

**Barnum Orchestra And Bands Close Out Their Season**

Music filled the gymnasium and swelled through the corridors at Barnum junior high school as the bands and orchestra performed in their annual festival.

Gene Hanson led the bands and Dale Bartlett led the orchestra in a set of tunes from "State Fair". Patricia Wyatt soloed on bass viol, playing "the Mummer's" by Merle Kathleen Thompson was accompanied.

Next on the young musicians' agenda is the "Swim and Swing" party in June, planned by the Band and Orchestra parents club.

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**DOWN TO EARTH**

**Planned Parenthood Tour a 'Real treat'**

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

The Oakland county chapter of Planned Parenthood recently provided a real treat for many of us to visit beautiful homes in the area in their money-raising program. Of course I tripped along knowing these lovely home owners would have beautiful, well appointed gardens. I was not disappointed.

The dream home of so many of us is the residence of the Denton east corner of Lone Pine and Anderson. They live on the northeast corner of Lone Pine and Anderson. The interior of the house is furnished in French and English antiques with accents of fine paintings.

The rear gardens are lovely and so easy to maintain. Apparently room after room has been added to this gem of a home over the years so that the irregular profile of the rear of the house allows for at least three brick paved courtyards. Each has its beds for flowers and trees. Where one wall is conspicuous out a window you see espaliered trees which provide a real French touch. At the base of the espaliered trees you see strawberries used as a ground cover.

ONE TREE within the courtyard is dramatized with a raised bed where the ground cover is pea gravel. On the surface of the stones is displayed choice unusual large stones.

A distance from the house is a pool which has a cabana which follows the architecture of the colonial home which is among the oldest in the area. This total picture is a real gem to share with others and think Mrs. Anderson.

THE MEYER CANTORS of 4550 Charing Cross road also opened a fall for the many scullies. The architect, James Conroy, designed a masterpiece which ably provides a fall for the many scullies and fine paintings collected and created by Mrs. Cantor.

As you enjoy the inside detail, the walled gardens of Michigan sandstone complement the total picture. Mrs. Cantor had measures the spacing of the purple daphne which is a mass of fragrant flowers at this date and there will be a repeat of flowering later.

THERE is also a pool 22 inches deep centered at the base of the wall design which is known as the grandchildren's pool. In later years, Mrs. Cantor says there will be time to grow water lilies in the sunny setting. They also have an orchard with carefully selected varieties of fruit trees planned.

The artistic touch was expressed in their contemporary manner through the property.

THE DEAN COFFINS, 1775 North Woodward, shared their home for the Planned Parenthood fund raiser. If you know the Coffins you know that the Coffins ways reounds with laughter and at once you saw whimsies which made you chuckle too.

In the front hall, within a 14-inch clay pot, was the branch of a tree which reached the ceiling. Attached to the various branches were flowers which resembled gardenias. Also in this hallway was a white wrought iron planter with a step also for the plants. There was a light behind the plants which gave a pleasing effect.

A TERRIFIC detail which I liked at Coffins was the patio with overhanging which held grape vines. The size of the patio is 20 x 39 feet. I am sure that I will want to return later and see the gobbs of grapes hanging down from the leaves.

Despite thousands of warnings, plastic bags still are a suffocation menace to children under one year. They should be kept out of cribs, playpens, carriages—and out of children's reach, of course. Before disposing of a plastic bag, tear it up or tie it in a knot suggests the National Safety Council.

**Familiar Blue Jay Here Every Season**

If you live as does your scirbe, in an area shaded by oak trees, you cannot escape the splendid coloring and noisy behavior of our familiar blue jay. At no season is he absent from our yard and garden.

With the approach of our first warm days his strident "jay, jay, jay" takes on a more agreeable tone and soon we see him busy with his mate constructing a cartload most of leaves and twigs in some tall maple or oak tree. After it has been lined with interlocking roots the female lays from 4 to 6 olive-tinted eggs spotted with brown and the brooding season begins.

But today the blue jay and his mate are silent. They have arrived at the average stage in the mating cycle and to protect the young, they live in relative silence until the strenuous task of brooding and rearing their family is finished. For further camouflage their identical coats of soft blue are well camouflaged with contrasting black and white.

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