Peter Piper Picked

or some people, getting a Halloween pumpkin means making a
quick stop at a supermarket

to get their pumpkins here."

Davis' children weren't alone in their

Kathryn Howard, who came to the October for the past several years.

"I think it's a wonderful tradition," be too many of them year-old son, Joshua, playing in a pile of so we kind of limit it to kindergarteners leaves. "They say in this day and age - as much as possible - other than the when the family is deteriorating - that handicapped, or the elderly," he said. it's good to have traditions like this. And Detering, who plants the pumpkins in

kins and brightly colored leaves scat- almost 30 years. Not only does each tered on the farm, Detering Orchards is child get to take home a free pumpkin. a favorite place for young and old. Peo- but the tours are also educational, he ple come back not just for a pumpkin, said mel apples and taste the homemade apple, and we talk about the apple trees ple cider that Roger Detering provides how they need the sunshine and the

Miffy Davis, watching her three children and talk about what the pumpkins are trying to find the perfect pumpkin. "This good for, rather than just saying,

For others, it means spending a Sat- So many schoolchildren want to get urday with the family at a pumpkin their pumpkins at the orchard that patch, an event as traditional as choos- Detering had to turn some of them

pumpkin patch at Detering Orchards in come in October," said Detering, of the Harrisburg with her family, her friends kids who come for free tours of the and a camera, has made the trip each pumpkin patch. "We used to have it for

May to prepare for the season, has giv-With its acres of apple trees, pump- en free tours of the pumpkin patch for

"We do this every single year," said "Then, we go into the pumpkin patch is something my kids were waiting for - 'There's the pumpkin patch,' or 'There's



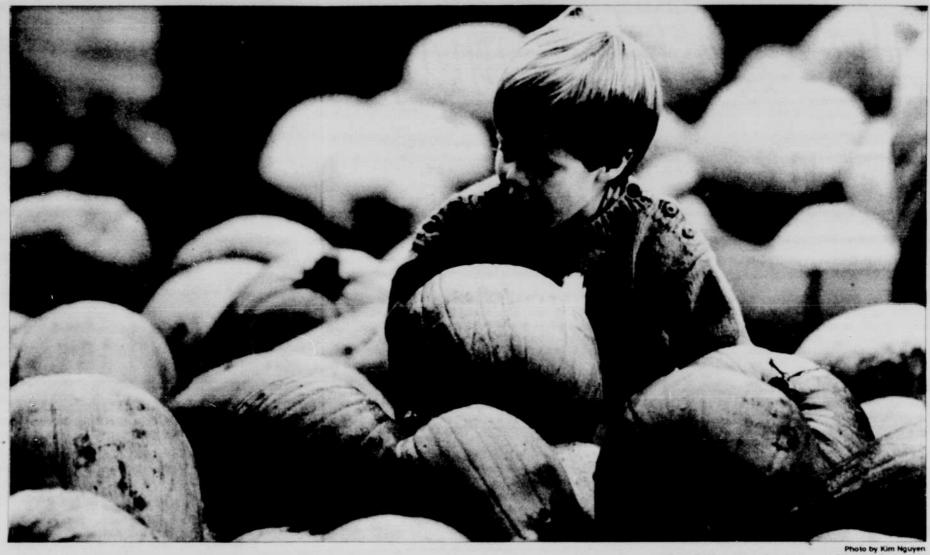
Detering Orchards in Harrisburg is a favorite spot for pumpkin-picking people.

What Detering enjoys most is seeing the excitement of young children, he

"Kids enjoy being out in the field and * picking their own - doing something hemselves," he said. "A lot of them don't even know if pumpkins grow on a tree, or on the ground, or where it comes from. They're excited to learn."

Watching the kids' expressions is

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Two-year-old Ethan Abramonitz wades through a sea of pumpkins in search of the perfect carving subject. The occasion marked Ethan's first visit to a pumpkin patch.

Origins of Halloween nothing to celebrate

The crisp smell of autumn is in the air, and with it comes the scent of freshly carved pumpkins, long burning candles and an evening where spirits rise to partake in a fesival of fun and fright.

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up bed-sheet, a witch's hat and an attitude of mischief and mysticism that originated from ancient Druid ceremonies.

Halloween, meaning "holy eve" is so named because it was the night before "All Hallows" or "All Saints Day" on Nov. 1.

All Saints Day began in the Seventh and Eighth century to honor dead saints during the increased spread of Christianity. However the rites of the preceding evening, now known as Halloween, really stem from a pagan religion called Druidism.

Long before Christianity spread to northern and western Europe, a group of people known as Celts roamed the land. Their religion, Druidism, centered around nature and the great sun god. However, the Druids also honored another, not so friendly

god. However, the Druids also honored another, not so friendly god, who ventured out the last evening in October to wreak terror in the hearts of these ancient people

This god called, fittingly enough, The Lord of Death, allowed the spirits of those who had died during the past 12 months to

spend one last evening of placidity among mortal life.

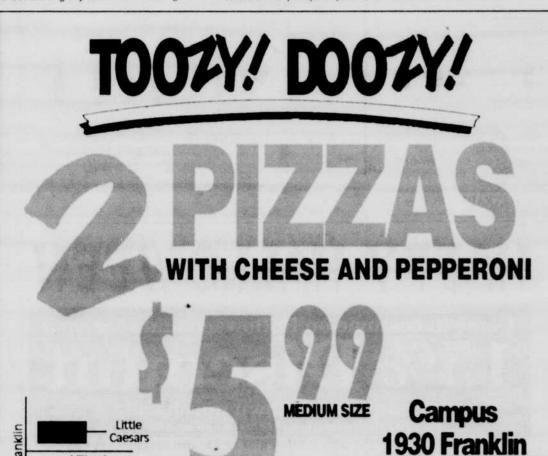
The Lord of Death allowed the spirits to finish off anything that had not been finished before their death because Oct. 31 was the Druid's New Year's Eve. This holiday signaled the end of summer and the beginning of winter because it followed the last harvest of the year. Thus their new year began on Nov. 1

This special night was not at all like our light-hearted Halloween celebration, however. For the Druids, Halloween was a dangerous night of evil spirits, witches and goblins who's victims could weave a tale far more spooky than any of our con-

temporary ghost stories.

To ward off the evil spirits and appease the Lord of Death

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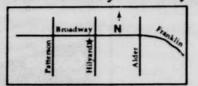
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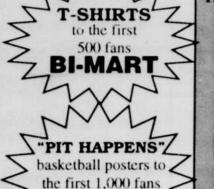
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