

# Crowds at Lower Bucks Football Games Have Increased

Attendance at Lower Bucks High League football games is up anywhere from 25 to 30 per cent, a survey of the eight schools has disclosed. Every school but one reported bigger crowds at the school games.

The main reason given by all the schools for the jump in attendance is the increased population in the area and in the schools. Other reasons included more school spirit, a better team, more interest in football, a better field and the selling of refreshments.

All the school officials questioned were happy over the rise and optimistic about the future of football in this area.

Only Morrisville, which has what is rated as the second best field in the league, reported its attendance as "about the same" as last season. Bristol, which has the best field facilities, reported

a 10 per cent increase and attributed it to the visiting teams which have increased the enrollment of their schools.

Council Rock and Pennsbury reported the largest gains with estimates of the jump ranging from 35 to 40 per cent.

Council Rock has changed its field to Richboro which is just serving until a new field near the new building is ready next year. Pennsbury has an efficient bus service that picks the children up at home, takes them to the game, and then deposits them right at home again.

Here is the breakdown on the schools:

**BRISTOL**—Our attendance is up 10 per cent, mostly in the visitors section. I credit it to the increase in student bodies, more school spirit, and more people interested in the league itself. (Gerald Bloom, athletic director.)

**PENNSBURY**—We have increased our attendance 30 to 40 per cent. The big reason is the increase in population. Our students now have more school spirit and the morale of the school body is high. The transfer students are beginning to feel that this is their school. (George Jarmoska, athletic director.)

**NESHAMINY**—Attendance definitely up. The school body has increased and we are playing a good brand of ball. (John Stoots, athletic director.)

**MORRISVILLE**—Attendance is just about the same. We're playing different schools than last year at this time but the best we can judge it's about the same. (E. L. Caum, principal.)

**SOUTHAMPTON**—We had only one home game but it looked like there was more of a crowd. We have more people following us on the road. The reason is probably a larger school attend-

ance and more school spirit. (Claude Lodge, athletic director and coach.)

**DELHAAS**—We had good crowds until Saturday. Attendance definitely better. (John Antoni, athletic director and coach.)

**COUNCIL ROCK**—We're now clearing a profit for the first time. Attendance is up 35 to 40 per cent. Everyone taking more interest in football. Playing in Richboro has helped. (Tom Sagolla, coach.)

**BENSALEM**—Attendance has been a little higher than usual. Our Pennsbury crowd at Bristol was better than expected. Don't have too good a picture of conditions since we haven't played many home games. We expect a large crowd at the turkey game with Neshaminy if we're still in the running. Our increase in attendance is probably due to the increased enrollment. (John Slaven, athletic director.)