

LUNCHEON WITH A KING



L-R Mrs. Roy Stragner, wife of President of the Swedish section, International Police Association; King Carl Gustaf XVI, King of Sweden; Mrs. Harry Wilson, life member

Nelson WI, Halton; Chief of Goteborg, Sweden, Mr. Bengt Erlandsson.

Few people have the opportunity to dine with a King but such an experience was the highlight of a recent trip to Sweden by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson, former Guelph Area President and life member of Nelson WI Branch attended the International Police Association Congress. Mr. Wilson is the first North American Policeman to become President. He is starting his second three year term.

The International Executive Commission met in Goteborg, and it was here the Swedish International hosted a luncheon. Mrs. Wilson knew King Carl Gustaf XVI, patron of the Swedish Association would be present but never dreamed she would ever sit beside him. She knew she would be presented but what a thrill to sit at the same table.

My first thought was "What will I say"—"What will I do". After the formalities, "I couldn't believe how at ease I felt".

It was a real pleasure to talk with such a young man, telling about his family and new baby they were expecting. He was excited and proud just like any other father. He knew so much about Canada and our people and told so much about his own people and their way of life. One thing surprised Mrs. Wilson, the noticeable lack of security, only one aide was present.

The time passed so quickly, "I surely didn't need to worry about carrying on a conversation—it was the thrill of a life time".