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Blue Raiders



Dan LaVecchia, defensive Captain, and Dave Bello, offensive captain, review plans for Raider's opening game Saturday with Coach Meredith. Game time: 1:30, home, against Thomas Jefferson.

Raiders Are Ready For Season Opener

"The first step on any journey is the longest." That's the message Raider football coach Charles Meredith has for his Raiders this week, as they go forth for their first meeting of the 1977 season, under a new coach. Meredith, who came here in August, looks toward a very tough season, with a game roster which permits no letting down. "There's not a single easy game on that schedule," he said. The league is a very fine one — that was one of the attractions in my coming here," he said.

Thomas Jefferson, of Elizabeth, meets the Raiders in the opener this Saturday, at home at 1:30 pm.

Meredith's got a really fine group of players to work with, he says, and so far in scrimmages, the defense has done extremely well. Offense is coming off a bit more slowly, but that's an area of assignment and technique football — and he has high hopes that by Saturday the team will put it all together. "We've tied all our scrimmages — 0-0, 0-0, 6-6, so now we're looking for that first win. The scrimmage record is a good omen for the season," the new coach feels.

Every week, the offense has been executing better, and Meredith is hopeful that the ex-

plosion will come this weekend. His players have a very positive attitude, and he is pleased with them, he reports.

He's got three fine receivers — Paul DeStefanis, Jeff Nicholson, and Frank Carlino — all of whom could catch the ball well for the Raiders, Meredith said. Tony Ebron's got good control of the quick pass attack, and did well in scrimmages. Meredith points to center Dave Montagna, and strong side guards Dave Bello, offensive captain, and Paul Ostberg as "good, strong kids — good athletes," who could provide a good, strong running attack. Quick side guard duties will be handled by Dave Patterson, and

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SP Wants Heliport Control

Back a few years ago, Scotch Plains governing body led the way in pressing the state Department of Transportation for local control in determination of where heliports and/or helistops are located within a municipality. The Scotch Plains pressure arose because of an application for a helistop at a local industrial site, located adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Neighbors objected vehemently that they did not want the whirly-birds landing and taking off next door.

Now, the Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, plans to rescind some of that local control, according to Scotch Plains Council members. The township recently

received a set of administrative regulations from the Division of Aeronautics, indicating a change, to wording that per-

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You're Invited!

The Fanwood Rescue Squad dedicates its new building this Sunday. The public is welcome. Come one, come all. Refreshments, band, civic pride galore, 2:00 PM, Watson Road, Fanwood.

Leaf Pickup Dates Set

Leaf pickup in Fanwood will be from October 17 through December 2. During this period, the Public Works Department will discontinue brush pickup.

Council Seeks Conrail Improvement

The Fanwood Borough Council has petitioned Conrail and the N.J. Dept. of Transportation to make substantial improvements in level of service and to provide additional and more modern equipment.

Council, in a resolution which points out the reliance of local citizens on the transportation system, says that service appears to be declining. Among specifics requested are: Train No. 5448 (7:20 am)/stop at Fanwood, Train No. 5408 (7:30 am)/proceed directly through the Aldene connection on to Lehigh Valley tracks without being halted to clear the west-bound train, which presently occurs every morning; that morning rush hour trains be cleared on to Penn-Central tracks more expeditiously to arrive at Newark on time; signal and switching equipment be regularly inspected and maintained to avoid indeterminate delays, and that modern equipment be installed on all rush hour trains.

Council also plans to seek court action to get the railroad cut cleaned up. Council has repeatedly urged the railroad to clean debris and dirt from the area, without success. It is felt that the dumping and littering there harbor rats.

Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 22 Board of Education Meeting on High School lunch, Administration Bldg., 1:30 pm.

Saturday, Sept. 24 Raider football game vs. Thomas Jefferson, home, 1:30 pm.

Sunday, Sept. 25 Dedication of Fanwood Rescue Squad Bldg., 2 pm, 123 Watson Rd.

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Board To Check H.S. Lunch Scene

Following complaints from students of overcrowding and inadequate facilities at lunchtime, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will meet tonight with school principal Dr. Terry Riegel on the matter.

Students, faced with having to eat lunch inside the school building for the first time in many years, appeared at the Board meeting last Thursday to register complaints. Some said they have been forced to eat on the floors, on each other's laps, or standing against the walls. Students also complained that if they have a free period, when other students are at lunch, they have no place to go. They said the media center was overcrowded.

There were also complaints that the new lunch hour does not permit work on homework. The lunch hour is now shortened. The schedule at the school is arranged so that there are three 23-minute lunch periods. They do not overlap. There is a period in-between — a distinct advantage, according to the principal, for it gives the cafeteria staff a

chance to clean up and to prepare for the next lunch lines. In years past, there were three lunch periods of 45 minute duration, but students were allowed off school grounds so that not all students ate in the building.

There are 440 seats in the
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Fanwood Sets Limits On R. V. Parking

The Fanwood Borough Council re-opened its public hearing on recreational vehicles this month, and approved an ordinance setting limits on storage and parking of the vehicles. Henceforth, owners of vehicles with license plates beginning with "T" are prohibited on streets between 8 am and 4 pm, and must be stored behind the front building line of a home.

The ordinance was tabled at a midsummer meeting, to allow owners of RV's to return from vacations. However, there were only three who commented during the public hearing — one non-owner, one owner in opposition, and an owner who favors controls.

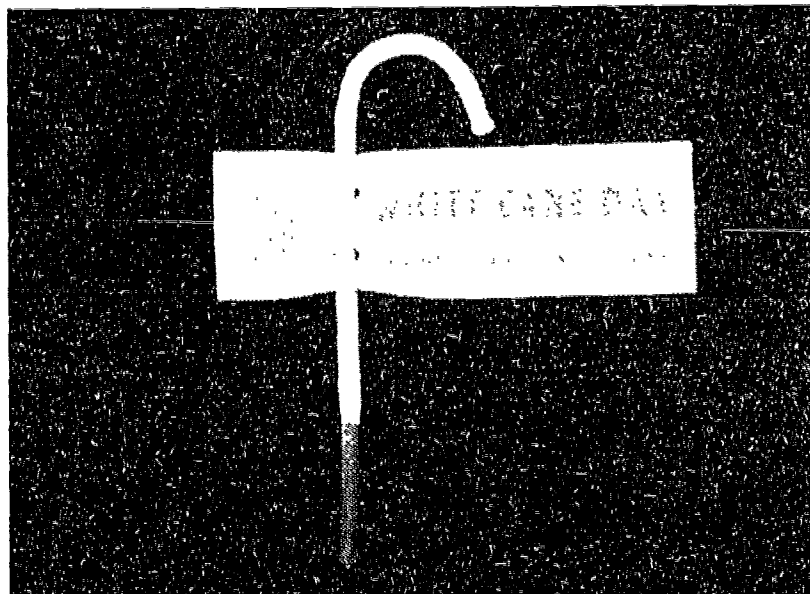
Why set limitations on where trailers and RV's may be parked one citizen asked. Not an owner,

she wanted to know what was objectionable about parking them in front.

Councilman Pat Dunne, who re-introduced the ordinance, said it is for aesthetic reasons. Campers and trailers parked on front driveways of homes ruin the residential appearance.

Mayor Ted Trumpp said the
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Greater Things In Sight



President Thomas J. Briskey of the Scotch Plains Lions Club has declared September 24, 1977 as "White Cane Day" in Scotch Plains. On that day, the members of the Scotch Plains Lions Club will be in the business district of the community with their white canes asking for contributions to the Lions Club Blind and Charities Fund. This is their 28th year of raising funds for sight and other community projects such as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band, the Boy Scouts, the YMCA and many other local projects. When you see the members of the Scotch Plains Lions Club, won't you stop and get a white cane to wear to show that you also care.