

## **South-East Essex Junior Aquarist Society**

**As far as we can make out the South-East Essex Junior Aquarist's Society was formed in January 1951 with the President as C.J. Saunders who was also a mathematics master at Southend High School for Boys. Mr Saunders was also President of Southend, Leigh and District Aquarist Society, on the Show Committee of the National Goldfish Society and a lecturer and judge with the Federation of British Aquarist Societies.**

**The Chairman of the junior Society was M. Hardy, the secretary was G.E. Moss, the Treasurer was M. Sherman. & Journal Editor T. Lane The Society used to meet at Chalkwell Schools twice a month on Tuesdays They ran the usual table shows, Auctions and had visiting lecturers often members of the adult Southend, Leigh & District Aquarist Society**

**We have been unable to discover how long the Junior Society existed. Any information please contact [History of South-East Essex Junior Aquarist Society](#)**

**Extract from S.L.A.D.A.S. Journal Volume 3 No 6 page 63 Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1951**

The President suggested that, in the absence of the Vice-President, Mr. Saunders should present the cheque to the new Junior Club. Mr. Saunders, in presenting the cheque re-told how helpful the then juniors had been in the past. We could only agree when he stated that, without their help, the Annual Show would not have been such a great success. The Chairman of East Essex Junior Aquarists Society, Mr. M. Hardy, accepted the cheque from Mr. Saunders, and again expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of his Club for such a fine gesture.

We have managed to copy a few Journals issued by the Junior Society together with an Auction Catalogue and letters addressed to H.A. Giles which were amongst Southend, Leigh & District Aquarist Society Journals which our current treasurer Chris found in his loft where they had been kept by his late father Dave Cheswright.

# JOURNAL

of the SOUTH-EAST ESSEX JUNIOR AQUARIUM SOCIETY

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March 1951

The Society's meetings are held at Chalkwell Schools on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at 7.0 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

As you probably all know, this is the journal of the S.E.E.J.A.S. Society. However, I believe that most members have the impression that it is MY journal.

This is only our third issue to be printed, and I simply do not know what to use for articles. A society's journal should consist of stories from members.

I know that it is not an easy job to find articles to write about your experiences, but put yourself in my shoes!

Please don't be afraid that people will think you have done something stupid, or that your English is bad (we will try to correct that). Other people can learn by your faults and perhaps some will write and correct you. Perhaps you have succeeded or failed to breed a certain fish? Maybe something peculiar has happened in your tank? Possibly you have devised some sort of apparatus connected with your own aquarium? Please let us know. Your letters will be much appreciated.

I'm sorry that I have to mention this point again, but something must be done.

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## MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

On March 13 we will not be having the usual subject of fish. Mr Mash of S.L.A.D.A.S. will be lecturing on reptiles. We hope that as many members as possible will attend to support him, as we feel sure that the.....

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## Meetings of the month (contd.)

lecture will be very interesting, You never know.. you may start to keep a python under your bed , after i you have heard him speak.

On March 27 we have an important evening - our first Auction Sale,, Entry Forms have been distributed, but late lots will be accepted on the evening of the Sale. We hope that there will be many entries and that many members will attend. Mr Day will be the Auctioneer.

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## FIGHTERS

A short while ago I thought I would try to spawn a male fighter which I had. He was about 8 months old and seemed to be getting rather sluggish. I borrowed a female which was gravid and in good condition. I half filled an 18 x 12 x 10 aquarium with fresh water and placed a bundle of plants in one end, (to afford protection to the female) and a few floating plants on the top (to support the nest). I left the male in there for about a day and then introduced the female behind a glass partition in the corner. They were both quite interested in each other. After a few hours I removed the partition. The male then proceeded to build a nest of bubbles round some water lettuce in the centre of the tank. However,, instead of trying to induce the female under the nest,, he appeared to want to drive her away.

After he had built about three different nests they both appeared to want to spawn. They were very highly coloured and their fins were fully extended. He, after much showing off, wrapped his fins right round her and appeared to move the eggs down her body. Suddenly she swam away and deposited many eggs in the corner of the tank and proceeded to eat them. After this incident he just chased her and tore her fins to ribbons.

My suggestion for the failure was firstly that he was not in a good breeding condition, since I had not fed him on wholesome food, (I gave him a lot of daphnia and nothing else), and secondly that he was not a good male at all.- I still have him, but he just lays at the top or bottom of the tank with his fins drooping. I have two females and another young male in the tank, but he pays no interest in any of them as he should do

Fighters (contd.)

if he were a good male.

If anybody could enlighten me on this subject I would be very pleased to hear their suggestions.. It would also be something to print in the Journal.

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### S.E.E.J.A.S. DIARY

Mr Giles' lecture on feeding proved to be very popular, more than twenty members were present. Mr, Giles had gone to a lot of trouble to bring along his " food and apparatus, and he demonstrated to us the manufacture of his own dry food. Later he talked about live foods, and discussed the merits of the different worms we all know so well. Afterwards Mr, Giles answered questions for some time, and everyone had an opportunity of examining the interesting gadgets on the demonstration table. It was a/very pleasant evening, and I think we all learned something useful.

### Judging Competition, Feb ,27,

This was a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Oake started by giving us a short talk on how to judge. We then proceeded with our small cards to award the fish their points. Many of us, however, were foxed. Three lots of fish were not pairs. The Albinos were obvious, but the feather fins (which to me appeared a beautiful pair of fish) and the ticto barbs really deceived us. Mr. Oake placed the fighter first, the rosy barbs second, the widows third, and the guppies and flames fourth. The cards were marked on these first four places only.

The results were as follows: 1st K. Hall (60); 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Lane and M. Sherman (56); 4th R. Knatchbull (55); 5th B. Cody (54); 6th D. Brown and J. Lawrence (52); 8th, ? Sargent (51); 9th D. Poole (50); 10th J. English (48); 11th G. Hedges (46); 12th G. Fisher (44); 13th ? James (43); 14th ? Robertson (24), The marks were awarded out of 81,

We would like to thank Mr. Barnes-Oake very much for all the trouble he took to arrange the Competition, and also Mrs. Outing for presenting the winner with a lovely, and rather expensive., psir of ohscker barbs.

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

Space On this page can be used -by members for sixpence per issue,,.

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**REPAIRS** to aquaria and accessories where possible, Apply, to John Lawrence, 57, Kent Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea,

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## STOP PRESS ; ...

The copy shortage really is urgent ! The material which the Editor gave me has gone into a smaller space than we bargained for, so I must write something to fill this page up on the spur of the moment.

The Committee believes, that the Journal is a good idea, and is worth the time and money, we spend on it. If we are to have a journal instead of just a monthly circular, however, it must contain something more than announcements of meetings ..and .Editorial, items. It must be .a means of communication between members: something to keep the Club alive and together the whole time, and not just twice a month. It really is a members' journal,- and we .rely on you – all of you -to keep it going. Please think about it,

Just a word about the Auction. You will find the rules in the enclosed catalogue-, but.. there are one or two other points I would like to mention. Most important of all; will all those who are bringing fish for sale please bring jars or similar containers in which to exhibit them. The S.L.A.D.A.S. have very kindly given us twenty-four frames, which the Committee have started to glaze, but they are not ready yet. If we are to sell the fish, you must bring a container so that people can see it. Please bring your lots as soon as possible after 6.50, so that we can finish in good time. The Sale should start before 7.30.

M. H.

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April & May 1951

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## EDITORIAL

I expect you are wondering why you have not received a copy of the Journal for so many weeks. The fact is that we have had no meetings and no articles, and we therefore decided to combine the May and April issues, further delays, for which the printer and I apologise, have nearly necessitated including the June issue! As you probably know, we were unable to have the use of our classroom during the holidays, and could find no alternative meeting place. It should be possible to prevent any recurrence of such a misfortune.

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and made some interesting discoveries in the aquatic sphere. I myself am busy building a pond, but am not progressing very well at the moment. As the weather is getting finer, I hope to do better. Now that summer is approaching perhaps we could have some cold-water articles, I am sure we have some goldfish or pond-life fans in the Club, who would be willing to write us a few lines;

T. Lane, Editor.

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## MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

May 8; See Diary! (printer)

On **May 22** we are holding our first Table Show. The classes will be for guppies, fighters and barbs.

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## Meetings of the month (contd) .

We hope that the Show will be a success? this depends on the number of entries, Doii't be afraid that your fish aren't good enough - if everyone thinks that we won't have a Show at all.

The fee is sixpence per entry (an entry is one pair of fish in the case of fighters the male only is judged, but he may be accompanied by a female). If you have not already given in your entry you should complete the enclosed form and give it to the Treasurer (or to another member of the Committee if absolutely necessary) immediately.

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## A SPAWNING OF THE WHITE CLOUD MOUNTAIN MINNOW

In October last I decided to try to spawn my White Clouds. Accordingly, I lowered the water level of an 18" x 10" x 10" to allow a 12" x 8" x 8" tank to float in it, using the heater in the larger tank for warmth.. I put a layer of pebbles on the bottom and a clump of Vallisneria in one corner. I filled it with seasoned water and placed the whole in a position where it would get some afternoon sun. I then introduced two pairs of White Clouds,. For the first two days they behaved normally, but on the third morning they seemed a little excited and when I returned some hours later from collecting Daphnia one of the females was a little slimmer, so I removed both pairs and waited. The temperature was between 70° and 75°!

Three days later I saw a number of very tiny fry clinging to the glass,, Seven days elapsed between the laying of the eggs and the time when the fry became free-swimming,, I then introduced some infusoria, in green water. I continued with this for just over a week, when I transferred them into the 18" x 10" x 10" and removed the small tank. I varied their diet: infusoria (gradually decreasing), micro-worms, and pea flour. I fed pea-flour by moistening the tip of my fore-finger, covering it with a coat of pea-flour, and then submerging it under the water and allowing it to dissolve. This forms a cloud of pea-flour which hangs in the waier for quite a while At this time there were about 50 fry - this was depleted to 20 by Cyclops who, having committed this foul deed,

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## **A spawnig of White Clouds**

disappeared after about ten days - I don't know how. At four weeks the fry were able to take sifted Daphnia and began to fillout and colour . But when we moved house in November they were slowed, up in growth for a. Fortnight. By Christinas I had twelve young White Clouds, the largest ones being approximately one inch long.

I may have made some mistakes, but on the whole the result was satisfying, (It was the first spawning of a quite young pair, and also my first attempt at this species.) Next time I intend using a bigger tank than an 18" x 10" x 10" so that I can sink the smaller tank: to let the fry swim out.

G .Hedges.

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## **S.E,E.J.A.S. DIARY**

### **March 13 ;**

This meeting consisted of a lecture by Mr. Mash on Vivaria, a sideline to Aquaria on which he has expert loiowledge. The meeting was well attended and Mr. Mash's talk well received, despite the fact that few members had any real interest in this subject.

The first Auction Sale, which was to be held on March 2?, had to be cancelled at short notice, for the reason already explained. All meetings were postponed until after the Easter Holidays,

### **Auction Sale. April 24**

On this date our Auction eventually materialized. Mr. Edgar Day, from the Senior Club, very kindly gave his services as Auctioneer, and the meeting was a great success. The prices given were better than might have been expected, although they included a. number of bargains. The Society's commission amount to well over a pound.

As a matter of interest, the. next Auction Sale will probably be held on July 10,

### **Outing. May 6:**

Because of the absence of the Journal, we were

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**S.E.E.J.A.S. DIARY (contd)**

unable to advertise this event as thoroughly as we would have liked; We hope no member was left completely in the dark about it. About fifteen members and a large number of visitors went to the London Zoo, where we had a very enjoyable time. About thirty members of the party were shown behind the scenes in the Aquarium, where we had the interesting experience of seeing, the huge fish in the cold-water tanks being fed. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Brooks Sen., who was kind enough to arrange for the hire of the two coaches at a reduced rate.

**May 8**

At this meeting we had hoped to have a talk on fish Diseases, but we were unable to obtain a lecturer. Instead, the dozen or so members who attended discussed several club matters, principally the Senior Club's Annual Show (? - sorry about the wording). The possibility of our participating in this public exhibition has been mentioned before in several quarters, and as far as we know and as far as we know a number of Senior Members are not averse to the idea. It was felt that our participation would be a very good thing if it could be arranged, and if members did not object to the work entailed. A number of suggestions, were turned over, and the Secretary was asked to make an official approach to the S.L.A.D.A.S. Committee,

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The Society's tanks have now all been glazed, and will be ready for the Table Show, The Committee would like to thank all, those (i.e. Geoffrey Hedges and David Brown, and above all Mr. Jones) who have helped with them.

**Copy** is still needed. Unless you make the Journal worth printing, it will have to be replaced by a monthly letter.

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## **SOUTH-EAST ESSEX JUNIOR AQUARISTS ` SOCIETY**

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September, 1951.

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### **EDITORIAL**

The Committee would like to convey their. sincere thanks to everyone who assisted in making our part of the Show the success it was. Our effort as a separate Society aroused a great deal of interest and several new members were enrolled. The Mayor, (Councillor P.R.. Renshaw I.S.O., J.P.) commended our efforts and Councillor H.P.K. Geake, a S.E.E.J.A.S. Vice President made an interesting impromptu speech at the opening ceremony. on behalf of our Society

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### **ADVERTS**

#### **For Sale;**

3 Dozen Half-Banded Barbs at 1/6d each  
Apply between 5 and 7. p.m. any evening to; Kent Elms Aquatics (David Smith) 5,  
Cookethurst Avenue, Kent Elms Corner, Southend-on.-Sea.

#### **For Sale**

18" x 10" 10" angle iron stand in good condition 13/6d. Hon. Sec. George Moss,  
101, North Crescent, Prittlewell.

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### **THE ANNUAL SHOW**

Members entered 72 fish entries and 12 furnished Aquaria besides helping set up other exhibits including a publicity stand, a great attraction,

a nest of miniture tanks and several reptile exhibits. Mrs. Meadows, judging the fish entries, commented, on the whole of our effort as extremely good, and especially praised our guppies; she thought our danios a poor show on the whole. Special Prizewinners were;-

Sherman Cup for best furnished Tank won by J. Perry  
Hardy Cup for best Guppyin show won by G. Moss  
Perry Cup for best Barb in show won by D. Smith  
Saunders Cup for best Fish in show won by R.Knatchbull

Other 1st Prize Winners were in

Labyrinth Class	T. Lane
AOV Livebearer "	D.Sargent
A0V Egslayer	J. Perry
Cichlid	R. Knatchbull

We, the Committee, are deepljr Indebted to Mr. Cutler of Montrose fame, Mr. Baker, Mr. Saunders and Mrs. Outting for generously supplying the prizes awarded to the Winners.

Maure Sherman (Hon. Treas.)

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## TREE FROGS

Tree frogs are best kept in a roomy vlvarium carpeted with moss. A medicine bottle filled with water and containing a few laurel branches should :be placed In one corner.

Laurel is preferable as the broad loaves provide excellent resting places for the frogs. The frogs will eat many kinds of Insects mosquitos, flies, butterflies, spiders and almost any soft-bodied insect. In colour the frogs are a. bright green with brownish markings around the head and hindquarters. Their skin glistens and

when at rest they resemble small wax models. On their toes are small suction discs which enable them to cling on the vertical sides of the vivarium; when jumping to catch a fly in mid-air they carry on and land on the opposite side of the tank.

Please remember that all food must be alive and moving; the frogs antics while catching the food are both interesting and amusing. See that they are kept in a warm room, are never chilled, and receive plenty of light and you will keep them for years; for they are notoriously long-lived.

M.S. Brown

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### FISH TALES

There was a young aquarist of Leigh  
Who said he would fish in the sea,  
He caught eels and a crab, 4 seals and a dab,  
Which astonished that aquarist of Leigh.

There was an old goldfish of Chalkwell,  
Who by constant practice could walk well,  
Then they said "can you run"  
He replied "yes it's quite fun"  
That lively old goldfish of Chalkwell

There was a young fish in a lake,  
Who frequently dined on fruit cake,  
He swallowed it whole,  
From a small silver bowl,  
Which caused that fish to ache.

John Perry.

## **FISH DISEASE (from data on Lecture to S.L.A.D.A.S.)**

has been found, after extensive survey, that the cause of 99% of fish deaths is not the aftermath of a disease, but of the aquarists' efforts to "cure it". As soon as their fish seem slightly off colour most aquarists jump to the conclusion that their fish are ill. More often than not this is an entirely wrong impression and all that is required is to change half of the water to effect a complete "cure". But of course there is always the change of your fish actually being diseased,

The most familiar and common of the diseases is fungus. This appears on fish as : greyish-white patches resembling closely set bristles. These patches spread rapidly and as soon as they reach a vital part of the fish it dies. The actual disease is present in the aquarium all the time but the mucus covering of the fish -- a slimy covering over it's skin - protects it. If the fish is cut or bruised or the covering in any breaks the fish will be attacked by the disease.

(to be continued in the next issue)

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**NEXT MEETING. September 25th - Table Show;** - Danios, White Clouds, Platies, Swordtails, Characins.

**October 9th - Auction Sale** - All entries for both meetings to be sent to: M. Sherman.  
14, Galton Road, Chalkwell, Essex.

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**SOUTH-EAST ESSEX JUNIOR AQUARISTS' SOCIETY**

**CATALOGUE**

in respect of

**AUCTION SALE**

**Tues, 9 October 1951.**

**Auctioneer; E.Day, Esq**

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All lots must be removed at the end of the

Auction Sale,

Ten per cent will be deducted from prices received, for Club Funds.

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## FISH

LOT No.	
1.	2 young Shuberti
2.	1 mixed lot guppies
3.	1 pair flames
4.	1 pair mosquitos
5.	1 pair flames
6.	1 pair pearl danios
7.	1 pair zebras
8.	1 pair double swordtail guppies
9.	2 female Platy Variatus
10.	1 pair flames
11.	1 pair zebras
12.	1 male rosy barb
13.	1 pair adult Cambodia fighters
14.	1 pair cofer-tail guppies
15.	1 pair zebras
16.	1 female half -banded barb
17.	1 male do .
18.	1 female do,
19.	1 pair chequer barbs
20.	1 pair double swordtail guppies
21.	1 male red swordtail
22.	1 fighting fish
23.	2 female yellow wagtail platies
24.	1 Buenos Aires tetra
25.	1 pair guppies
26.	3 young paradise fish
27.	3 young swordtails
28.	1 fighting fish
29.	1 male zebra
30.	1 male red sword
31.	1 mixed lot guppies
S2.	1 pair black-lined tetras
33.	1 fighting fish
34.	2 pairs guppies
35.	4 young .paradise fish
56.	2 pairs red swordtails
37.	1 fighting fish
38.	1 male 2 female green swords
39.	4 mixed platies
40.	20 baby guppies (suitable for live food)
41.	1 male red sword
42.	1 fighting fish

**LOT NO,**

43	1 female red platy
44	6 guppies
45	2 female, 1 male young red swords
46	1 pair feather fins
47	1 dozen guppies
48	3 young paradise
49	1 fighting fish
50	1 pair golden guppies

**EQUIPMENT**

51	1 Riley Aerator
52	1 18" x 10" tank stand, 3`2" high (light green)
53	1 top shade
54	1 fish carrying box
55	1 lot of Malayan snails
56	1 Montrose outside adjustment thermostat
57	1 copy Water Life
58	1 copy Water Life
59	2 copies Aquarist
60	2 copies Aquarist

**PLANTS**

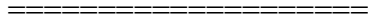
61.	4 roots vallisneria
62	2 roots Indian Fern
63	1 bundle Canadian pond weed (tropical)
64	1 lot hygrophila
65	1 cryptocoryne willisi,
66	1 cryptocoryne willisi,
67	1 lot hygrophila
68	2 valisneria spiralis.
69	2 cryptocoryne cordata
70	1 lot 3 mixed cryptocorynes,
71	, 1 lot 3 mixed cryptocorynes



**PLANTS contd,**

Lot No

72	1 portion floating fern
73	1 cryptocoryne willisii
74	1 Amazon sword tail
75	1 cryptocoryne becketii
76	.1 cryptocoryne becketii
77	1 cryptocoryne becketii
78	1 dozen vallisneria spirallis
79	1 cryptocoryne cordata
80	1 cryptocoryne cordata
81	1 cryptocoryne cordata
82	1 cryptocoryne cordata
83	2 cryptocoryne cordata



**LATE LOTS IN CONTINUATION,**

# South East Essex

## JUNIOR AQUARISTS SOCIETY.

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Chalkwell,  
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George Moss,  
101 North Crescent  
Prittlewell  
Essex

H. A, Giles, Esq.,  
72, Sandringham Road,  
Southend on Sea.

7th October,1951.

Dear Mr. Giles,

Enclosed please find catalogue in respect of our Auction Sale. We shall be very pleased if you are able to find time to come along.

Yours very sincerely,

G. E. Moss

Hon. Sec`

**South-East Essex Junior Aquarists` Society**

(President : C.J. Saunders Esq, Bsc)

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1951**

H. A. Giles, Esq.,  
72, Sandringham Road,  
Southend-on-Sea.

Dear Mr. Giles,

Now that we have formed our own Society, we feel that we should like to retain some official connection with a few of those members of the S.L.A.D.A.S. who did so much for the Junior Section in the old days.

As a small token of our gratitude for your help and advice in the past, the Committee has decided to ask you to honour us by becoming a Vice-President of our Society. We hope in this way to strengthen our connection; with the parent Club, and to feel that we have not lost all the benefits we used to enjoy.

Yours very sincerely,

G.E.Moss

Hon. Secretary .

**South-East Essex Junior Aquarists` Society**

(President : C.J. Saunders Esq, Bsc)

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1951**

H. A. Giles, Esq.,  
72, Sandringham Road,  
Southend-on-Sea.

Dear Mr. Giles,

May I encroach upon your generosity by asking if you could possibly give the newly -formed South-East Essex Junior Aquarist Society a general lecture on foods on Tuesday Feb . 13th.

The Society meets at 7.0 p.m. at Chalkwell Schools, London Road, Chalkwell.

Yours sincerely,

G.E. Moss

Hon. Secretary.