



## LEND AN EAR Symphony Enjoys Week of Its Own

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Since weeks of the year become designated as "Health Week," "Book Week," or "Cut Down on Accidents Week" it is fitting that this week be set aside as "Symphony Week."

Citizens of our community are being made acutely aware, if they are not already so, of the important part of the Detroit symphony orchestra is playing in our cultural and educational efforts. To familiarize people with the orchestra's activities, exhibits in the Detroit historical museum, the public library and all branches, and in all the schools. There slogan and essay contests are featured. Winners were announced at an invitational concert Jan. 19.

Members of the orchestra are conducting clinics in the schools, and on Jan. 13 talented students from the high schools played with the orchestra at Ford auditorium. Television and radio stations are featuring interviews and musical luminaries and special programs highlighting classical music played by the orchestra are being presented through the week. Recordings by the orchestra are being piped out into the streets, and colorful posters saluting the orchestra fill shop windows. Many clubs have devoted time to a discussion of the orchestra's many contributions, and the entire week's proceedings will culminate in a symphony ball Jan. 24.

the affections and understanding of people of divergent interests and background. A great working orchestra like the New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Detroit symphony are the cultural focal points around which all other musical activities revolve and depend, in their communities.

It is therefore important that we set aside these few days known as "Symphony Week" as a tribute to Dr. Paray and the orchestra, and to emphasize their important contribution to our cultural stockpile.

Missiles and rockets may be important to our future, but so is a great orchestra. Playing regularly throughout the season, its activities are dictated only by high standards of taste and performance, not political ideology. Its purpose, therefore, rests at the very heart of our most sacred beliefs.

### The world of music commands

## DOWN TO EARTH Spiritual Center Is Fine Addition

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Recently your writer had the privilege of visiting the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at Chesterfield and Woodward. Our community is indeed lucky to have this spiritual center.

The custodian graciously showed me through the edifice of beautiful modern design. The landscaping was planned by the world-famous Thomas Church of San Francisco. The geometric design, which will be revealed by the plant material as it matures, will complement the fine design of the structure.

In order to completely appreciate the fine church, it is important to know the tenets of the Mormon church. It does not have a professional clergy, but is managed by volunteers. It is a self-reliant society which distributes the bounty of all its people to any member in need. The members live a temperate life, and because a Mormon hopes to achieve divinity, he believes him to live a saintly life.

The church in our community was a humbling, and the day of my visit with young people who were enjoying the gym facilities. The emphasis is on the entire family, and this relationship is strengthened by the social life of its members centering in the church.

You may be sure that in the future I will be watching the growth of Mr. Church's fine pattern of landscape architecture.

Now that I have been a guest in this fine church with the ideals I have had interpreted to me, there will always be an interest on the part of this neighbor saluting a new addition to our community.

Recently Grace Reilly of the Birmingham travel bureau was giving her experiences in Russia. She mentioned that around the Kremlin she saw mostly linden trees and small annual dahlias. I am sure that her many stops there and around the world have been enriched because of her knowledge and appreciation of plants here at home.

The linden tree, along with the honey locust, has been recommended by Michigan state university as the best shade tree substitutes for the American elm. The linden tree lends itself to partial shade, and due to its fragrant flowers, attracts the honey bees. It has a dense head of leaves and will trim nicely to form a tall secondary hedge. This is its general use in most of the European countries I visited.

## Our New Feature, 'Suburbia Today', Wins Your Praise

The Birmingham Eccentric's new monthly feature, Suburbia Today, included for the first time with our December 30 edition, has won considerable favorable reaction, according to comments from our readers.

The most talked about features from the first edition were the articles on the ancient sport of curling, the recipes; the article about the couple that found relaxation on a week-end in town just 25 miles from home, was also well received.

One reader said her children enjoyed the colorful cover, which was not surprising, as Suburbia Today appeals to the entire family.

A SUBSCRIBER EVEN COMPARED the magazine to the New York Times Magazine, a well-respected magazine supplement. We are very proud of that reaction.

Most area merchants were pleased with the first issue of the colorgrature magazine. One local retailer summed it up: "It's great and hits close to home", which is exactly the way we feel about it.

ACCORDING TO OUR circulation department, the magazine brought about an increased demand for the edition in which it was included. Today one reader purchased 10 copies. We will be including Suburbia Today with The Eccentric once a month. Look for the next issue the first week in February. When you read it, you will see why it has made such a hit with The Eccentric's readers.

### Soldiers Complete Operation Course

Two soldiers from the area, Private Justin Cullen of Helena, street, and Robert Troy, recently completed an eight-week Nike-Ajax guided missile operation course at Fort Winfield Scott in San Francisco. Cullen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wattlew, Birmingham.

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