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TODAY—HE WAS THE ONLY PASSENGER... AND THE CAR GOT STUCK FOR HOURS—BUT (HEH-HEH) LOOK WHO HE'S ALONE WITH...



Is That So?

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Editor's note: How to Choose Your Fish is the second of four articles on starting a home-grown aquarium written expressly for the Medford Mail Tribune by Ranger Gene Burns.

For your first aquarium concentrate on getting fish which are strong and hardy. You couldn't do better than get goldfish or guppies. But buy sparingly—a few fish in your tank will remain healthy and give you more pleasure.

Before you purchase your fish, stand in front of the tank and pick out the ones which are most lively and have the brightest colors—and here's a special tip—with an erect top-side (dorsal) fin. Avoid fish which swim on the side, or lazily, or near the top or near the bottom; the chances are these are sick fish.



Then as the shopkeeper lifts the fish gently with his dipnet, study each one carefully to see that its body is clean. Don't touch them with dry hands. Tiny scales will come off, fungus may get started, and the fish will die. Now if scales and fins are bright and clear—that is without a coating or film—then the chances are you are getting a healthy fish which won't give you trouble.

Goldfish, which come in five or six kinds in most pet shops, are good. They do best in water at 60 to 70. (Tropical fish do better in water from 70-80, around 75 is best.) As you perhaps know, goldfish are related to carp and were developed by the Chinese and brought to this country some 80 years ago.

Besides goldfish, there are several kinds of beautiful tropical fish which do well in aquariums. These fall into three major categories: those which bear their young alive; those which lay eggs; and those which build bubble nests, but this last group needs understanding. Better stick to the first two first (and I'm listing the hardest).

Inch-Long Guppy Hardy The live bearers are perhaps the most popular. Better confine yourself to the popular guppy, sailfin, black molly and Mexican moons. Of these, the inch-long guppy is hardy, strong and will present you with many young. Males are brightly colored with red, green, blue and gold spots; females are drab olive-gray, sometimes with a few color specks. Don't crowd them. The brightly-colored two-five sailfins, with huge topside fins are hardy too. Constant foragers,

they will help clean the algae from the tank, as do the snail. The two-inch handsome black mollies, though not as strong and hardy, are popular. Both male and female are velvety-black by the time they are eight months old. Because they want algae, they need more sunlight than most tropical fish.

Mexican two-inch moons come in a wonderful variety—black, red, gold, and make good neighbors in a tank.

Among the egg layers, the rosy barbs and their close relatives the danios and zebra fish are easy to breed and friendly in the tank. They are all active, colorful, and good feeders. Fairly hardy, too.

Good Addition Then the three-inch head-and-tail-light fish, which earns its name from a brilliant red-gold spot on the base of its tail and from its eyes which reflect a glowing red color, makes a good addition. But, the first time you see the angel fish—which come from nickel-size to four-inch long and five-inch high specimens—you'll find yourself trapped; they are irresistible—simply unbelievably beautiful with magnificent butterfly wings and a pancake-thin body. But take warning: they are difficult to breed, but then isn't their beauty worth it?

For a scavenger, there is the scaleless, three-inch metallic green Brazilian catfish which will take care of all leftovers.

Finally there are the bubble-nest builders—and they will take work and experimenting to raise healthy families. They build nests of bubbles, guard their eggs, and care for their young. Among the best are the paradise fish—but they are so scrappy they must be kept by themselves. More beautiful is the Betta, the Fighting fish of Siam. You will have to limit yourself to one male, or a female and a male—then they will live happily with other fish. But two males means a fight to the death.

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Yearly starting salaries for firemen in cities of more than 500,000 population range from a low of \$3,000 to a high of \$4,689, with the median falling to \$4,137.

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Lewis M.—We aren't saving any money. Elizabeth M.—We must give the children every advantage.

Lewis M.—My wife and I have been happily married for 15 years. We have four children, ranging from 9 to 14 years old. I make, and always have made, a reasonably good salary and we've been comfortable. The trouble is that in my field there is not much hope of financial advancement. I've reached about top now.

We have been in debt in the past. We're out of debt now except for our home. But we've never managed to save anything and I think it's high time we started to. My firm has a pension plan and we'll have old-age security, but I doubt whether it will be enough to keep us quite independent when our children are grown.

Elizabeth M.—We could cut corners here and there—but at the children's expense. What we could save would be so little I doubt whether it would make much difference to us in our old age.

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Commerce Clearing House, national reporting authority on tax and business law, reports that laws setting up custodial powers and simplified procedures were passed by 13 states in the past year.

The laws have simplified transfer, sale and purchase of securities in cases involving minors.

The 13 states where the new protective laws are now in effect are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Based on a model statute prepared by the Association of Stock Exchange Firms, the state laws are designed to encourage transfer of securities to persons under 21.

anteed. This husband and wife need first to recognize that there can be no absolute security for anyone. They ought to base their decision on how to use their money on the following considerations:

- 1- Will saving a little money really give Lewis greater peace of mind? If it will, this is a benefit from which the entire family will gain. 2- Are the children really benefiting from all their activities? Couldn't they enjoy and profit from one summer at home? Are their lessons a burden, keeping them away from things they might otherwise enjoy? They might develop better if less were "thrown at" them.

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