

tell his mother, "Mother, Mother," he says, "I have got a bunch of little baby fish in there with my other fish," and so she went and there was no little baby fish. They looked all over and she said, "Well, Joe?" He says, "I know they were in there. It is that dang Hershel; she ate them. I am going to throw her out in the hot sand." She says, "No, now what a minute, Joe," she says, "You might have been seeing things." He says, "I was not seeing things. Them little fish were in there." And he says, "They are gone now and there is nothing else going to bother them." About that time there was some more born. Oh, it was just amazing to him and she ate them. She turned right around and ate them.

P: I wonder if it is because they could not get away because they where in a little aquarium?

R: Yes, and they where so small when they are first born; oh they are tiny. She ate them all and Joe wanted to throw her in the hot sand. He said, "She is accountable."

Q: Is that a normal thing for a fish?

P: No.

R: Well, for them minnows now, that is not a fish. Well, he is a fish family but he is a minnow. We used to tie a worm on a string and throw it and they would hold on to the end of it and you would pull them out.

P: Now they live in the river?

R: Yes, and in the lake. Mostly in the lake; they stay right around the edge in shallow water all the time.

P: Okay, I know what you mean. Yes, I think gambusia is what we might call them.