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HOME OF THE RED DEVILS

The History of Lee Field



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Before Lee Field

Varsity football was played at **War Memorial Field**, known by many as **“Mud Hollow”**

1970

Plans were approved to move varsity football to **Lee Field**

New Field For Ridge Gridders

BERNARDS TWP. - Memorial Field, more than once dubbed Mud Hollow, will no longer be the playing ground for Ridge High's interscholastic football games, it was learned last week.

Incorporated in the 1970-71 tentative school budget of \$3,984,977 is an appropriation of nearly \$8,000 to relocate the football field to Lee Field on the high School property in time for the coming season.

The completed project may take two to three years, but the field will be ready for play next September, the Board of Education has emphasized.

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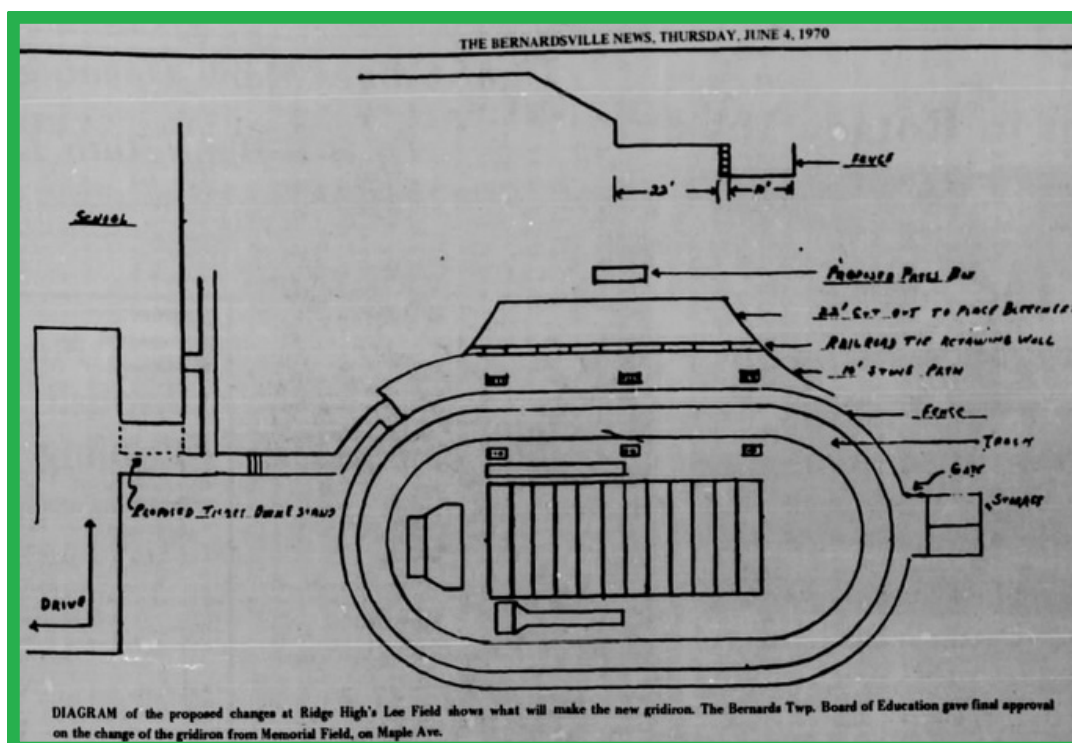


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A NEW HOME FOR RIDGE FOOTBALL

Ridge Residents To Move Gridiron

I'm happy that the Bernards Twp. Board of Education has given final approval to changing the Ridge High gridiron from swampy War Memorial Field to Lee Field, which is behind the high school. The Ridge



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BASKING RIDGE — Ridge High School will have a new football field after all. The move from "Mud Hollow" has been urged by many people for the past two years and now the Ridge Booster Club is spearheading a drive to raise money and manpower to move the gridiron to Lee Field.

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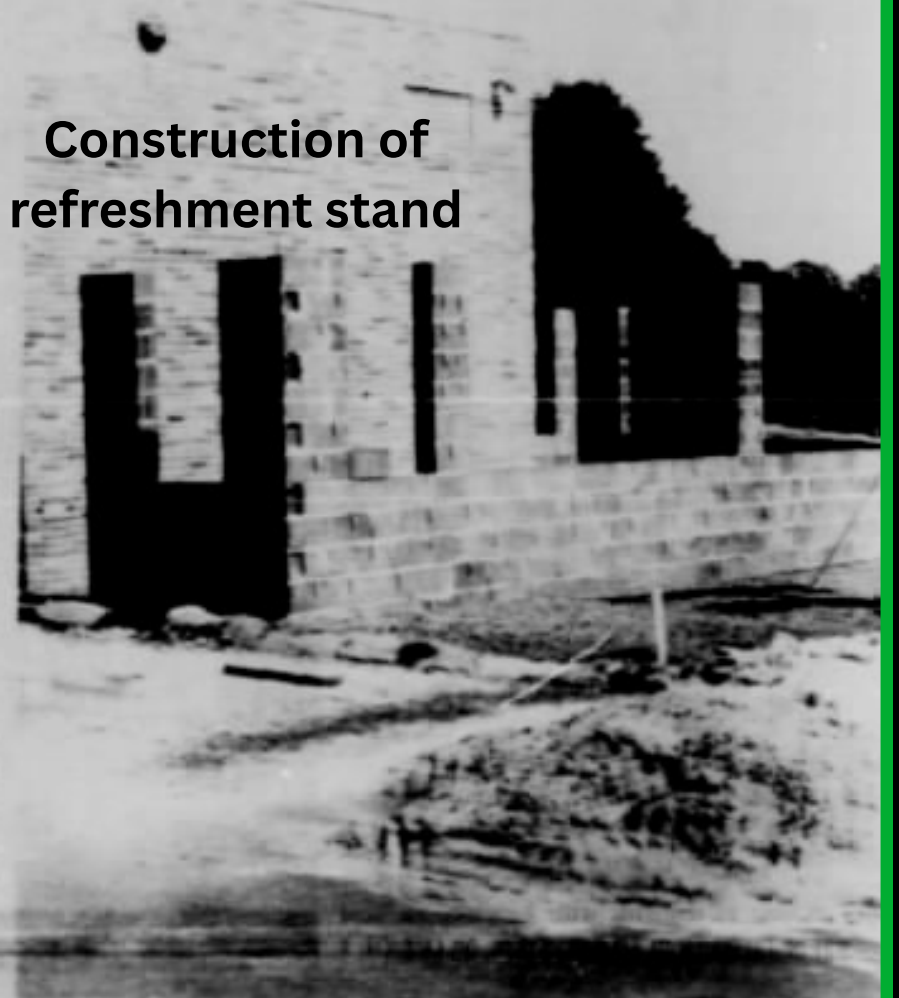
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LEE FIELD BECOMES REALITY

Ridge High Has a New Look



Construction of refreshment stand



FOOTBALL FIELD is behind Ridge High School and is known as Lee Field. Many hours of work spent by volunteers who are getting the field in shape for the Red Devils' home opener with

Kenilworth, September 26. In photo at right is construction of refreshment stand. The Ridge Boosters played a large part in the changing of the gridiron. (Photos by

Lee Field officially became the new home of Ridge Football. Volunteers spent countless hours preparing Lee Field for the Red Devils' home opener against Kenilworth on September 26, 1970.

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THE FIRST GAME AT LEE FIELD

3 Van Winkle TDs help Ridge win

Fullback Ted Van Winkle scored three touchdowns to lead Ridge to a 30-8 victory over Kenilworth at New Lee Field in Ridge Township yesterday.

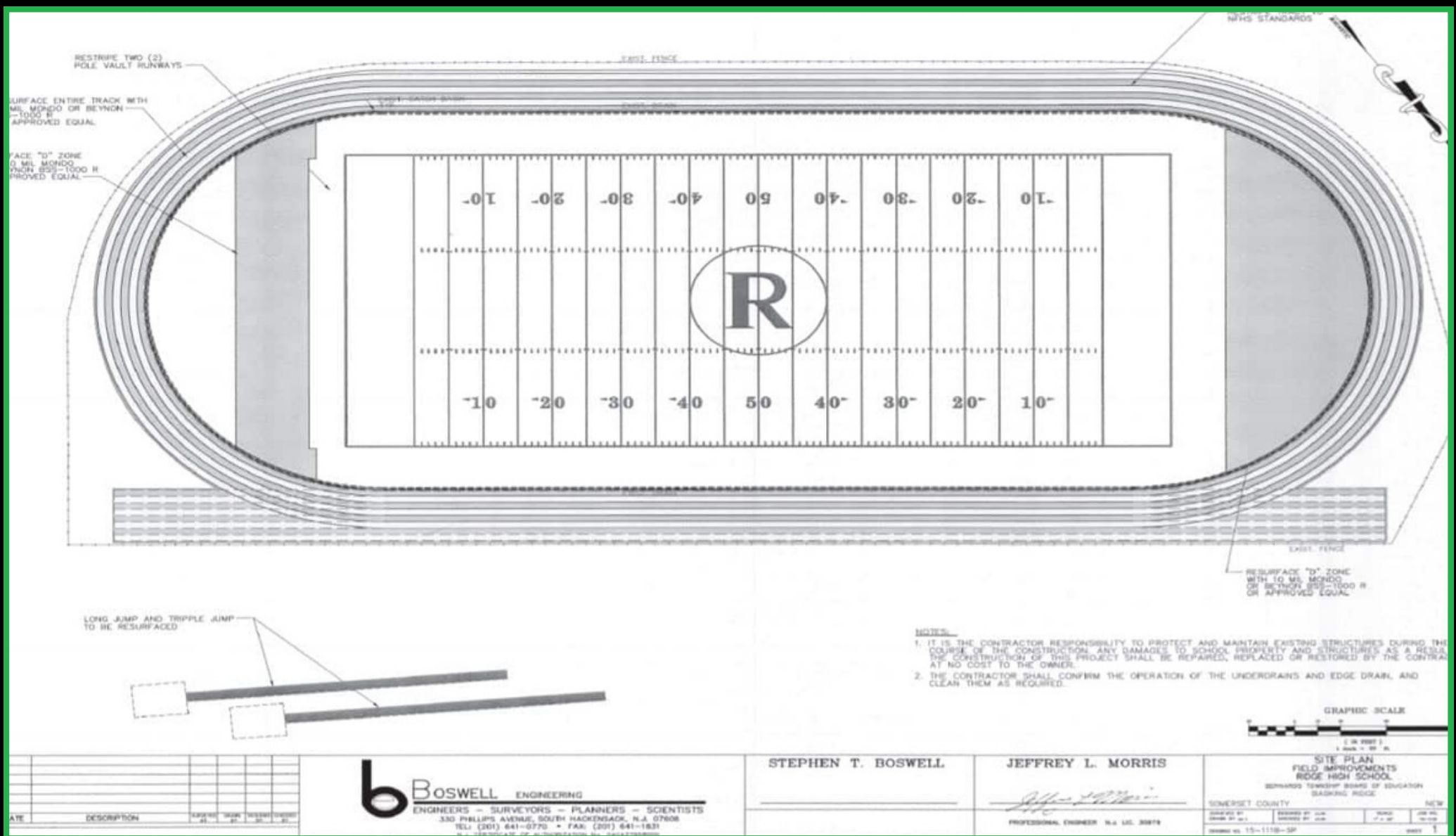
Van Winkle broke an 8-8 tie in the first quarter by scoring his second touchdown of the period on a 12-yard run. Then he ran for the two extra points to put Ridge ahead, 16-8.

September 26, 1970

Ridge christened **Lee Field** with a **30-8 victory over Kenilworth**, as Ted Van Winkle scored **three touchdowns** in the historic opener.

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BLUEPRINTS OF PROGRESS



These engineering drawings document a later phase of improvements to Lee Field.

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WHO WAS GEORGE LEE?



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- Owner of the **Red Devil Tool Company**.
- Donated **60 acres** in the mid-1950s for **Ridge High School, Cedar Hill School, and the athletic fields**.
- **Lee Field** was named in his honor and remains a lasting tribute to his generosity.

Did You Know?

Ridge adopted the **Red Devils** nickname in honor of George Lee's **Red Devil Tool Company**. The school chose **green** as its color because Bernards High School—where Ridge originated—already wore red.