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Board of Ed. and secretaries try to reach agreement on contract

by Karen F. Oliver-Howell

A negotiating session was scheduled for Wednesday between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Association of Educational Secretaries and the Board

of Education to try to reach agreement on terms of a new contract.

Contract negotiations have been going on since February. Secretaries and clerks in the school system

have been working without a contract since June 30.

In a news release, the Association, an affiliate of the NJEA/NEA, accused the Board of unlawfully refusing to negotiate, citing a 1976 determination by the Public Employment Relations Commission in a Galloway Township Board of Education case.

According to that determination, when parties to a contract have not agreed on a new contract prior to the expiration of the existing contract, the status quo must continue.

"To date, the Board has refused to pay the annual salary increments for an additional year of service that were due the secretaries and clerks on July 1," the Association's news release said.

"In the Galloway case,

PERC determined that the Board had unilaterally altered terms and condi-

tions of employment by not paying the increments. PERC decided that the

board's actions constituted an unlawful refusal to Please turn to page 14

SP Council urges voters to pass referendum

by Mark Makowski

In its October 24 meeting, the Scotch Plains Town Council urged community voters to pass the Open Space Preservation Bond Issue Referendum while voting in the November 7 general election.

Essentially a continuation of Green Acres funding, this Bond Issue will earmark \$300 million for preservation of farmlands. Members of the council feel that all of

us will benefit from this program, both now and in the future, since much of the state is already overcrowded. They strongly recommend voting for this measure.

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Scotch Plains Day...



Middle School Band perform during opening festivities.

See page 13 for pictorial highlight.

DECA students raising \$\$\$ for earthquake victims

The California earthquake was a terrible disaster that devastated our country. The earthquake injured and took the lives of so many fellow Americans.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA students are once again busy at work raising

money to aid those in need in the California disaster. As you may recall, last year the DECA students raised \$1,000.00 for the American Relief Fund and presented the money to Soviet officials after the Soviets suffered their losses from an earthquake. Please turn to page 15

M E R C H A N T

highlight

The Country Marketplace

The Country Marketplace, Scotch Plains' newest spot for fine food and catering, proudly opened its doors on August 1st. For owners Ellen Ahearn, Annemarie Perrone and Betty Coram, it was the dream of a lifetime. Ellen remarked, "I've always wanted to have the kind of shop

where people enjoyed coming to visit. We believe in offering our customers not only the finest quality foods available, but also the personalized attention that sets us apart from other larger businesses of this nature."

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DONATIONS...

The Recycling Association makes a donation to the DPW. Turn to page 6 for details.

HAUNTING...

Boooooooo! The haunting season is upon us. Page 3 has helpful hints to make this year Happy and safe.

DRILL...

Emergency Management Teams perform crisis drill with flying colors! Page 3 tells the tale.



From left to right are Betty Coram, Ellen Ahearn and Annemarie Perrone owners of The Country Marketplace.