

# Rock Collection Parlayed Into All-Family Hobby

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After spending an evening with the Ted Garrish of 27835 Lathrup, it would be hard ever again to walk a beach or mountain trail without wondering what hidden treasures one is overlooking.

It was only six or seven years ago that Jim Gidley, Mrs. Garrish's older son made a trip with some Boy Scouts to Isle Royal and brought back specimens of semi-precious stones found in the Lake Superior region.

SINCE that time young Ted and Garrish have accumulated a fine collection of rare and beautiful rocks from all over the United States. Some they have discovered on trips to Montana, Wyoming, Utah and north to the Michigan coast, others they have bartered and still others have been gifts from collectors.

The Garrish laugh when they remember moving their collection to Lathrup. The back of their car was so loaded with rocks that the headlights pointed to the stars rather than the road.

YOUNG Ted's collection includes sweetwater agates and jades from Wyoming, petrified wood from Montana, native copper, talcites and Potosiite stones from Michigan. Odd and unusual is a brownish dinosaur grizzly stone found near the bones of some prehistoric monster, and said to be polished smooth by the digestion of his food.

In his workshop Garrish began polishing the finer stones and his collection of cut pieces grew until it was almost mandatory that some member of the family create settings for them. Mrs. Garrish was appointed to join a silver working group. Their collection of finished pieces now includes rings, pendants and pins all set with the finely polished stones, the soft lighted silver making a perfect frame.



MRS. TED GARRISH, and son, Ted, 12, examine some of the stones found during 'treasure' hunts through backwoods areas. (Eccentric Photo)

ALONG with her silver work Mrs. Garrish also stained the art of copper enameling. Working from free-form books from that sheet copper, she blends colors and designs into green-tinted pieces. Working with a small home furnace she also makes pendants and bracelets.

Weekends or whenever the opportunity presents itself, the family goes rock hunting, and with each trip find its interest intensifies. Young Ted adds to his collection while Mr. and Mrs. Garrish hunt fine specimens for polishing and mounting or trading with some other collector.

The hobby shared by the family gives a purpose to their trips, and each finds a creative outlet for his spare time.

BILAM ECCENTRIC Page Thursday, July 28, 1955

There were approximately 60 guests.

On July 29 there will be a miscellaneous shower given for Sandy by Gladys Gray and Betty Blaisus in the Royal Oak home of Miss Gray. On the evening of Aug. 4, a linen shower will be given by Mrs. Henry VanVurst of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Andrea Weldon of Huntington Woods in the home of Mrs. VanVurst.

Away for a weekend of fun and relaxation at Roaring Brook Inn at Harbour Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keating of Westlady road.

William Flemming of Laber road spent the weekend of July 1 at Bimini in the Bahamas, with George Lyons. The pair went down to see boats featuring a Bahama prize fighter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan of Hampton road recently returned from a ten day vacation of relaxation and fishing at Georgetown Bay. Also on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson and their grandson, Tommy, and Mr. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Jack Anderson of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Malpell, Jr. of Westlady road left last Saturday to spend a week at Leamington, Ont. at the cottage of Mrs. Malpell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carmichael of Hampton road and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nichols of Laber road recently vacationed at Mullet Lake, where they were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marks. Carmichael and Nichols went up for the weekend and their wives stayed on for a few extra days. They returned last Thurs. evening.

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All the baby gifts were placed in a basket beautifully trimmed in white silk with blue forget-me-nots.

Guests were: Mrs. Harry A. Clarke, Mrs. Ethel A. Clark, Mrs. Anderson's mother-in-law, Mrs. Harold Anderson, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Sidney Knut, Mrs. Dick Zeman, Mrs. Bubbie Hone, Mrs. Bruce Sinclair, Mrs. R. Kowalak, Mrs. N. Scarborough, Mrs. Irving Grant and Mrs. R. J. Foster.

Gifts were Mrs. Paul Larned Clark, Mrs. John Rumberg, Mrs. Ernie Aruffo, Mrs. Harry Mason, Mrs. Carl Willard, Mrs. G. E. Nyquist, Mrs. William Hayes, Mrs. W. Martin and Mrs. Nyquist's daughter, Bonnie.

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BRIDE-TO-BE FETED

With the faint strains of wedding bells in the future, it is a day, too, for the "W. T. W. Adams" on Old Mill road.

The daughter, Sandra (Sandy) to be married Aug. 29 to Barton Cameron of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Bart Connor of Northville. The wedding will take place at the Kirk in the Hill, church at two o'clock, followed by a reception at Devon Gables.

Recently Sandy was honored at a tea given by her future mother-in-law, Mrs. Connor, to introduce Sandy to her friends and relatives.

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