

# Tulip-Lady Turns Her Hand At Weaving in Off-Season

By DOROTHY ZATELL

When Brownie Scout troops ask their leaders if it isn't about time to visit the tulip-lady, puzzled new leaders begin to inquire around, but the experienced leaders know the girl means Mrs. Earl S. Debus. She lives on Catalpa in Lathrup village.

Betty is the tulip-lady when it is early spring and her tulip garden is bursting with rows of glorious color. Except for a few favorites, each year Earl and Betty Debus add unusual and new varieties to their collection, importing them directly from the Netherlands.

To the older Scouts doing badge work Betty becomes the flower-lady, for around her home at the end of Catalpa Avenue in Lathrup Village she has planted and cares for wildflowers native to Michigan.

THE SCOUTS KNOW they can depend upon her to take time to point out "trillium, wild-ginger, violets, jack-in-the-pulpit, Solomon's seal, and bloodroot, all blooming in spots closely resembling their native woodland homes. When plants are few and it is impossible to lift them from the woods, Betty and Earl make beautiful color slides and movies for their collection.

AROUND THE HOUSE in tall trees and in sheltered spots the birds find feeding stations all year, and Betty identifies them for the children by song if they can't be seen.

Song Sparrows abound, Baltimore orioles are busy building a nest. There are flickers, and towhees and migratory warblers. A squirrel bounds across the lawn, a small brown rabbit watches, and two quail flutter from under a lilac bush, all in minutes as Betty points out her favorite iris, and the bursting buds on the peony bushes.

Casual escorts on the garden tour and two neighbor dogs and Betty's own spaniel, slightly bored with garden talk, but eager for a word from their friend.

An ardent trout fisherman, woodworker, gardener, and oil and water-color painter, he is a popular member of Pershing high faculty, furnishing flowers for art classes and home economics rooms.

Since 1931 when they made their first cross-country trip and were mistakenly reported lost in Yosemite National Park the Debus' have spent their summers traveling. They have driven the Alcan Highway, toured the Gaspé Peninsula, Newfoundland, and visited numerous national parks.

ARDENT CONSERVATIONIST Betty has only one pet peeve, her eyes flash, and she waxes vehement at the people who misuse and clutter our national parks.

And so, no matter what the name, Betty answers, and to add to the long list, she might even be called St. Bede's secretary for in a busy week she has found time to contribute two days doing secretarial work for the Rev. Cyril Keating at the church rectory.

**Have You Met**  
Robert Gleason, piston ring sales engineer who brought his wife and two sons to their new home at 1085 Norfolk drive a month ago? Gleason is with the Detroit office of the Perfect Circle corporation of Hagerstown, Indiana, where the family lived previously, and he contacts area automotive firms.

A graduate of Miami University in Ohio, Gleason took his master's in Diesel engineering at North Carolina State, where he met his wife, a native of Raleigh, N. C. Gleason is from Wilmington, Ohio and is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The Gleason sons are Robert Dale, 6, and John Kevin, 3.



MRS. DEBRUS AT HER LOOM IN HER LATHRUP VILLAGE HOME Weaves and gardens for lovely products. (Eccentric Photo)

## Trio Have Tea For Mrs. Perkins

Mrs. John K. Bagby, Mrs. Ivan B. Hainey and Mrs. Charles D. Howell were joint hostesses Wednesday afternoon at a tea in Mrs. Bagby's Oxford road home. The event honored Mrs. Arthur Perkins, who with her husband and their two children, are leaving July 5 to make their home in Hartford, Conn.

Perkins will become business manager of the Hartford symphony orchestra, having been assistant manager of the Detroit symphony orchestra for the past two years, during which time the family resided here. Guests for the tea were members of the Birmingham Unitarian Woman's alliance, of which Mrs. Perkins has been president.

## 3 Directors Named

CRANBROOK — Recently elected to the board of directors of Brookside School Cranbrook were LeRoy W. Dahlberg of 3363 Brookdale, Mrs. Thomas H. Hewlett of 156 Worth and Samuel E. MacArthur of 24659 Meadowood, Lathrup Village.

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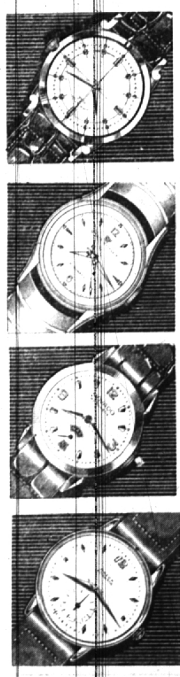
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