

# A Better Plan Than 'Trick Or Treat'

**EDITOR:**  
I thought you might be interested in how we solve the trick or treat problem at our house. Even though we live in a very nice suburb, we still didn't want to take a chance on one of the children getting something dangerous in their treats.

So I and my dear neighbor, Mrs. Gunner Bellair, took our six children to the Livonia Nursing Home on Plymouth to give candy to the patients there. We got permission in advance from Mrs. O'Brien.

The children went dressed in their Halloween costumes with boxes and pumpkins full of candy, licorice and raisins. A few of the patients were confused or didn't speak English, but most were surprised and pleased to make a fuss over the children's costumes and receive the candy.

One very dear lady, 92 years young and blind, received candy from several of the children and told them, "Oh, so much candy, I'll be so sweet that everyone will want to take a bite out of me."

By the way, we gave out pennies instead of candy, and we hope to see more UNICEF banks next year.

MRS. R. E. GETTS  
Livonia

## Detroit Not Deprived

**EDITOR:**  
So Kay Swanson thinks "A little child shall lead them." Where? Through bumper-to-bumper traffic to schools where guards patrol the halls? What is she teaching her children at home that she expects them to become bigots and racists unless they are exposed to daily doses of

## READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Letters must be typed and double-spaced. Only original copies are acceptable. The editor will not accept any carbon or mechanically reproduced copies. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

### danger, filth and emotional encounters?

Figures released by the Michigan Department of Education for 1969-70 show that the tax base for Detroit schools ranked fifth on the list of 12 in 1970, \$55 million in federal funds were given to the Detroit school system compared to \$15 million for the entire remainder of the tri-county area. Why should that result in a disparity of services?

And why should the claim be made that inner city residents are culturally deprived? The art museum, Burton Historical Museum, the fine main library as well as neighborhood libraries, Belle Isle with its varied attractions, the zoo, the International Institute with its many ethnic celebrations — all can be reached by public transportation.

Not the school systems but the social ills of the city need correction. Participate in any social experiments you choose on the adult level but spare us from methods borrowed from Hitler and Stalin. They too corrupted the children at home that they used little children to spread their gospel.

AILEEN COLE  
Livonia

## 'She Will Not Be Bussed'

**EDITOR:**  
After spending many sleepless nights worrying about my daughter being bussed she walks five miles a day to school now, Livonia cannot afford enough buses to transport our own pupils to our own schools. I finally made the decision that let me sleep a couple of nights: She will not be bussed.

I should have known this all along, but having always believed in law and order, I thought, "Gee, how can I delay a judge?"

Then after thinking some more, I said to myself, "Judge Roth does not have custody of your child — you do. You are responsible for your child." That settled that question in my mind.

However, my sleepless nights returned. Being an ulcer victim and a migrant worker, I began to think of the groups forming in Livonia and elsewhere, both for and against bussing, the names given to them, what the letters stand for, etc. While all this was turning over in my mind, I came up with a great name for the "For the bussing group."

How about "SOBG of L?" Being a fair-minded person, I wanted to share my idea with them and since I do not personally know any one in that group, your paper is the only place I know to turn — and since your paper is a fair-minded paper and wants to help everyone, I am sure you will help me reach this fine group. They could say it stands for "Stop our Bussing Group of Livonia," if they can't think of anything else it could mean. It sounds like a very impressive title to me.

MARY LOUISE TUCKER  
Livonia

## 3 Alternatives To Bussing

School bussing is the most insidious attempt to "put one over" on the American public. I have witnessed in my 68 years of life:

Grave inequities exist in our educational system, but reducing the educational level of all is hardly a desirable way to do it.

1. Let all tax monies to support the public schools be paid into a state central fund and paid to each district strictly on an equal per-child basis. Each school board would then have the same amount of money to spend in proportion to their enrollment as any other.
2. Have this fund administered by a bank and trust company, they being paid a small fee for each child the fund covers. Keep bureaucracy, sticky fingers and gross inefficiency out of it.
3. Eliminate the real property school tax completely. Replace with a head-tax for each child to be paid by the parents of same. Let us start with at least \$200, per head. Such a tax would put some of the responsibility where it belongs — on the parents. If it would also soon act as a sensible deterrent to our too rapid population growth.

FRANKLIN ACHTERKIRCH  
Livonia



**FORCES UNITED** — The four branches of the U.S. armed forces have located in a newly modernized building at 15195 Farmington Rd. The recruiting center, which serves Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, is manned by members of the Marines, Navy, Army and Air Force. Outside the center are (from left) front row, Chief Samuel Elliott, Navy; Staff Sgt. Gerald Dertz, Marines; and Robert J. Huffman, RD1, Navy. Back row (from left) Sgt. Glen Masters, Air Force; Sgt. Orville Lee and Staff Sgt. Robert McAndrew of the Army. (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)

## Easter Seal Goals File Medicare Claims Promptly Are Set

A membership drive is now in progress for the annual Easter Seal appeal, and contributions are also being accepted for the craft program. Craft classes are offered for physically handicapped teenagers and adults. They are held at the Easter Seal Center near Michigan and Middle Belt in Inkster.

The sessions provide an opportunity for the physically handicapped to learn new skills or to continue with a hobby in the company of others with similar interests.

REGISTRATIONS are being accepted for the classes which are open to any resident of Wayne County without charge. In Observeland, Garden City contributed over \$1,800 to the Easter Seal Society in 1970 and its goal for 1971 is \$2,400. Livonia contributed nearly \$6,000 in 1970 and its goal this year is \$7,100.

Plymouth contributed \$2,800 with a present goal of \$4,200. Redford Township had a total contribution of \$3,100 and its goal is \$4,000.

Westland made a contribution of \$2,300 and its goal is \$3,200.

Inquiries or contributions may be directed to the Easter Seal Society P.O. Box 101, Inkster, 48141.

To avoid delay in Medicare payment, patients should file claims promptly after they get their doctor bills, according to Sam F. Test, social security district manager at Detroit. Many people let their medical bills accumulate until the end of the year and then file their claim. This tends to create a clerical backlog that cause delays in payments. Test says that claims are filed on "Request" for Medicare Payment" forms available at most doctors' offices and at their social security office.

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