

In Dedication To Oren E. Adams

"The Granddaddy of Tropical Fish Farmers"

After some 33 years of hard work and devotion to the industry, which he has given over half of his life to, it has been learned that Oren E. Adams plans to retire from Tropical Fish Farming in the near future.

Mr. Adams got his start in this demanding profession on February 22, 1940, when he went to work as a helper for the fish hatchery of Wolfe & Sons of Adamsville, Florida. Mr. Adams claims that when he started out he knew no more about tropical fish farming than the average man in the street. But time quickly took care of that. Mr. Adams became so knowledgeable and respected in the business that many fish farmers in operation today owe their existence to Mr. Adams for the priceless advice and assistance he gave them when they started out.

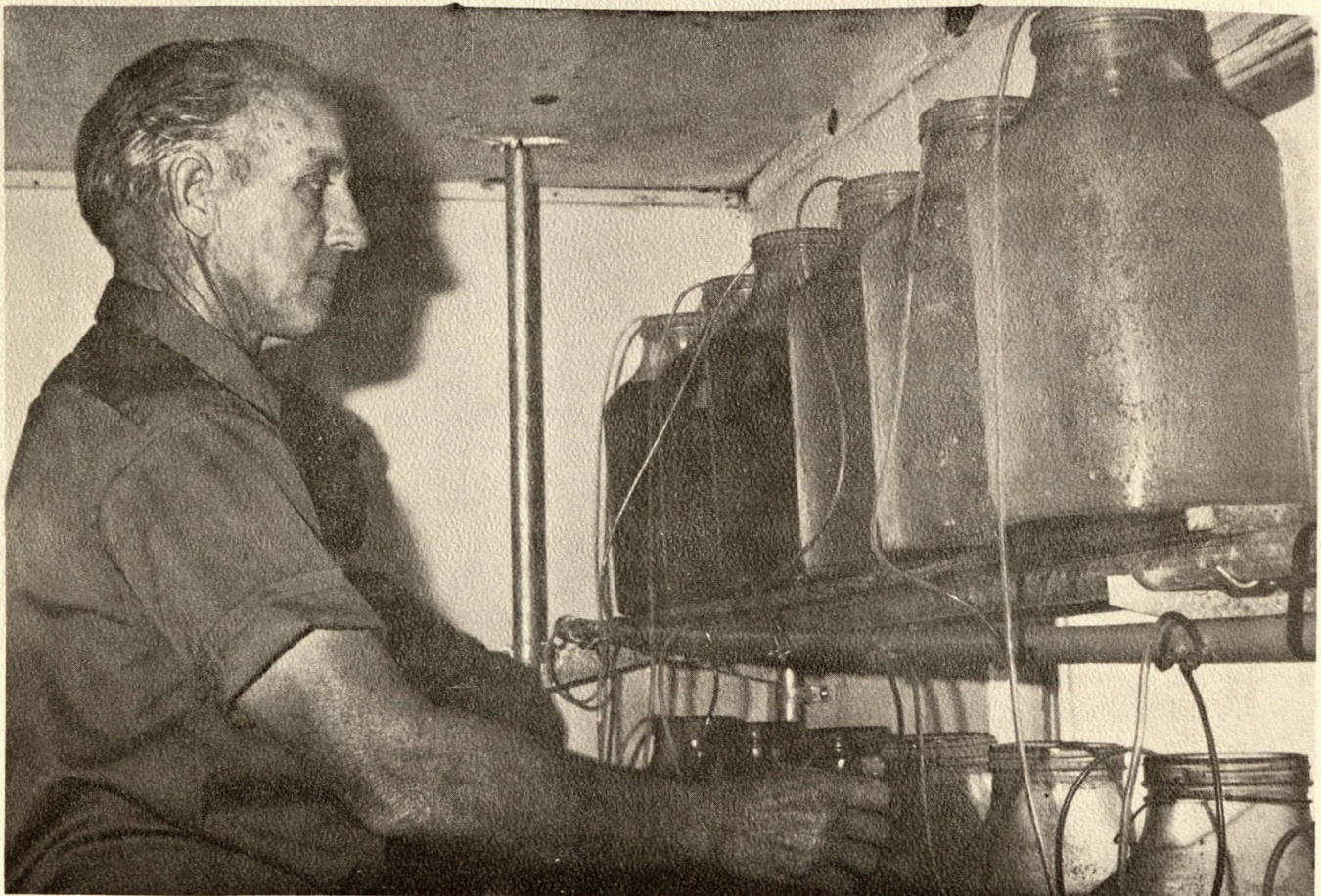
In 1965 Mr. Adams achieved nationwide

fame when the "Adam's Lyretail Sword," developed by himself, appeared on the cover of Tropical Fish Hobbyist. "The colorful species," reports Mr. Adams, "took nearly five years of breeding before the first one was sold." Adams further recalls that the first shipment consisted of over 7,000 and were sold to one account in New York at about one dollar each. Today, now that this species has become so popular and widely bred, it sells for much less than its initial price.

It was in 1962 that Mr. Adams went into partnership with his son-in-law, C. A. Prevatt, and established Adams & Prevatt Fish Farm in Riverview. The city of Riverview is a small quiet agricultural community located on U. S. 301 just 10 minutes southeast of Tampa.

The Adams & Prevatt Fish Farm consists of nearly 62 acres where many varieties of ornamental fish are raised in both inside and

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TO BE SURE THAT ALL OF THE FISH RECEIVED QUALITY FISH FOOD, MR. ADAMS REGULARLY CHECKS ON THE HATCHING PROCESS OF BRINE SHRIMP.



MR. OREN E. ADAMS PICTURED OUTSIDE OF THE LARGE HEATED HATCHERY LOCATED ON HIS FARM

outside ponds. Over 44 acres of the farm are covered with 15 by 30 foot or larger ponds. At the present time Adams & Prevatt are in the process of building additional facilities to house over 2,000 additional tanks and vats to protect the more delicate species from the cool winters experienced in Central Florida.

All of the many thousands of fish must be fed at least once a day, seven days a week, and when you have 44 acres of ponds plus nearly 2,000 tanks, you're in for a pretty good chore. In addition, when you multiply that by 33 years as Mr. Adams can, you find yourself giving a lot of hard and dedicated work.

This constant care and devotion to their farm has given Adams and Prevatt a reputation for the highest quality of tropical fish. Mr. Adams consistently stressed that they are not soliciting for new business, because at the present time they are selling all of the quality fish they can raise.

Mr. Adams was very modest about himself as I interviewed him for this story. He seemed to be a very sincere individual and probably revealed his secret for success when he stated that his life long philosophy was to be as fair and honest as possible with his fellow man.

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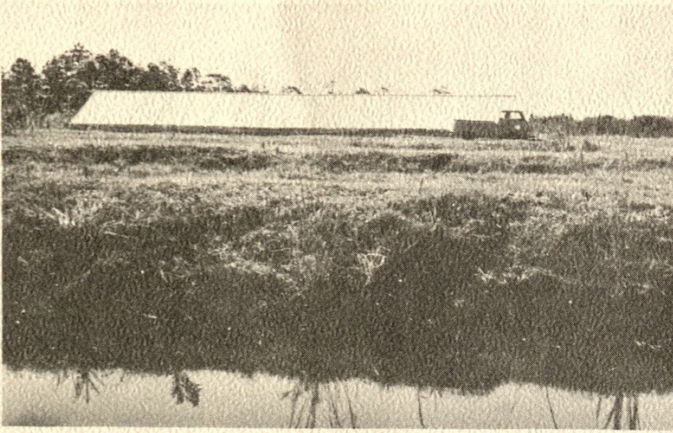
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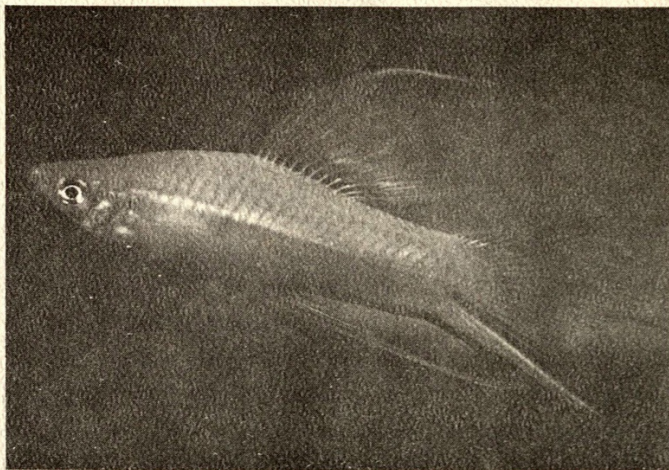
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THE ADAMS AND PREVATT FISH FARM CONTAINS OVER 44 ACRES OF BREEDING PONDS OF WHICH SEVERAL ARE PROTECTED BY MOVABLE BUILDINGS..

When questioned on the past and future of tropical fish farming and how it differs today from when he started a third of a century ago, you might be surprised to hear Mr. Adams say that it is much tougher today. Mr. Adams attributes this to air pollution, imported diseases, and a much poorer quality of fish food available.



THE PICTURE ABOVE IS A MALE GOLD LYRETAIL SWORDTAIL, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE ADAMS LYRETAIL SWORD, BUT NOT AS COLORFUL
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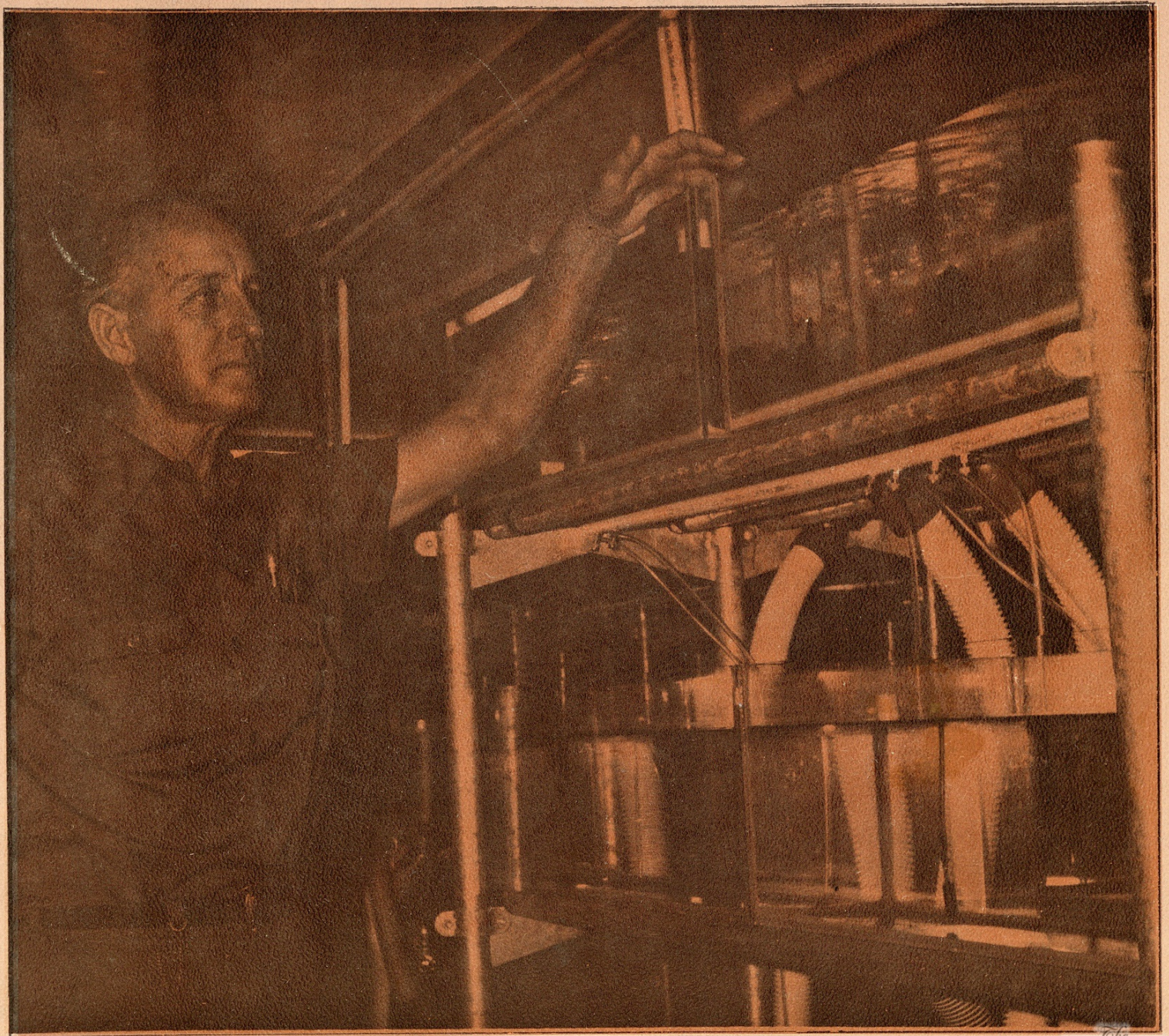
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Oren E. Adams "the granddaddy of tropical fish farmers" overlooking an aquarium of his quality raised fish.