

Writer Opposes Teacher Tenure

To the Editor: The Eccentric is to be commended for its forthright editorial of Nov. 7 opposing a state-wide teacher tenure law.

The worst thing that could happen to public education in Michigan would be the enactment of such a law. The long-range effect would be to drive good teachers out and freeze mediocre and incompetent teachers in, thereby removing all justification for viewing teaching as a profession.

Any teacher worth his salt should have nothing to do with the petition currently being circulated by the Michigan Education Association.

The writer has long been a strong supporter of higher teachers' salaries as the pages of this newspaper will attest. His support would cease abruptly if tenure became a state law.

WILLIAM LYMAN
Bloomfield Township

Speaker Earns Better Respect

To the editor: I am appalled at every Town Hall lecture by the women who leave before the speaker has finished. Or by those who rush out afterwards without some show of appreciation through applause.

I am embarrassed for our guests that our audience is not more considerate. Please let us all "think" and set a better example from now on.

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Nights

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town had made arrangements for sitters for Halloween night for their babies and were totally caught unprepared for Oct. 30. Other neighbors were attending The Christ Child Bazaar at Cobo Hall and had sitters for their children.

As a result, turmoil prevailed and there were many disappointed children who did not get out and many a frustrated mother who struggled through an evening of a quick dinner and a rush to dress her children and if there were no young babies she could take the children out herself, or ask a neighbor to take them. All this in between answering the door, the children began arriving at about six o'clock.

To repeat, it was one of the worst Halloween nights we have had in five years; the township police were called out because of two fires that were deliberately started, a whole pumpkin was tossed through the windshield of a moving car and almost caused the gentleman driving to lose control of his car, windows were soaped, doorbells were almost pulled off, pumpkins were smashed in the streets, older children were knocking on bedroom windows at 9:30 at night frightening the younger children that were sleeping.

We asked the township police what did they think the trouble was and they replied, "Just too much for the children, they get all nerved up and can't seem to settle down."

SO, WE are teaching our children they can have their cake and eat it. No one seems to know why or how the school entered into designating which night was trick or treat night; one of the directors of the Westchester Association claims they had asked the school to keep out of it, so to speak, but it was one great big confusion.

Please, let us not have a repeat ridiculous performance next year. It seems to me it is a poor way to show our thanks to the Birmingham merchants who work so hard for the wonderful Halloween event they sponsor.

One of many Irate
Westchester Parents

Problems

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years, but I can't see that it has anything to do with making it easier for our teen-agers to buy tobacco and liquor.

One of the responsibilities teen-agers are expected to assume is respect for and obedience to the laws of the state.

IT IS ALREADY too easy for teen-agers to obtain tobacco and liquor, and the fact that it might be easier to enforce the law with a lower age limit is silly. It would be easier to enforce speed laws, too, if the speed limit was raised to 90 miles per hour.

The PTA Council might better plan a campaign designed to teach teen-agers why they shouldn't use tobacco and liquor before they are 21.

I trust that every local PTA group will reject this plan emphatically!

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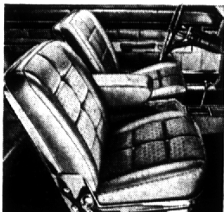
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