

#### SPIRIT OF A FREE PEOPLE

I was with Washington at Valley Forge, cold, hungry, but my faith always looked up. I stood at Gettysburg and tears rolled down my cheeks as I listened to Lincoln make the now famous address to the people he loved. I crawled through the mud and lived with our own sons at Argonne Forest. Too, I waded ashore on that fateful day on a Normandy Beach as well as lay breathless on the sands of Okinawa. I made the long advance to the thirty eighth parallel in Korea into a withering fire. I'll still travel on and on.

#### Who am I?

I am the spirit of a free people who can never lie down to accept the yoke of tyranny—or slavery. I will go on with all men who believe in God and believe in freedom enough to sacrifice for it.

#### July Famed For 'Glorious Fourth'

The old Saxon name for it was Maed-monath because the meadows were in bloom and the cattle were turned out to feed. Other names—such as "mild and genial"—described July. It was originally the fifth month, its name Quintilis, Latin for fifth. But the Gregorian calendar changed it to the seventh month and renamed it for Julius Caesar.

WITHIN the scope of its 31 days, there are prominent holidays and the birth anniversaries of several noted persons. Greatest secular holiday in the United States is Independence Day, commemorating the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the -ontinental Congress, July 4, 1776. "The Glorious Fourth" is traditionally celebrated by various expressions of patriotism, colorful pageants and other festivities. In recent years, safety campaigns have been carried on to make observance of Independence Day the "safe and sane Fourth." Calvin Coolidge, 30th President, was born on July 4. Birthday of John Quincy Adams, sixth Chief Executive, is July 11.

showman, 5; John D. Rockefeller, financier, 8; Booth Tarkington, novelist and playwright, 29; Henry Ford, auto manufacturer, 30.

### With Air Unit In The Pacific

SH2 Philip D. Godwin, a former employee here, is on duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific about 20 miles northeast of Honolulu. He is serving with an air squadron at Barber's Point Naval Air Station, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

Godwin, who used to work in the Spinning Department, went in service in 1953. He writes to say that he enjoys the plant newspaper, and to inform his friends of his new address: SH 2 Philip D. Godwin NAS Naval Exchange, Navy 14

# **Tropical Fish Make Interest-Packed Hobby**

A birthday gift of a small aquarium and a half dozen fish.

Firestone NEWS

That is the way a hobby began with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rape of 106 North Ransom street. Carl, a second hand in Carding; and Leila, inspector in Quality Control, now boast a tropical fish sanctuary that is perhaps the most elaborate in town.

From that birthday-gift beginning, around seven years ago, Mrs. Rape's interest in tropical fish has grown rapidly, and along with it has captured Carl's fancy as well. So much, in fact, that he gave up a hobby of rabbit raising and has cut down on the time he spends in his photographic dark room.

The Rapes have gradually added equipment and fish until today the layout includes three inside tanks of 20, 15, and 10-gallon capacity, accommodating approximately 15 species. The tanks are installed on an 8-foot knotty pine cabinet which reaches the entire length of one side of the den. This arrangement, added about two years ago, provides for correct balance in the tanks—necessary to the well-being of the fish.

**TEMPERATURE** of the water is thermostatically controlled and a small electric motor in the cabinets below aeriates and filters the water. Aquatic plants help out the balance cycle. The water never needs changing, although it must be replaced from time to time because of loss from evaporation.

Tiny catfish are the scavengers which help to keep the environment properly balanced. Other species in the collection include Guppi, Gourami, Betta, Black Molly, Angel fish, Cherry Moon. Sizes range from around three inches for the "kissing" Gourami to the tiny Guppi, smallest of the tropical fish family.

**IN THE BACK YARD** there is a sunken pool, made of an old bathtub and rimmed in brick. Installed last summer, it is the habitat of a



THIS BACKYARD pool, complete with water lilies and fish is the result of Mr. Rape's do-ityourself talents.

AT HOME at 106 North Ransom street, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rape (right), study a magazine article pertaining to a specialized topic in the aquatic life field. school of Baltimore minnows. A heavy screen discourages neighborhood cats.

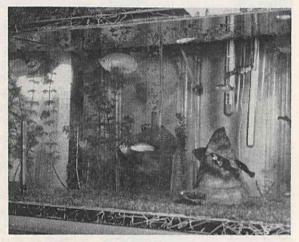
"All tropical fish are cannibals," point out Carl and Leila. "Thus they will sometimes destroy each other." This is but one example of the habits peculiar to this hobby.

"This helps to add up to a lot of interesting research," says Carl.

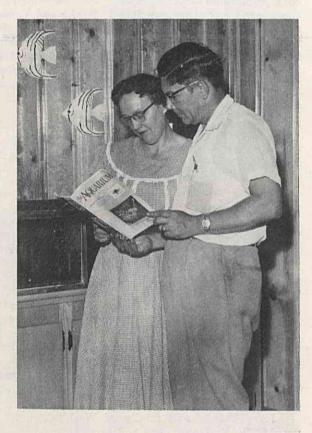
To feed their interest in the subject, the Rapes visit as many tropical aquaria as they can, read widely in magazines and books of the field; and of course, make a first-hand study of their fish.

ALL SPECIES are fed the same commerciallyprepared food. After a while, say the hobbyists, you sort of learn by instinct how to care for the fish, including how much you feed them. Usually, they are fed enough to last about an hour.

One of the things to watch, say the Rapes, is overcrowding the tanks. So they are constantly thinning out the stock. They give away some Guppies, and the rarer species, such as Betta and Gourami, are sent to a commercial aquarium in Greensboro.



A CLOSE LOOK at one of the three large aquaria.



Among other notable persons whose birth anniversaries occur in the seventh month are: Stephen Collins Foster, composer of songs that America will always sing, July 4; P. T. Barnum, circus proprietor and FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. Danny Dill and baby Cindy are now living with Pvt. Danny Dill in Douglas, Ariz., where he is stationed with the Air Force. Pvt. Dill is the son of George Dill, Weaving; and Mrs. Dill, Carding.

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Technical Sergeant Carl W. Turner, in the Air Force since 1948, is a maintenance technician on aircraft Jets in Hawaii. Recently his unit took part in the Hydrogen bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. Sergeant Turner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Turner, Sr. His father is a section man in Cotton Weaving .

He lives with his wife and two children near Honolulu, where he is stationed.

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Chief Petty Officer Guy Keenum, U.S. Navy, and his family are visiting his sister, Elease Cole, reclaimer in Twisting, and other relatives here. Keenum has been stationed in Honolulu, T.H., for the past 18 months and after a 30-day leave will be stationed in Washington, D. C. He is a former Twisting Department employee. PFC Joseph Bradshaw, who recently completed 7 weeks of training with Army Special Forces in Colorado, has returned to his regular post at Fort Bragg. The airborne soldier recently spent 20 days leave at home with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Bradshaw on East Ozark avenue. He is the brother of Miss Beatrice Bradshaw, Time Study typist.

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Jimmy Dill, son of George Dill of the Weaving Department, and Mrs. Dill of Carding, spent a leave of absence with his parents recently. In the Navy, he had been on an assignment in Cuba before spending his leave at home.

## Tinos At Home In Chapel Hill

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Tino are living in Chapel Hill, where he will be a second year student at the University of North Carolina the term beginning this fall.

Mrs. Tino is the former Vanecia Ruth Mauney. Her marriage to Mr. Tino was an event of June 9 at Flint Groves Baptist Church, Gastonia.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tino were graduated from the local high school.

He is the son of Mrs. Janice Turner, spooler tender.