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Park Junior Students Get Some Answers -- Left to Right, Ted Trump, Robin Case, Jim Ragona and Rhodesian Exchange Student Titus Munyaradzi.

Geography Comes Alive

"Could you move to another country in Africa to improve your living standards?" "How were you able to get a scholarship?" "How do Africans in Rhodesia view the negro situation in America?"

These insightful questions were posed recently by a group of 8th graders to a 22 year old young man from Rhodesia... or Zimbabwe, as it is called in Africa.

Titus Munyaradzi is the second foreign student to visit Park Junior High School in a series of discussions designed to acquaint World Geography classes with different cultural regions. Following an introductory speech by their guest, boys and girls are given the opportunity to quiz him in an informal one-to-one relationship.

These lectures were conceived by former Park teacher, Richard Call, who is presently engaged in graduate study at New York University. Through his assistance, foreign students on a college or graduate level come to Scotch Plains for one day to talk about their own nations, religions and peoples. According to Mr. Call, a prior personal interview assures the presence of only those who can communicate with junior high youngsters and will not attempt to propagandize.

In order to derive maximum benefit from their meeting with these foreign representatives, classes first study the background of the particular area... its progress and its problems. Supplementing text material, contact with actual people becomes a meaningful learning experience.

Rhodesias's Mr. Munyaradzi came to this country in 1966 after receiving a B.S. in History from a branch of the University of London. He is now studying accounting at N.Y.U. and is president of the African Student Organization there. In discussing his own experiences, he presented a vivid personal picture of his country in relation to government, housing, educational opportunities, history and racialism.

Last month a law student from

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Fanwood Council Approves Two Subdivisions

The Fanwood Borough Council, in its first meeting under the leadership of new Mayor Roland Beetham, approved two subdivisions recommended by the Planning Board.

One was the long-pending application of V. Barbara Holton to subdivide a Tillotson Avenue property into two lots. Two conditions accompany the subdivision approval: the western portion of the lot must be improved and a road must be built in front of it before a building permit will be accepted for construction on the new lot.

The second was approval of the final plat of Angelo Appezzato Contractors, Inc. for a major subdivision in Midway Avenue. This subdivision had already been approved once before, in February of 1967, but the applicant failed to file the final plat within the 90 days required by law.

A temporary budget of \$149,243.75 was authorized, enabling the new Council to spend borough funds until a permanent budget is readied in February. William F. Burke was designated auditor of the borough financial accounts for 1968, at a fee of \$2,500. An additional \$500 was approved for his assistance in preparing the financial and debt statement and the 1968 budget. He is associated with Wright-Long & Co. in Elizabeth.

A report from Jerome Boryea, head of the Recreation Commission, noted with sadness the death of John Geiger of Fanwood, who recently resigned from the Commission. Boryea said his efforts will long be remembered by residents of Fanwood. Boryea also reported a record turnout of 400 at the annual Christmas caroling program. He said that skating rinks in both LaGrande Playground and Forest Road Playground had been flooded and in use. Within a four day period, the rinks had been used by an estimated 1775 people. There had been lights, recorded music, and nighttime skating at LaGrande last week. Fewer residents are aware of the Forest Road facility, he said, so that, although it is a larger rink, it has not as yet drawn as many skaters as LaGrande.

The Council members, in two official resolutions, expressed their formal appreciation for the services rendered to the Borough by ex-Mayor E. Sidney Hulsizer and ex-Councilman Theodore Trumpp. The tribute to Hulsizer mentioned his efficient

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Could They Be Trying to Tell Us Something?

"Action-oriented orchestration of innovation inputs, generated by escalation of meaningful decision-making dialogue, focusing on multi-linked problem-complexes, can minimize the vital thrust toward a nonalienated and viable infrastructure".

The above is a quote from a report of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

New Mains to Increase Water Supply

The Elizabethtown Water Company plans to start installation of a 48" transmission main in Scotch Plains this week. This main will run about 4,500' along Raritan Road from Rahway Avenue to Terrill Road. It is to be part of the continuing expansion of the water company facilities to supply water to its consumers when and where they want it.

Wanted: Lot's Wife or Salt in Any Form

Got a truckload or two or three of spare rock salt hovering about your premises? If so, you could become most popular with the Scotch Plains road department. Seems that this long period of cold weather with nary a thaw in between has necessitated the use of what would normally be a six-week supply of salt for streets in a two-week period. You've probably found evidence of this on your car. Surrounding municipalities have been using it at the same fast being using it at the same fast clip. Hence, a scarcity! Suppliers are unable to furnish enough, and Scotch Plains is completely out of salt. Save your salt and share your salt, folks. This has all the earmarks of a developing black market!

Aerial Survey OK'd by Township Committee

Drainage Program Study Will Cost \$12,800

An aerial survey of Scotch Plains was authorized Tuesday night by the Township Committee. The topographical study is intended to implement the drainage program, and will cost \$12,800.

Informal Saturday sessions instituted last year for the Township Committee members to meet with citizens to hear opinions will be discontinued. Mayor Santo Salvo said that the meetings, an innovation in 1967, were successful during the first six months, but the last half of the year found committee members sitting alone. He said members would be happy to meet with citizens at any time if given advance notice. He asked that a date be cleared with Lloyd Koppe at the Municipal Building, and that Committee members be advised of subjects to be discussed so that they might be adequately prepared.

The Committee approved an application for installation of one 8000 gallon gas tank to replace two 2000 gallon tanks at Grauso's Flying "A" Service Station at 401 Terrill Road and another to install three 3000 gallon tanks and two pumps for Al Sanguiliano Inc. on Beryllium Road.

A request from the Recreation Commission to create a position of Superintendent quickly to enable the planning of Spring and Summer activities was re-

Council Hears Residents' Pleas

A group of residents from Deer Path requested special consideration be given snow and ice removal on their street. The street, a steep hill on the North side of US 22, they said is extremely dangerous and icy for both children and motorists. They requested early attention to the snow removal there because of hilly terrain.

Mayor Santo Salvo said the street is a problem, but hazards are increased because driveways slope downward and residents must park in the street, creating difficulty for plows. He asked residents to get together and park on only one side.

The homeowners also requested street lights and "traffic bumps" to deter speeding.

Rita Terrace residents filed a unanimous application with the Planning Board for change of their street name to Stony Brook Circle. The application was recommended by the Board and an ordinance was passed on first hearing and final vote will take place on February 6.

ferred to Committee.

In further action, James Walsh was appointed as Assistant Township Attorney and Robert Douglass as Attorney for the Planning Board for 1968.

Elks Request Back to Board of Adjustment

An application by the Scotch Plains Elks to operate a fraternal lodge at 2219 North Avenue was remanded back to the local Board of Adjustment by the Township Committee on Tuesday night. The North Avenue property, which the Elks plan to purchase if the application is granted, is a 9-room older colonial type home, with a frontage of 163 feet and 436 foot depth.

Extensive testimony, legal advice, and public hearings had been held on the issue at Planning Board meetings. However, residents from the area objected that they were not experienced enough in the methods of expressing their objections earlier, and wished to obtain legal representation and organized protest. Mayor Santo Salvo explained that the Planning Board hearings had been public and the Township Committee would have to have salient new points for their consideration to remand the issue to the Board for further study. Residents raised the question of sanitary sewers and adequate sanitary facilities for large gatherings, and also questioned the extend of parking lot lighting, points which had not previously been studied. These points raised sufficient question by the Township Committee to cause them to ask further Planning Board study.

On the Planning Board's recommendation, three conditions would have to be met by the Elks (1) a 10-foot buffer zone of shrubbing on property boundaries, (2) a parking lot surfaced in material to provide sufficient drainage, and (3) any remodeling to be done must be in accordance with building codes.

Ralph Sanders, Exalted Ruler of the local BPOE, said that, although there are 140 members, there is usually a turnout of 15 or 16. He said that at most a piano player might be engaged for parties.

Objecting neighbors questioned how the Elks could afford maintenance of the property without rentals for showers, parties, etc. They said they felt a residential sale would better serve neighborhood interests, and were apprehensive about noise, lights, and further commercial use of the area.

The North Avenue neighborhood includes Crestwood Cupboard, a small business establishment; a florist across the street; professional offices in two homes; and a gas station.