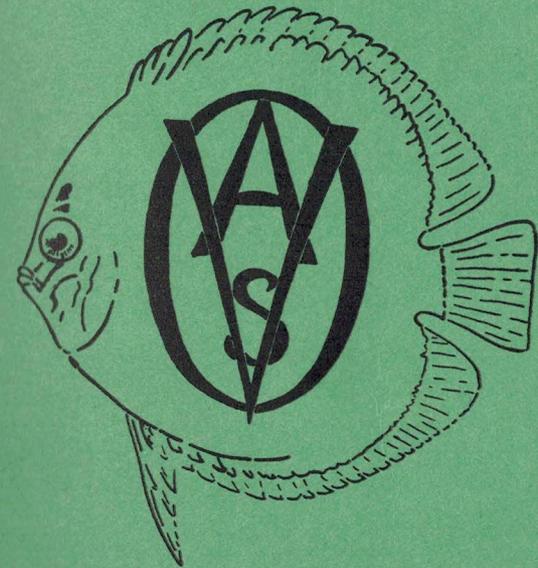


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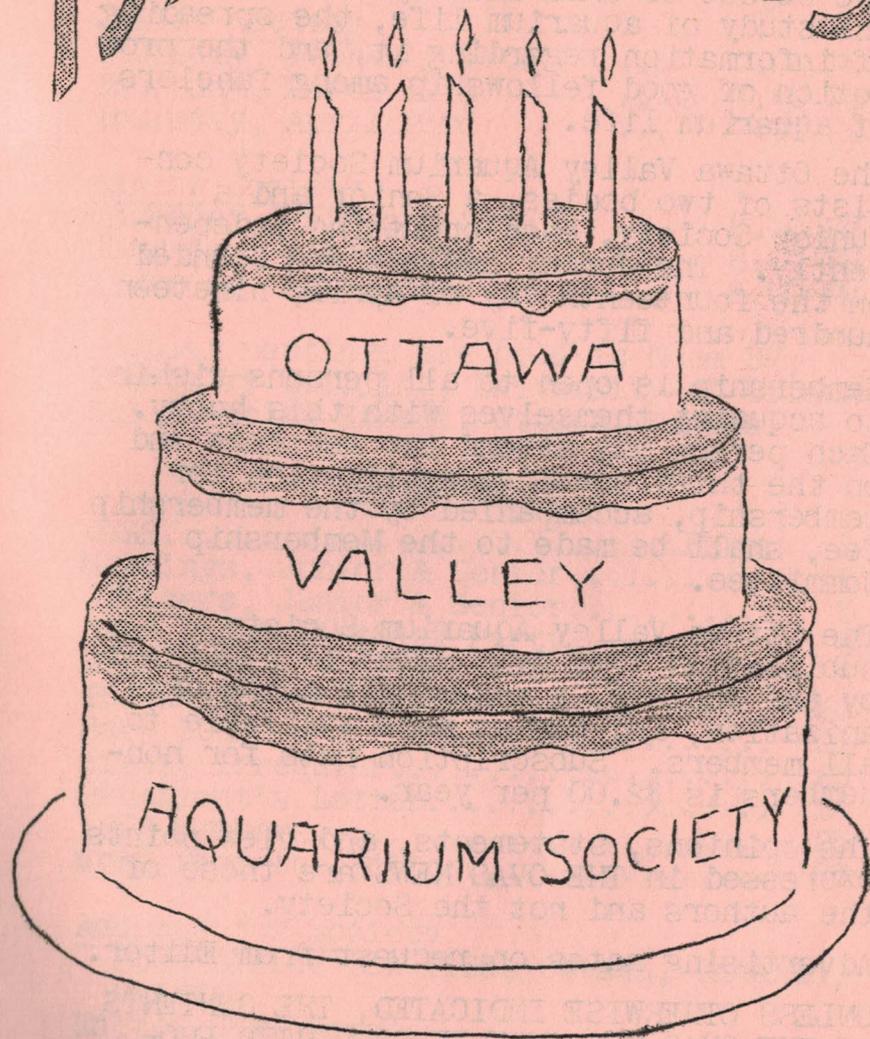
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The Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society was founded on the eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

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The Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society consists of two bodies, a Senior and a Junior Society, each operating independently. The Junior Society was founded on the fourteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

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Thursday, April 23rd	...	7.00	PM
<u>Senior Society</u>			
Thursday, February 26th	...	8.00	PM
Thursday, March 26th	...	8.00	PM
Thursday, April 30th	...	8.00	PM

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1954 - 1959

Four years ago, March 11th, 1954, a group of some thirty people met at the Real Estate Office of Mr. Otto Clingen, 270 Lyon Street, Ottawa, to form a tropical fish society. It was at this meeting that our Society, named "The Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society", was formed.

- 1954 -

At the first meeting it was agreed that a society be formed and we immediately elected officers. Those elected were: President Mr. Otto Flegel, Vice-President, Mr. Edgar Parisien, Secretary, Miss Bev Stanbrook and Treasurer, Mr. Paul Metcalfe.

Mr Parisien arranged for our meetings to be held in the Ottawa Teacher's College and it was here during the first and second meetings that the name "Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society" was agreed to.

We immediately started turning the wheels and our biggest task, which was one to remain with us for nearly two years, was the job of writing a Constitution and By-Laws.

It was just one month when we ran into our first difficulty when the Secretary, Miss Stanbrook, resigned. Mr Harvey Wittenberg was elected to fill this vacancy.

Mrs. L.E. Phillips was appointed as Editor of our magazine "The OVAS NEWS". At the beginning our news

amounted to one page, later two, then three and so on until an eight to ten page magazine was being published.

The Society emblem (which many I am sure are not aware of) is the "DISCUS". This emblem appeared on our magazine cover later during the year.

A library was organized but for some time it only contained a couple of books.

During the Central Canadian Exhibition, 1954, we approached the Exhibition officials regarding the Society setting up a tropical fish display. They agreed and this was the first display of tropical fish for the Society and for the Central Canadian Exhibition. The display was a success as far as the Exhibition officials were concerned for it was an attraction that helped, to a great extent, the attendance of the Exhibition. However, as we had our display set up in the poultry building, it was not so good for us for we had to compete with the heat, chickens, roosters, swans, and what-have-you, not to mention the smell. In addition the temperature was a difficult one for there were many fish lost due to being near boiled. Mr Travers Hyde even brought in large fans from his store in an effort to cool the place off. Nevertheless, the show was a success and we can thank our members, especially Mr Jack Dirks and Mr Clem White, who did all the necessary planning and work involved.

During 1954 the majority of our meetings consisted of business and very little time was allowed for the hobby. Mr Flegel, President, ran into more difficulties than one could ever imagine, and the words "Constitution and By-Laws" were ones that many wished they just didn't exist. Many lost interest and left the Society, however, they are not to be forgotten for they contributed greatly in the organization of our Society.

Mr Flegel and other officers worked very hard to please everyone, trying to combine business and pleasure, and it was necessary for a great deal of the organization of the Society to be carried over in 1955.

The membership fee was \$2.00 per member and .50¢ for Junior members. The total membership for 1954 was 43 members.

- 1955 -

Officers elected were: President, Mr. Edgar Parisien, Vice-President, Mr. Ken Craig, Secretary, Harvey Wittenberg and Treasurer Mr. Paul Metcalfe.

Although a great deal of organizing had been done in 1954 there was still more, and again we ran into more business and less programme. This resulted in a new system being adopted whereby the elected officers and the appointment of five Directors would carry on the greater portion of the business at Executive Officers meetings.

A gestetner machine was purchased for \$100.00 so that we could produce the OVAS News. This gestetner was purchased on the installment plan - \$5.00 a month if we had it.

A convention was held in Rochester, New York, for all tropical fish societies. Our Society attended this convention and agreed at this meeting to form an International Federation of Aquarium Societies (TIFAS) which we were one of the first to pay the membership of \$10.00 and the first to become a member.

When our Society was first formed it was planned to have a Junior Society. After much planning and organizing by Mr. Edgar Parisien and Mr. Harvey Wittenberg, a Junior Society was formed on April 14th,

1955. Officers elected were: President, Terry Wilkie, Vice-President, Wendy Davies, Secretary, Fred Gault and Treasurer, Gary Zumar. The Junior Society was supervised by Mr. Ken Craig and assisted by Mrs. Flo Fitzsimmons.

The organizing of a Junior Society proved to be an exceptionally good move and the young officers elected did an exceptionally good job, in fact, they created more interest in the Society than the Senior body.

March 1955 we celebrated our first Society birthday party in the auditorium of the Ottawa Teacher's College.

During August we again set up a display of tropical fish in the Central Canadian Exhibition, Ottawa, under the guidance of Mr. Alan Griffin, our Show Director. This display was much larger than our 1954 show and we met with little difficulty as we were given space in the Horticultural Building. This certainly was a change from the chickens, roosters, etc. The Junior Society made an excellent showing at this display and walked away with nearly all the prizes.

A Hospital Aquarium Fund was approved and we presented our first aquarium to the St Vincents Home, then the Civic Hospital, Rideau Health and Occupational Centre and The Protestant Home for the Aged.

Identification cards were introduced and members were fined five cents if they attended a meeting without their card. The first Society Raffle was held, which was open to the public, and the proceeds amounted to \$207.00. It was agreed that we try one meeting a month instead of the two, on a trial basis, but this only lasted for two to three months.

The Junior Society held a drawing

contest of tropical fish. This proved to be very interesting to all Junior members and many fine drawings were entered which were later placed on display in the 1956 Exhibition.

The membership at the end of 1955 was 48 Senior members and 30 Junior members, total 78.

- 1956 -

Senior Society Officers elected were: President, Mr. Edgar Parisien, Vice-President, Dr. W. Chapman, Secretary, Mr. Stan MacPherson and Treasurer, Mr. Lou St Amand. The Junior Society Officers were: President John Auer, Vice-President, Gerry Guzzo, Secretary, Joe Marshall and Treasurer, Gary Zumar. Supervisors were Dr. W. Chapman and Mrs. Flo Fitzsimmons, Assistant.

As we started out this year in the "RED" our Finance Committee Director, Mr. Phil Curry, worked out a suitable budget for the Society and each Committee. This later proved to be of great help and Phil kept our expenses down to the minimum.

Although we were doing away with most of the business at the Senior Society regular meetings there was still not sufficient time being allowed for programme

The beginning of the year was very discouraging for we had difficulty in keeping our elected officers and appointed Directors. First the Vice-President had to resign and Mr. Harvey Wittenberg was elected, then the Secretary resigned (there was no replacement) in addition the Directors were moving around like fleas in a circus. One headache was the difficulty in obtaining an editor for the magazine.

Nevertheless, this proved to be a

great year for the Society and although we had, at times, business to discuss at our regular meetings, we at least had more programme than in previous years.

Mr. Harvey Wittenberg replaced Dr. W. Chapman as Supervisor to the Junior Society.

The membership was raised to \$3.00 for Senior members and \$1.00 for Junior members.

The annual display of tropical fish at the Central Canadian Exhibition, Ottawa, was once again a great success. Each year we are given additional space to display our tropical fish -- maybe in time they will give us the building.

The first daphnia hunt was held by Mr. Edgar Parisien. Many Senior and Junior members attended. The highlight of the hunt was when David Lee was seen strolling down the Driveway with a six foot pole, one end a pair of his wife's bloomers which he had tied at the legs and using for a net. Anyway the pink bloomers proved to be a success, for Dave ended up by catching Daphnia by the pail full (or should it be bloomer full).

The Society, Senior and Junior, held the first picnic which was enjoyed by all members. The Society birthday party was celebrated with the Junior Society celebrating their first birthday.

An additional aquarium was presented to the Rideau Occupational and Health Centre.

The library was now fully organized and present at the regular meetings of the Senior and Junior.

We renewed our TIFAS membership.

This was a very good year for membership which reached an all time high of 84 in the Senior Society and 63 in the Junior Society, total 147 members.

It was also a good year financially for we ended with a balance of \$138.17, the Junior Society \$48.00.

- 1957 -

Officers elected for the Senior Society President, Mr. Harvey Wittenberg, Vice-President, Mr. Earl Brinston, Secretary, Mrs. Clare Weitz and Treasurer, Mr. Dan Jeffrey.

Officers elected for the Junior Society: President John Auer, Vice-President, Terry Wilkie, Secretary, Joe Marshall and Treasurer, Fred Gault. Supervisor, Mr. Earl Brinston and Assistant, Mrs. Flo Fitzsimmons.

Our Annual Society Raffle ended with a profit of \$258.12.

One change was made immediately at the beginning of the year which was the deletion of the business at the Senior meetings, with the programme being given top priority. In order to have no business at the Senior meetings a "News Letter" was introduced. This News Letter, which was produced by the President, was made available to each member at the regular meetings informing the members of any business in the Society.

The Society accepted an invitation from the Kiwanas Club to set up a display of tropical fish in the Coliseum during the 1957 Motor Show which ran for one week. This show was organized by our Director, Mr. Geo Bowie, and was a great success, more so, as it was the first display we had undertaken during the winter months. The Kiwanas Club were very pleased and they kindly sent us a cheque in the amount of \$50.00.

The Junior Society held a photo contest of tropical fish which was judged by Mr.

Jack Kilrea of Photographic Stores. Joe Marchall took first prize, Gary Zumar second and John Auer third. A fourth prize was awarded to Chris Beattie by Mr. Kilrea.

On March 8th, the Society celebrated its third birthday. Jack Zubie and his entertainment group were present and helped greatly in making the evening a success.

An amendment to our Constitution and By-Laws concerning Membership Fees authorized a special \$4.00 fee for married couples.

Phil Curry, our financial wizard, worked out a society budget for the year which totaled \$502.00.

A Society Consultant service was planned and put into operation early in the year. Four "professional" members were appointed to serve as consultants for the purpose of assisting members having any difficulty with fish, plants, aquaria and equipment.

A fund "The Capital Equipment Fund" was authorized for the purpose of setting aside money and equipment to assist the Society in setting up a permanent home.

Further donations of fish and equipment were made to the hospital aquaria.

A Society crest was introduced to the Society by Mr. Roger Trottier.

It was agreed that we renew our TIFAS membership for 1957.

In May the Junior and Senior Officers agreed to have notices prepared by the Membership Committee and mailed to all members. This proved to be a very good suggestion and helped our attendance considerably.

Having had difficulty in obtaining the Teacher's College for our regular meetings it was decided to have one meeting each month instead of two.

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The Society picnic was held July 4th, very well attended, and a good time was had by all present.

Once again we held our Annual Tropical Fish Display at the Central Canada Exhibition. This show was by far the best we have entered todate, also financially as the Central Canada Exhibition gave us a grant of \$100.00 to help meet our expenses.

This year showed great progress for the Show Committee with Geo Bowie as Director, as for the first time we adopted a set of rules for judging and standard rules for competative tropical fish shows. We were also quite fortunate in obtaining the services of an expert judge, Mr. Lyle Hayter, Montreal Aquarium Society, to judge the display of tropical fish.

In September we were informed that we may be able to obtain a room in the Ottawa University for the Society meetings.

In October we held our first meeting in the Ottawa University. This was made possible through the kindness of Rev. Father Romeo Legault, OMI, Biology Department, and Dr. Jean-Jacques Lussein, BA, M.Sc, M.D., PH.D., Dean of the University of Ottawa.



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It was agreed that the Senior and Junior Societies would hold one meeting each month instead of two. 1957 is recorded as one of the most successful years for the OVAS. Records were broken in attendance at the regular meetings, participation in jar shows, a membership of 86 Senior and 46 Junior, total 132 members, remarkable progress by all committee Directors and a year which was very good financially.

Officers elected for the Senior Society: President, Mr. Harvey Wittenberg, Vice-President, Mrs. Clare

Koreger, Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Johnson and Treasurer, Mr. Dan Jeffrey. The Junior Society Officers elected were: President, Gary Zumar, Vice-President, Pierre Gagnon, Secretary, Patsy Fitzgerald, and Treasurer, Fred Gault.

As a result of a special meeting of the 1957 officers and Directors a number of changes in the organization of the Society were adopted, one being the addition of a committee "Junior Society Committee", and that the duties of the Vice-President as Junior Supervisor, be carried by this Committee. It was also agreed that the publicity of the Society be the responsibility of the Membership Committee.

The first combined Senior and Junior Executive Officers meeting was held and agreed to meet three times during the year.

The treasury balance for the Senior Society amounted to \$310.00 and the Junior Society \$22.00. The Society budget was approved, amounting to a total of \$837.45.

The Fourth Birthday party was held on Saturday, 22nd March, at the Ottawa Teacher's College. The party was a great success with Jack Zoubie as our MC. You should remember the excellent food. During the birthday party Chris Kingsbury, 11 year old Junior member, was presented with a book "Encyclopedia of Tropical Fishes" by Mr. Pieter van der Brugh, Junior Director, on behalf of all OVAS Members, in recognition of the brave act in rescuing his mother from a fire in their home.

The Directors for the Senior Society were: Mr. Ralph Jackson, Membership, Mr. Pieter van der Brugh, Junior Society, Mr. Roger Trottier, Programme, Mr. Geo Bowie Show, Mr. Phil Curry, Finance, and Harvey Wittenberg, Magazine. The Librarians were Mr. Gordon Croll and Mr. Bill Gall.

The Directors for the Junior Society were John Auer, Finance, Andrew Carson, Membership, Terry Wilkie, and Chipper Vickers, Programme, Richard Brown, Show, and Joe Marshall, Magazine. Librarians were Joe Marshall and Larry Neumann.

In March our Show Committee Director, Geo Bowie, completed the plans for presenting an aquarium to St Patricks Orphanage Home. This was the fifth aquarium donated to various hospitals since the formation of our Society.

A special executive meeting was held and action taken to form a reception sub-committee, plans for additional publicity, the publishing of an OVAS Information Folder and to hold a "Home Aquarium Show".

In April we held our first OPEN HOUSE which was held at the home of Mr. Edgar Parisien. The Open House was held for two evenings and the attendance was 158 members and guests.

We were very pleased to hear that our President, Mr. Harvey Wittenberg, was elected to the Board of Governors, The International Federation of Aquarium Societies, as Canadian Liaison for Eastern Canada.

Our membership at this time was 68 Seniors and 19 Junior members. It was decided to start a membership drive and the first step was to obtain advertising posters.

The Home Aquarium Show commenced May 5th and ran to June 20th. Geo Bowie and Ed Parisien were judges.

At our June 26th meeting we were honoured with a visit by Mr. W.L. Whitem, FZS, President of the Canadian Aquaria Society and Chairman, TIFAS.

Our annual picnic was planned for September 11th, however, it failed to come off due to the very cold weather.

At the end of June our membership was 77 Senior members and 27 Juniors, total 104 members.

The winner of the Home Aquarium Show was Mr. Weldon Hodges. It was decided that the Home Show would be an annual affair. A trophy was donated by Mr. Harvey Wittenberg and was presented to Mr. Hodges.

October was the month for our OVAS Annual Aquarium Show and proved to be the best yet. Geo Bowie re-arranged the show setup and once again our good friend from The Montreal Aquarium Society, Mr. Lyle Hayter, was the judge. We were honoured by having Mr Jack K. Clark, General Manager, Central Canada Exhibition, present the 1958 trophies to the winners. The winners were: Egg Laying Class - Mr. Roger Trottier, Mr and Mrs Phil Curry, Mr Weldon Hodges and Mr Ed Parisien. Live Bearing Class - Gary Zumar, Mrs Flo Trottier and Larry Neumann. Community Aquarium Class - Mr Ed Parisien, Mr Geo Bowie, Mr Wilf Doucette and Mr Marcel Leduc.

Another first for our Society was the excellent photo slides taken by Mr. Wilf Doucette of our tropical fish show.

At our October meeting we were honoured once again by having Mr. W.L. Whitern, FZS, attend our October meeting and speak on Black Mollies.

On November 7th our first Society dance was held for the Senior Society.

One final amendment was made to the Constitution and By-Laws, which deleted the Finance Committee, the duties to become the responsibility of the Treasurer and the forming of a new committee "The Social Committee".

The membership for the Senior Society at the December meeting was 120 Senior

members, a record for the Senior Society.

1958 proved to be one of the most successful years of the OVAS. The membership reached an all time high of 120 members for the Seniors and 56 members for the Juniors, total 176 members.

The programmes presented at the regular meetings were considered excellent and our annual show, raffle and other activities could not be equalled.

- 1959 -

Officers elected in the Senior Society were: President, Mr. Clare Kroeger, Vice-President, Mr. Roger Trottier, Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Johnson and Treasurer, Mr. Phil Curry. Junior Society Officers: President, Ian Woods, Vice-President, Patsy Fitzgerald, Secretary, Graham Conway and Treasurer, Richard Brown.

Due to the increase in membership, larger accommodation was obtained in the Chemistry Building, University of Ottawa, the first meeting being held in January.

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You have read a few of the highlights of your Society, naturally there is a great deal more we could have said but space does not permit us to go any further. However, you should have a fairly good idea as to what has been going on in the Society since it was first formed, March 11th, 1954.

Today we have a Society which is second to none, we are well organized, in fairly good financial position and good membership.

Our Society is what it is today due to the members who have, and are, working hard giving up many hours of their time

not for personal gains, but for the Society in helping to further the study of aquarium life, the spreading of information regarding it, and the promotion of good fellowship among fanciers of aquarium life.

Saturday, March 21st, 1959, members, and guests, will celebrate the FIFTH BIRTHDAY of OUR SOCIETY with an evening of dancing, games, refreshments, prizes etc.

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"The Aquarium"

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February is also a good month in which to give most fishes a normal mid-year resting period. That is, by reducing their average temperatures of their tanks from approximately 78-80 to about 70-74, they can be carried along to gather strength and stamina for early Spring breeding, that can be quickly induced by bringing their tank temperatures up to the maximum again. Plants also do well with this short rest period.

Another word of caution during February is that should mechanical heating equipment fail for even a short period, and tanks become chilled, do not under any circumstances try to return them to maximum temperatures in a hurry. Take time, do it slowly, take two or three hours. Many fishes can take a slow chilling and a slow rise without harm. It is the sudden, fast and protracted changes that kill.

February is the month when you should start making plans for spawning.

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

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HAVE YOU HEARD  
THE LATEST?

...our very good friend, Mr Jack Dirks, has been ill since December and was laid up for some weeks as a result of an injury to his back. Hope you are in good health very soon Jack and able to attend our meetings...

...after winning the raffle at the January meeting, the first, I am informed that Harvey Wittenberg lost his pair of Discus. They died in two weeks - both the same day.  
...

...we can all bow our heads for one minute silence...our old faithful at the Exhibition - the SNAKEHEAD FISH died Monday, February 9th...Ed Parisien believes it was old age...approximately 7 years old. The Snakehead Fish added greatly to our annual shows and we will certainly miss him... he was the main attraction for some years.

...the Junior Society welcome the following new members: Carl Aass, Alan Adamson, Bill Forward, Bruce Laird, Kerry Mitchell and R. Bob J. Stone. Bob Stone lives in Brampton, Ontario, 38 Meadowland Drive, and would like to correspond with any Junior Society member...The Senior Society welcome: Mr Steve Balke, Mr E. Przontka, Mr Fred Gault, Mr Terry Wilkie and Mr Gary Zumar...Fred, Terry and Gary are our first members to move up from the Junior Society...

...Mr and Mrs Don Langlois, beginners in the hobby, recently celebrated the birth of guppies...I am told that Don was handing out cigars at his office...

...are we going to see you and your friends at our FIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY, Saturday, March 21st?...

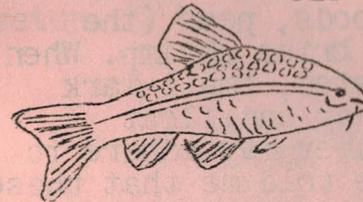
...if you have any surplus fish we have a home for them...Father Legault, University of Ottawa, is resetting his tanks due to his move from the Medical Building and is minus many of his tropicals...

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HAVE YOU AN ARTICLE FOR THE OVAS  
NEWS?

HIGHLY IRREGULAR

by Mrs. M.B. Carroll, Ottawa Valley  
Aquarium Society, Senior Society.

For some unknown reason, my tropicals do not seem to conform to the accepted standards of behaviour. If I were to cite the numerous instances of such peculiar goings on, this article would be far too lengthy. However, here is one which just can't be ignored.

Black Mollies should be more or less pampered. Aged water, certain percentage of salt, algae, temperature just right, etc., are but some of the requisites. I just let them take pot luck and they seem to thrive and multiply like guppies. Maybe this success stems from an extremely varied diet. Having a small baby of my own, I frequently have leftovers of strained meats and vegetables. These leftovers are always readily consumed by all of the fish, regardless of size or species. I work on the assumption that if its good enough for baby its good enough for fish. White worms, commercial dry foods, peas (the outer skin removed) and brine shrimp. When steak is grilled or roasted, small dark brown particles break away and float around in the gravy or they may adhere to the steak. A nurse once told me that these blobs of jelly like substance contain the most food value. Fish devour them greedily and they need no straining whatever. All fish are fed one good meal a day and two or three "snacks" to boot.

With egglayers and livebearers alike I have made an observation which may or may not be worth mentioning. I have noticed that when the females are ready to spawn or deliver their live babies they will stay quite close to the glass in the aquarium and swim from top to bottom and vice versa

as though looking for an outlet. This may go on for several hours too. This in spite of a tank that is heavily planted and with all kinds of hideouts. I know of no reason for this and maybe its just one more instance of peculiar goings on as before mentioned.

Another point I wish to make, and its open to criticism too. When I have a pair of egglayers in breeding condition or for that matter a livebearing female ready to have her young, I remove them or her to a one gallon aquarium and place a goodly number of worms in as well. They immediately set to work and gorge themselves and there are always some leftovers. When the fish have spawned or the live young babies have arrived, the grownups are not even interested in these eggs or fry. Maybe its that stuffed up feeling or plain indigestion, it matters not. What does matter is that the eggs and live babies are comparatively safe, for a short time anyway. I should add that several clumps of thick foliage are included in this setup.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER  
Junior Society

I am happy to report to you that at the last meeting a total of 26 members renewed their membership fees for the coming year. This will certainly be an aid to the Society to have so many join at the same time. Perhaps this might give some of you the small prompting to try and bring a friend who is interested in tropical fish to our next meeting.

We have received a financial grant from the Senior Society which will enable us to give you better and more interesting

meetings.

Don't forget that our meetings are now held in the Chemistry Building, just next door to our previous location. Try and arrive before 7.00 PM so that the meeting may start on time.

For a few meetings lately there has not been much participation in the jar shows. This is an easy way to win \$1.00. Why not enter your fish in the next jar show.

We would appreciate articles for the OVAS News. If you have any questions about writing an article, please see Larry Neumann, the Magazine and Library Director, or myself.

Why not all of you try to make the next meeting. It will be getting a little late to renew membership very shortly. Before you know it you won't be getting the OVAS News in the mail.

Don't forget our Society Birthday Party, Saturday, March 21st, at 8 PM. Everyone is welcome - parents, friends and guests.

*Jan Woods.*  
President

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1958 MEMBERS - JUNIOR AND SENIOR

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If you have not had the opportunity of attending the regular meetings to renew your membership, you may continue on our mailing list if you will phone your Society Treasurer:

Senior: Mr Phil Curry - [redacted]  
Junior: Richard Brown - [redacted]

Renewal of membership may be mailed to:

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In order to cut down the expenses of the OVAS News it has been suggested, and agreed to by the Executive Officers, that the OVAS News be published in time to be issued at the Senior Society regular meetings. It is the hope of the Executive Officers that this will reduce the expenditure of postage stamps to at least half the cost. Of course, if you are not able to be present at the regular meetings your OVAS News will be placed in the mail the following day.

In future the Editor will dispense with using jokes in the OVAS News and will expect the members, Officers and Directors, to contribute short articles as a replacement. In the past the jokes were required to fill up a page of 5 to 6 lines. The type of short articles e.g., Hints for the Hobbyist, What Not To Do, What You Should Do, etc, etc, etc, will be required. All articles should be mailed to Mrs Flo Trottier, [redacted], Ottawa, or Harvey Wittenberg, [redacted], Ottawa 3.

Harvey J. Wittenberg  
Editor

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