



### Haunted House

JAYCEES HAUNT a house at 35734 W. 14 Mile from Oct. 24 through Oct. 30. The old farm house is open from 6:30-10:30 p.m.,

weekdays and from 1-10 p.m. on weekends. Admission is 35 cents per person. (Evert photo)

## How An Active Teenager Participates In Politics

*He's been attending meetings about as regularly as board members since he was 14.*

Most 16-year-old guys spend their spare moments discussing girls and sports, reading Sports Illustrated and checking out the sports section of the newspaper.

But Mike Shpiece of Farmington is preoccupied with politics, reading the Congressional Record and keeping track of political columns and editorials in the newspapers.

Shpiece, who'll turn 17 in November, is a senior at Harrison High School and probably the most faithful observer of the Farmington Board of Education in all of Farmington.

He's been attending the meetings about as regularly

as the board members for the last two years and at 16 can already boast he has spent "most of my life" campaigning for Democrats.

He's too young to be a precinct delegate but is a member of the executive board of the Oakland County Democratic committee and the Farmington Democratic organization.

Politics is tops among his interests, as evidenced by the library in his home at

25708 Westmoreland. It's filled with his copies of the Congressional Record from the past few years.

Shpiece attended a one-week workshop in Washington D.C. during the summer where he heard several national figures and came within "about 10 feet" of President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev during the welcome for Brezhnev during his visit to the United States.

In discussing politics, he predicted Vice President Spiro Agnew's resignation about a week before it happened and said that Michigan Gov. William Milliken was a likely replacement for Agnew.

After the nomination of U.S. Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Grand Rapids) he said that since Grand Rapids isn't far from Lansing "I was only off by a few miles."

On Agnew's resignation, Shpiece said, "It upsets me that with all the evidence against Agnew and his own admission of guilt, his farewell speech said that what he did wasn't wrong."

"I'm happy that it appears as though we are starting to

root the corruption out of our government," he added.

Gerald Ford is a good candidate for the office, he conceded, but said that "Ford should be judged not only on his personal qualifications and his honesty but I think he should be judged on his philosophy also."

"No one would support a vice president and president in an election because they were honest men if they didn't agree with the philosophy of the candidates," he said. "It shouldn't make any difference now because this is a resignation rather than an election."

During the presidential election last fall, Shpiece started out as state coordinator for U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink's (D-Hawaii) low key campaign because he admires her voting record. She remained faithful to her duties as a Congresswoman rather than campaigning all over the country, Shpiece added.

When her candidacy died, Shpiece began working for Sen. George McGovern (D-South Dakota) who Shpiece says "started to talk a good game but got phoney."

He also distributed literature and campaigned for the entire Democratic ticket

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## Ron Emmitt Steps Down From Board

By MAURIE WALKER

Ronald W. Emmitt, vice president of the Farmington Board of Education, has resigned.

In a letter Tuesday to Dr. Mervyn B. Ross, board president, Emmitt said he was resigning as of Oct. 22 for "personal reasons."

Reaction by board members was generally one of regret.

William Corliss said, "I extremely regret his resignation. While we did not always agree on issues, he (Emmitt) had the best interest of the community at heart."

Elizabeth Brennan said she received the news "with regret," while Emma Maki-nen said, "I am sorry to see him leave and express my appreciation to him for his work while serving on the board."

Gary Lichtman suggested the board send Emmitt a letter expressing sincere regrets at his resignation. This was approved by the board.

Emmitt, who had been a board member for a little over 3½ years, said he had been considering resigning for the past two weeks.

"My decision was not the result of animosity toward

any members of the board," Emmitt said.

He said the demands of his firm, Emmitt Scientific Inc., have increased, allowing him less time to devote to other duties.

"I'm sorry I didn't get some of the things accomplished that I had intended to, however I intend to contribute to the Farmington schools as much as I can."

He said he hoped to try and develop the interest of other persons to work with and help the board of education.

"This community is fortunate to have a strong reserve of persons who can contribute to our schools," Emmitt said.

He was high in praise of the present board.

"Although we didn't always agree, Farmington does have some of the finest persons in the community involved with the school board."

Emmitt said he had always been treated fairly by the press and "I appreciate what the newspapers have done for me, they have always been fair."

No action was taken Tuesday night on a replacement for Emmitt.

### Themes Due On Friday

The contest for the theme for the sesquicentennial ends Friday, Oct. 26.

The Farmington 150th committee is asking for suggestions for a short phrase, which can be used to describe Farmington's past and its future potential.

Entries should be submitted to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office, 23715 Farmington Road.



FLOYD CAIRNS, mild-mannered city clerk of Farmington Hills, became super-fisherman in Petoskey recently. Hooking and landing the 42-pound monster Chinook salmon is even more remarkable when one remembers Cairns underwent open heart surgery several years ago.

### Hockey League Opens Season

Opening game for the Squirt house league of the Farmington Amateur Hockey Assn. is Oct. 28, at 12 p.m. at the Novi Arena.

It will be followed at 2 p.m. by the opening game of the Mite house league.

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