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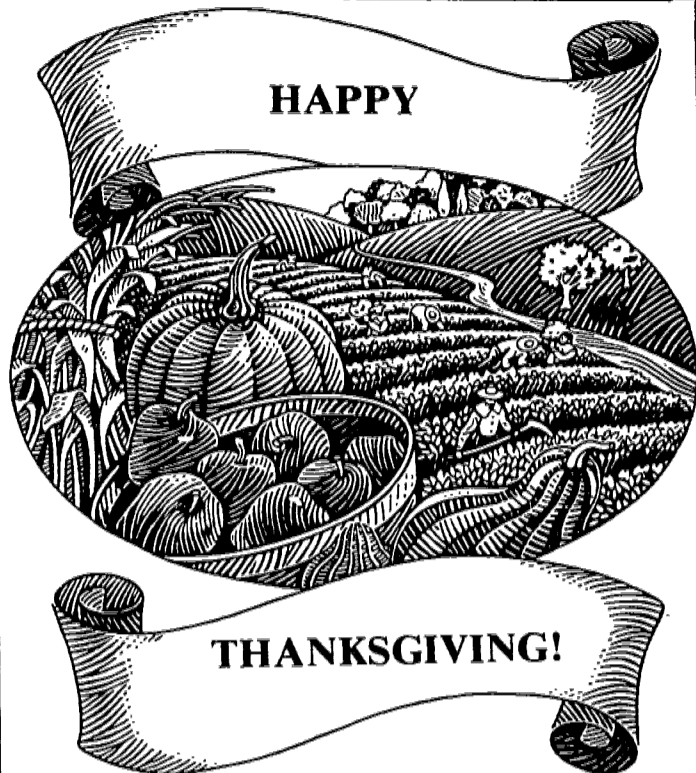
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**WE ARE GRATEFUL
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A good harvest gave everyone in the community specie' reason to celebrate. Their hard work and dedication had paid off in the form of plenty of food that would get everyone through the winter.

Working together made it all possible. No single individual could take responsibility. From this feeling of sharing and brotherhood came the first Thanksgiving.

We at the TIMES recognize this underlying spirit of working together for the good of all. And we think it shows in our many services to our customers and to our community. We shall continue to work with you towards a bountiful "harvest".

Through the hard work and integrity of everyone involved, you'll receive the most accurate, objective and in-depth news coverage available. It's our responsibility to you.

To all of our loyal readers and advertisers, we wish the best this Thanksgiving Day. May the spirit of sharing and brotherhood be with you.

RICHARD LEA CATCHES A TIMELY TURKEY

The winner of our "Catch Your Timely Turkey" contest was Richard Lea of Fanwood. Mr. Lea received a Grand Champion Turkey from John's Meat Market in Scotch Plains.

SUGAR & SPICE MAKE HOLIDAYS NICE!

Your best batch of holiday cookies could win you a valuable gift certificate. See page 8 for further details.

CREATE-A-SANTA CONTEST

It's time for all good boys and girls to enter the Create-A-Santa Contest. See page 2 for more information.

ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION SPONSORED BY DECA

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's DECA Chapter will sponsor its 3rd annual Chinese Auction on Tuesday evening, December 2, 1986 at the High School's Cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m. Many gifts will be available including a VCR, portable color TV, a PUCH Moped, microwave oven, jewelry and much more. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$4.00 and includes 24 raffle tickets, door prizes, and free refreshments.

Thanksgiving is... ...Football vs. Elizabeth

by Guy Kipp

Considering that both teams missed out on the state playoffs by very slim margins, one couldn't ask for a better Thanksgiving high school football match-up than Elizabeth (6-2) and Scotch Plains-Fanwood (6-2).

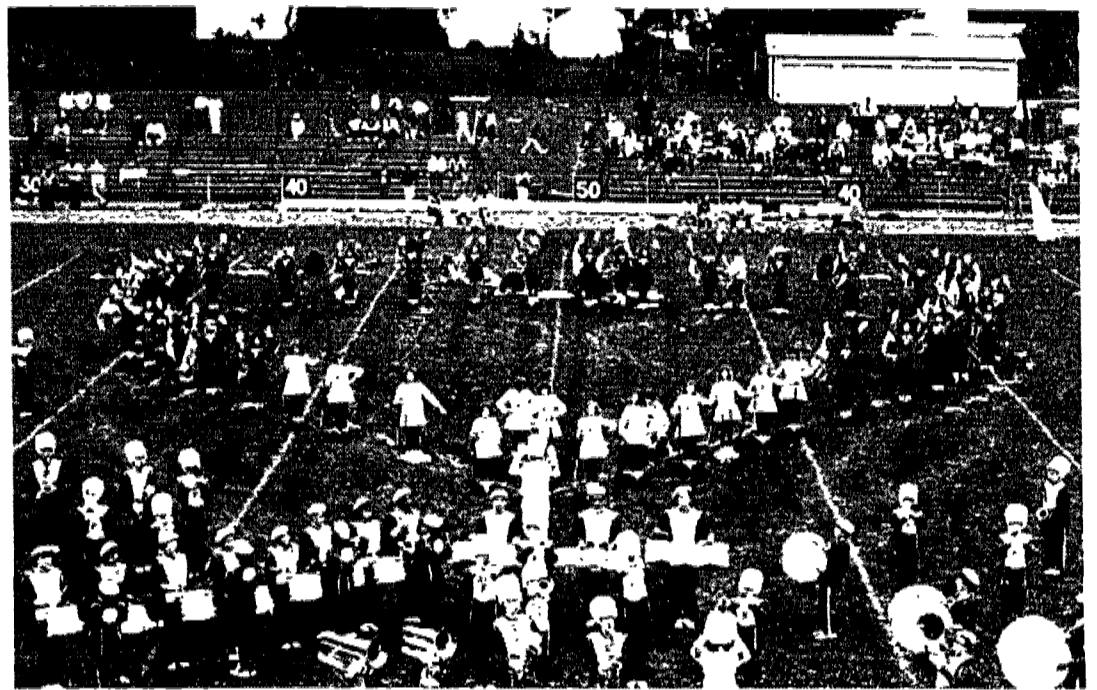
Second place in the Watchung Conference could be at stake (if Linden beats Union in the day's biggest game) for the winner. Kickoff time is 10:30 Thursday at SPFHS.

Elizabeth runs out of the wishbone and will show a shotgun formation on passing downs. The Raiders got a look at the wishbone when they visited Kearny, but that game was played in swamplike conditions and Elizabeth has much more speed than did Kearny (which lost to SPF 33-14).

"They're extremely fast," said SPF Head Coach Gene Schiller. "They're much better defensively than they are offensively."

Indeed, no team has been able to score more than two touchdowns against the Minuteman defense, which showcases DE John Feliciano (5'11", 186, and the fullback on offense), LB Jimmy Williams (5'9, 190) and safety Tony Kennedy (6'2, 208), a Division I prospect who's also a top pass-receiving threat.

However, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that SPF has been the superior offensive club this season. Neither rain, mud nor cold has been able to stop halfbacks Jamiel Joyner (a senior in his last game) or Jeff Hammonds from their dashes to paydirt, and



Raider Show Band displays award-winning talents at recent half-time performance.

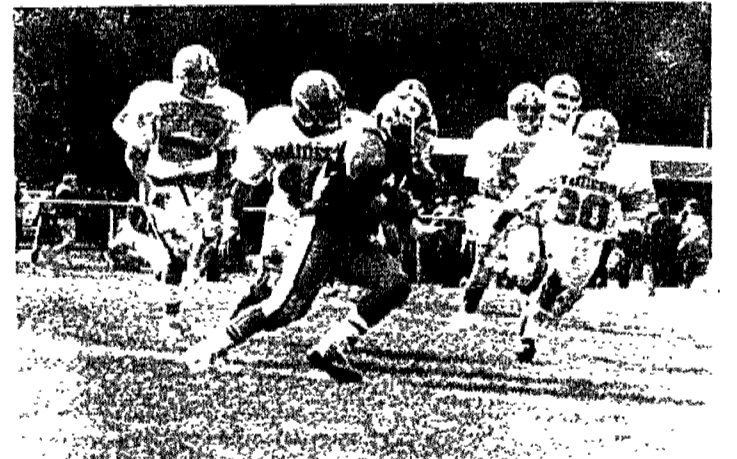
Schiller notes that the performance of the offensive line has improved steadily since two early-season blowouts at Linden and Summit.

The Raider defense and special teams units have cut way down on their early-season penchant for yielding big, backbreaking plays and the result is that they bring a four-game win streak into the season finale.

Senior LB Lou DiPasquale has been the constant in the Raider defense, but LB Phil DeFalco has also shown big improvement since replacing the injured Kevin Sicola on the other side. Schiller also had words of praise for the work of the underrated defensive line.

He explained, "We give the down-linemen the responsibility of covering one gap. They have a specific job to do and week after week the films show they're doing it well."

Nose tackle Nick Nitti, Please turn to page 18



Raiders Steve Nelson (52), Lou DiPasquale (40), Nick Nitti (50) and Jason McCord (80) close in on Summit's Mike Fedi earlier this season.

...Community Service

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Clergy Association, will be held at Evangel Assembly of God on Wednesday, November 26, beginning with a Sacred Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. The Worship Service will start at 8 p.m. with a Choral Introit by the Evangel Choir and Greeting and Invocation by the Rev. Tom Roberts of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Participants in the service will include The Rev. David Buck, Terrill Road Baptist Church, who will read the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation; the Rev. James Dewart, First United Methodist Church, song leader; The Rev. Kelmo Porter, St. John Baptist

Church, Thanksgiving Prayer; The Rev. Robert Vroon, Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Responsive Psalm; The Rev. John Neilson, All Saints Episcopal Church, Offering, and the Rev. Homer Tricules, Scotch Plains Baptist Church, Benediction. The Thanksgiving Sermon will be presented by the Rev. Larry Lake, host pastor.

During the service members of participating congregation will bring their gifts for the Crop Walk to the altar. Proceeds from the walk, which was held on October 12, are designated for hunger programs sponsored by various denominational and interdenominational agencies around the world, and also for three local hunger

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...Homecoming

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will hold its annual Homecoming on Wednesday, November 26. The evening will begin with a parade through Scotch Plains and Fanwood at 6:45 p.m. The parade begins on Martine Avenue and ends at the High School Football Stadium. The band,

cheerleaders and others will perform at the field at this time. The evening's events culminate in the crowning of the new Homecoming King and Queen by last year's royal couple. Jan Biondi and Jim Natoli.

The public is more than welcome to attend.