

Couple Find Prize Clocks at Convo

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

The hobby of collecting antique clocks is a most rewarding one, say the G. H. Hedricks, residents of Oakhill drive in Bloomfield township.

The couple have just returned from a convention of clock collectors at Washington, D.C. and have brought back two old items—one a 17th century timepiece made in London and a round French alarm clock.

The clocks, held by the Hedricks in the photo, are decorative pieces that will share spots in the modern home that already has about ten clocks and many pieces of antique furniture.

THE FRENCH ALARM clock has a red velvet dial, edged by a cast bronze picture frame. Its numerals are in white porcelain.

The hobby for Hedrick—Mrs. Hedrick is more interested in the furniture collection but can reel off history of the clocks as well as her husband—gives, he says, "a chance to make associations with people on a subject that has absolutely nothing to do with making a living."

Hedrick, who is vice president of the Maresmont Automotive Products in Detroit, says at the conventions "no one is trying to sell a bill of goods."

ON THE COUPLE'S other trips, such as the June 11 trip to the Society of Automotive Engineers in Atlantic City, they visit other antique clock collectors.

On one such trip they found the Queen Clock that hangs in their hallway. Its slow tick contrasts the tiny, fast tick of a four-inch carriage clock in their living room. Hedrick says all his clocks are in running order, but they don't keep them going because of too much ticking.

The Queen Anne clock is of the 1720 to '50 period, has engraved numerals, and the scroll and cupid design so common to furniture pieces of the good queen's period.

"OLD THINGS are nice to live with," says Mrs. Hedrick, who prizes several comfortable old rocking chairs and two banquet tables, used as end tables but each with its drop leaf fits into a four-section banquet-length table.

Little known facts aid in collection. Hedrick points out that their cylinder top desk must be of 1790 to 1810—for after the arched cover that slides back into the desk was invented, it was only 20 years before someone invented slats attached to cloth, saving space taken by the solid wood arch.

At the convention, the clock col-



HEDRICKS HOLD JUST-ACQUIRED CLOCKS By their prize Queen Anne Clock. (Eccentric photo)



CAMPING EQUIPMENT OF EACH SCOUT in the Wolverine patrol is inspected by Ned Landis, patrol leader (left) as the boys prepared for the District Camporee recently at Kensington Park. He is checking the knapsack of Fred Anderson (right) as Bruce Minturn (left) and Steve Fore await their turn. About 2,500 boy scouts attended the camporee, largest in the history of the Detroit area council.

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IN THEIR BASEMENT den, the couple's collection includes several steple, pillar and scroll, and other type clocks.

"Not too many clocks," says the Hedricks, "because we want to be able to live in the house." Hedrick is keeping collection to clocks over 100 years old.

They have had their clock hobby for five years, and belong to the Great Lakes chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, which meets in Detroit.

Ten thousand nimble fingers are putting in final practice sessions this week for Detroit's big mass piano concert, the Michigan Annual Music Festival, to be held at Olympia Sunday June 12.

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