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Mrs. Keith Thibodeau

Rosemary Joyce Allen and Keith Allen Thibodeau were married Oct. 19 at Mercy Center Chapel. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Allen of Livonia. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thibodeau of Farmington Hills. The bride is employed by American Airlines. Her husband is employed by Massey Ferguson.

After a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mex. the couple will make their home in Canton Township.

It was several Christmases ago that I saw advertised, at a ridiculously low price, one of those rock-tumblers that turns pebbles into polished stones.

I was intrigued by the rare bargain, but passed it up because I couldn't figure out why such a gift really would enjoy such a gift.

What I should have done, of course, was buy it for myself. I realized that last summer when I found myself fascinated by the search for agates on a certain Lake Superior beach.

When I found was a few agates, a lot of pretty quartz and pretty granite stones and a great deal of peace and enjoyment in the hours thus passed.

they are "done." I guess, at that, the process is a lot shorter than nature's.

Anyway, last week the first batch of Lake Superior stones finally had made it through all the stages and I could take them out in their polished glory. Fond of them as I had been when they were in the rough, I was delighted with the way they looked polished.

AND AFTER the family had duly expressed its admiration, I put a bunch of shiny stones in an enameled dish on the coffee table to show off to dinner guests.

One of our visitors looked and touched and wondered which of the kids had received a rock-tumbler for Christmas. This one, I told her.

Another guest's reaction was rather startling. "You know," she said, "I thought at first it was a fully realistic-rock candy in that dish. I almost took a bite!"

My toy is rotating now with its cylinder full of somewhat larger stones. I chose them because I'm anxious to see how that batch will come out. Besides, it may be easier on our friends' teeth.

Margaret Miller

THE SPECIMENS gathered made me wish again I'd bought that tumbler. Which, of course, let the man of our house know exactly what to put under the Christmas tree this year.

The new toy has been a source of family interest ever since. We were a bit amazed to learn that you keep stones tumbling, with assorted polishers, four full weeks before

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