## Swedish Rotarians here as part of international exchange program

by Shirley Whittington Six visitors from the land of the midnight sun brought a good deal of Swedish sunlight to the Midland area last Wednesday.

a Rotary Club Inter- an election every three second language, but national Group Exchange, and the Rotary district which sponsored them lies partially within the Arctic

There was only one Rotarian in the group. Eric Bystrom a bank manager from Skelleftea was the Governor's representative from District 232 in Sweden. With him came 33-yearold Lennart Blixt, a lawyer turned dairy farmer; Per Hammar, 32, a Vicar of the Church of Sweden; Erik Lasko,27, a physical and electrical techician; Roger Sjogren, a 28-year-old economist employed by Volvo, and Carl Magnus Winden, 31, a teacher of English

Early on Wednesday the group toured the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene, and Sainte Marie Among the Hurons. Later in the evening, at a festive Rotary Ladies' Night dinner, the Swedish guests talked about their country.

and German.

All spoke English well, and with considerable wit. When Carl Winden mentioned that he had two children, aged one and four, a Rotarian waggishly wondered what happened to two and three.

Winden replied smoothly that the new math had been introduced for some time in Sweden. The Swedish visitors

joined in the singing of the Canadian National anthem and then, facing a large Swedish flag, they sang their anthem for the assembly. A coloured film (from Sweden with Love demonstrated cultural and scenic highlights of Sweden.) The showing was followed by a lively question and answer session which lasted past 11 p.m.

Most of the questions centred on Sweden's political and economic system. Midlanders were told that Sweden is now governed by a non-socialist three

party coalition. "But," said Sjogren, "the government in power gets the blame for current poor economic conditions, so it's likely that the next government may be They were members of socialist again. There is

> Income taxes are high has been English, and all in Sweden. Out of an students are required to average income of 14,000, 46 percent goes to the recognize English as government in taxes. All goods are subject to a 17 percent sales tax. Swedish residents are also taxed for a capital Old Fort bridge Unemployment is Old Fort bridge

Unemployment is considered a problem in Sweden, but it seems relatively low at 2 per-cent. Companies which find themselves in difficulty are government subsidized, and according to Sjogren, labour unions cooperate with the government. Strikes are almost unheard of and wage demands are not excessive. He admitted that productivity is not as high as it should be.

Housing is expensive. A family home costs from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and many Swedes live in weather and the half load apartments. Those who limit on the local roads wish to build a home must early this spring held first submit their plans construction up however, for community approval. "as far as we can un-

township officials are predicting that the Old Fort Road bridge will open in June.

According to Tay township Reeve Charles Rawson bad winter Carl Winden was asked derstand the conto explain the compulsory struction company is on

ning program.

"If we want to make

contact with the outside

world we have to accept

that they don't all speak

Swedish. At one time

German was the accepted

since the end of the war it

study it from Grade 3. We

definitely the language of

Swedes learn a sur-

the world," he said.

by end of June The half load limit on could be early or late

crane and several truck opens.

should be open

prising amount about

figure in his country.

loads of steel beams from arriving at the bridge. A spokesman for Tay's June. road department said the steel beams arrived and were put in place on Tuesday. The construction crew is now ready to put the deck on the bridge.

"It depends on how the weather holds out." he

Our problems are the Canada through the pages of their local newspapers. One member of the study and topography seem similar. team reported that Pierre The Swedish visitors Trudeau was a popular

went home with a Midland Centennial "And lately, Margaret souvenir presented by Trudeau has become a Mayor Moreland Lynn, popular figure too. We and with somemaple also have great interest in syrup and a banner from the satellite which fell on the Midland Rotary Club. your country," he said. Said Roger Sjogren "This "To me," said another the youngest group member, "Canada and liveliest of any seems a larger English Rotary Club we have

said explaining that it

The construction

company's deadline is

the roads prevented the June before the bridge

speaking Sweden, visited so tar.

From Midland, the their five-week visit with borough, Lindsay, same, and our climate Swedish visitoirs travel to District 701. Their tour Niagara Falls,



### Presentation

Roger Sjogren with a centennial plaque commemorating the Swedish Group Study Exchange team's visit to Midland

Mayor Moreland Lynn (left) presents this week. Sjogren was one of eight Swedish Rotarians taking part in the

Staff photo

Collingwood Huntsville, and Sudbury and ends in Rouyn-Norands on May 23. at a district conference.

Rotarian Rod Ferguson spoke for everyone when he termed the Wednesday

night dinner meeting "an

interesting and engaging

In reply, Carl Winden reminded those present that one word would get them all they ever needed if any of them ever visited Sweden, one word would get them anything they wanted. That word was "skoal!"

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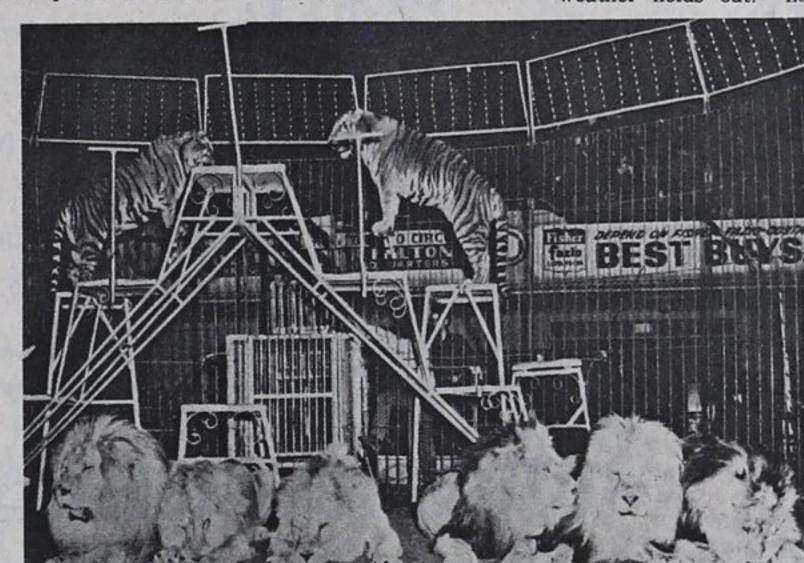
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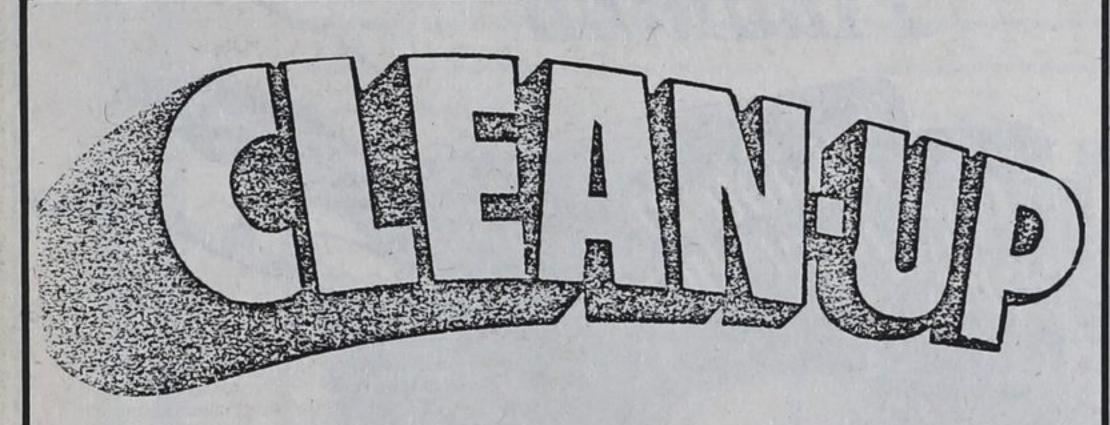
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Circus coming

The Midland Shrine Club is bringing the Shrine Circus to Midland for one day only, May 15. There will be two performances, 4:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., at the new Midland Arena. This is the only

fund raising effort made by the club, and net proceeds from the sale of tickets is used to help local area disabled children. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children. Staff photo



The Town of Penetanguishene

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