

## Cheers For Fall And Football

CHEERING North Farmington on to a victory over Redford Thurston, North cheerleader Lori Lind demonstrates the spirit of the school and why fall means football to kids in school. (Observer photo)



## 'Boardmanship' Class Urged For School Board Members

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Disagreement among Farmington Board of Education members reached a climax over issues of a boardsmanship training course, board seating arrangements and public participation during a recent meeting.

After disagreeing on the need for a training course and the subject matter to be covered, the board adopted the motion for a course by a 4-2 margin with Gary Lichtman, trustee, and Dr. Mer-

vyn B. Ross, president, voting no.

William Corliss, board treasurer, was absent.

Board vice president Ronald Emmitt had asked the board to arrange to have Dr. Norman P. Weinheimer, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, conduct a course in boardsmanship for members and interested residents.

"I have considered resigning from the board because I feel I'm wasting my time here. But before I walk away

from my responsibilities to the community and to my family, I want to take this step suggested by Dr. Weinheimer," said Emmitt emphasizing the seriousness of the issue.

Supt. Marinus Van Ameyde was instructed to arrange a class time with Dr. Weinheimer in early November. Interested Farmington residents may contact Supt. Van Ameyde's office to register for the course.

The course will consider problems unique to the Farmington Board of Education.

Emmitt later asked a policy on seating arrangements for the board. His suggested policy, adopted by a vote of 4-2 with Lichtman and Ross voting no, outlined where officers would sit with trustees seated by seniority according to preference.

Emmitt indicated the policy was designed to avoid future disagreements.

The board agreed to permanently include an item under new business for "public inquiry and comments" on a motion from Emma Maki-nen, board secretary.

Lichtman withdrew his earlier motion which would

have established a policy allowing the public to offer

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## Historical Designation Is Sought

By KATHY MORAN

Farmington's Historical Commission is attempting to have the city's Old Village section registered as a state and national historical site.

Paul Schreiber, chairman, said the commission is basing its claim on the fact that Farmington was the first Quaker settlement in Michigan when it was founded in February of 1824 by Arthur Power.

Adrian had claimed to be the state's first Quaker settlement but Schreiber says that documentation proves that Adrian's settlement was started two weeks later than Farmington's.

The area which is under consideration as a historic district takes in the west side of Warner and both sides of Shiawassee between Warner and Grand River. It also includes both sides of Grand River between the intersection with Shiawassee and Warner and both sides of Oakland between Cass and Grand River.

Included in that section is former Gov. Fred Warner's

home at 33805 Grand River which was built in 1857 and Farmington's oldest home at 33430 Shiawassee built in 1824.

Two of three ancient Indian trails that crossed through Farmington also cross through the Old Village area, says Schreiber.

The Shiawassee Trail originated in Detroit and followed approximately the same route through Farmington as does Shiawassee Road. The trail turned north near what is now Oakwood Cemetery.

The Orchard Lake Indian trail originated in Wayne and followed the same route cut by Farmington Road swinging northeast at the intersection of Shiawassee and Farmington Roads.

Schreiber, a retired history teacher, said he couldn't speculate on the time it will take to get the area registered as a historical site but said he will be meeting with members of the state commission regularly until a decision is reached.

## Piano Donated To U-M

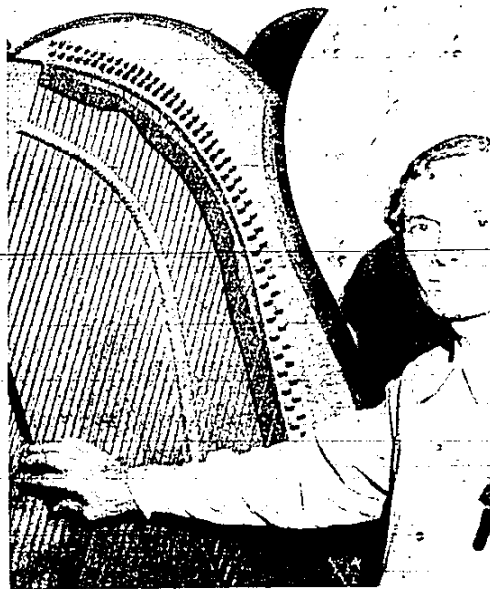
A rare antique piano owned by Bill Flora, 31110 11 Mile, will become part of the permanent collection of antique musical instruments at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Flora is donating the Lyra-Fluegel piano, one of just seven in the country, to the museum.

"The beat in my house is awfully hard on antiques," Flora said, explaining why he was anxious for a museum to have the piece after he owned it for 10 years.

He said he originally found the instrument at an old house in Detroit, where it was gathering coal dust in the garage.

"It was only later that I found out how rare it was," Flora added.



AN ANTIQUE piano rested in a Detroit home for years before Bill Flora rescued it. (Evert photo)

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