

McDonald's family of the month

Midland is just too great to leave

Clay and Marilyn Young like Midland a lot. They came from near and far to Midland. Marilyn was born in Collingwood, Clay in Saint John, New Brunswick.

The Youngs moved into their Ingram Crescent house with their sons Don and Dave in 1972. A third son, Dan, was born in Midland.

Clay and Marilyn decided to stay in Midland even though Clay lost his materials manager job when the RCA plant closed, and Marilyn gave up her job as a French teacher at nearby Monsignor

Castex School, in anticipation of leaving Midland. Clay worked for eight weeks in North Bay for another multinational company which was laying off employees. The future

there didn't look promising and North Bay wasn't Midland.

The Youngs made the decision that if they were going to be stranded, their preference would be to be stranded in Midland, where they knew that they would be happy.

In their "newfound free time" both of them qualified to sell real estate. "We've never looked back."

In his second year selling real estate, Clay was Realty World's top salesman in Ontario.

Marilyn loves living in Midland because Midlanders are very friendly. "They seem to have the time to talk. They take an interest in one another."

Clay explained his attachment to Midland by telling a story about a meeting he took part in while still employed at RCA. The topic was first and second prizes for a quarterly award for RCA's Midland employees. First prize should be a weekend in Toronto. Second prize should be two weekends in Toronto.

The elder Youngs like Midland because of the varied activities for their three sons. The sons aren't

quite as enthusiastic, finding that as they age, their options are narrowing. Nevertheless they don't seem to have time on their hands.

Dave, the eldest at 17, is going to be a ski instructor at Horseshoe Valley this winter. Both he and his brother Don, 16, are members of the Midland Secondary School ski team.

Don's great passion is boats. He spent every day but one last summer working. (The day he had off, his mother found work for him at home.) He owns a 14 foot six inch, five seat speedboat stored in a garage to show for his summer labors. His mother isn't thrilled about the speedboat. But Don won't be going anywhere in his boat until he buys a 90 horsepower motor.

Dan, 13, the 100 per cent Midlander in the family, was born in St. Andrew's Hospital. He likes being able to walk wherever he wants to go, whether to the

mall or the YMCA.

All three boys were members of the Keegos swim team for a few years.

Clay has been a YMCA board member, and a Scouting leader. He likes winters in Midland but he wouldn't object if they were shorter.

Driving in the Toronto rush hour traffic on occasion makes Clay appreciate all the more the relaxed life in Midland. In summer the Youngs do commute to work - from their cottage on Little Go Home Bay. Dave, Don, and Dan work at Derek Robert's restaurant, grocerteria, bait and tackle, and gas bar, business on Highway 69.

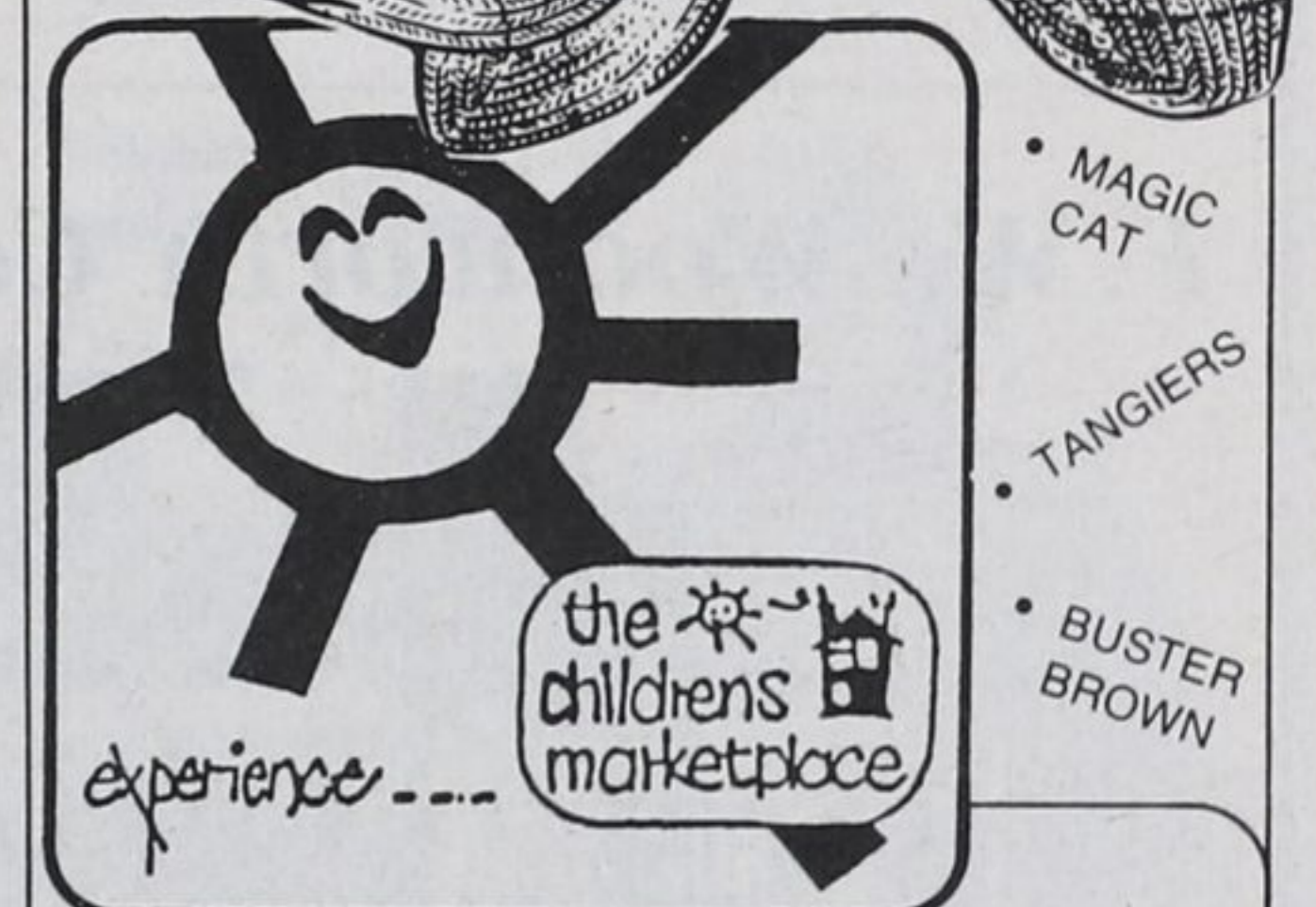
All of the Youngs are looking forward to the visit next summer of their "fourth son" and his parents. Tobi Neldner is a young man from West Germany who, with Dave, were partners in a student exchange program. He and his family will be visiting the Youngs next summer.



Family of the Month

Gathered around their kitchen table in their Ingram Crescent home recently was the McDonald's Family

of the Month, the Young family. From left are Dave, 17, Clay, Don, 16, Marilyn, and Dan, 13.



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