Exchanging ideas Couple learns much from Swedish student

By JOHN HOINSKI Staff Writer

The intent of a student exchange program is to broaden not only the academic background, but the cultural one as well, of the participating individual. And, as a young Lehman couple found out, the same principal also holds true for the host family.

Donald and Cindy Jones of Meeker Road in Lehman recently spent 10 months as the host family for 17-year old Mikael Hagman of Sweden. And, although the young Swede returned home with a number of thoughts on America, he also left a lasting impression on his Western World friends.

"When you learn about people in other countries in school they seem so different," said Donald, age 26. "But something like this makes you realize that they are not just specks in another part of the world. They are really just like everyone else. Sure, they have some different customs and speak other languages, but they are no different than other people.'

Cindy, 27, says she and her husband, who have been married for five years, decided to look into the program after reading an ad in a local newspaper.

'We thought it would be an interesting experience to do something like this," she explained. "So we contacted the person here in the Back Mountain who was in charge of setting things up. She came to our house and interviewed us and then set up the arrangements on the other



Family affair

Donald, above left, and Cindy Jones, above right, are shown here with Mikael Hagman, above center. Mikael was an exchange student from Sweden and spent 10 months with his host family in Lehman.

The two say Mikael, who returned to Sweden in June, was a pleasure to have and they still receive postcards and letters from him. "He wasn't any different than any other high school student," Donald said. "Our food bills went up," laughed Cindy. "But our lifestyles didnt change much."

Lifestyles did change for Mikael, however. Having been accustomed to the cool Swedish climate, he could not have picked a worse time to come to the United States.

"I remember when he came here in August, it was very hot and humid," said Donald, a teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District "He just dropped on the bed and laid in front of the fan. He must have lost 10 pounds that week.

Mikael was also introduced to the fine art of canoeing, a sport in which both Donald and Cindy specialize and have a room full of trophies to prove it. "Cindy took him on a 40-mile trip from Laceyville down the Susque-Donald recalled.

'Mikael paddled about three miles. He couldn't take it anymore. Cindy had to paddle the rest of the way.

But, as for academics and adapting to a new school, the two said Mikael had no problem.

'When he came here he had a little trouble finding words to explain some things," said Cindy, a registered nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. "But he got over that. His English was very good.

"And it was easy for him making friends, too," she continued. "He was one of the stars on the soccer team and he also played basketball and baseball."

Sports, in turn, led to another discovery. "After the games, on the way home, he would say, 'Let's stop at McDonald's, Cindy laughed.

He also discovered doughnuts, pepperoni and the heart of American civilization — television.

"They don't have much television over there (in Sweden)," Cindy stated. "Maybe just a few hours in the evening. He liked to watch Benny Hill and wrestling and ESPN. And he loved the commercials. He used to imitate some of them. It was realy funny because he did them with his Swedish accent '

The Jones say they may eventually host another exchange student, but not in the near future.

"We don't want to do it again this year because we would be comparing that student to Mikael, and it wouldn't be fair to the other student," explained Donald. "But maybe we will

And that should prove to be another interesting learning experience.

Back Mtn. on the move

CLAYTON AND BETTY BEAN of Harveys Lake have had the pleasure of entertaining Clayton's mother, Helen, and her husband, James Meuse for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Meuse are visiting from New Hmpshire and really enjoying the beauty of Harveys Lake, lying in the sun, relaxing, and a lovely ride through the picturesque Poconos. Betty Bean is a former ad rep of the Dallas Post.

FRANK AND ALICE SAVAGE, Dallas, recently returned from a two week vacation in Texas and Florida. They visited their son Frank Jr. in Texas and Alice had the neat experience of her first deep sea

JEAN HILLARD fishing trip. From Houston, Texas, they flew on to Florida and enjoyed Epcot Center among other places of interest and lots of relaxing moments.

BRIAN KISTLER, Midway Manor, Shavertown, JIM AND JOHN RITCHE, SAM BARBOSE AND GENE PERRY also of Shavertown, FRANK EICHORN AND DAVE WARNEKA of Dallas, all spent a few days at Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, soaking up the sunshine and watching all the girls go by. These guys were some of the lucky ones, they still go to a free beach. Many of the beaches along the Jersey shore are paid beaches with prices sky rocketing this year.

THE MODESTO RAMIREZ FAMILY of Center Street, Shavertown spent a week at Ocean City, New Jersey recently. Joining them later on in the week was daughter Cindy and Darci Davis of Shavertown. Relaxing days on the beach and evenings on the board walk plus all that good food made for a great vacation.

GEORGE AND BARB MACULLOCH, children Brian and Megan, are ending a two week vacation. Their tour included a day at the Philadelphia Zoo, a day at Great Adventure, New Jersey, and several days at Ocean City, New Jersey enjoying the relaxing atmosphere. George is manager of the Merchants Bank, Shavertown Branch, and serves as finance chairman each year for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Immediately following the auction each year he takes a two week vacation. It's people like him and several other faithful volunteers who keep things running smoothly each year and all year long for our library. Welcome back! Now it's back to normal for another year.

SUZIE KERN stopped by to say hello the other day. Suzie is a student at Temple University and when home on college breaks and summers she's one of the friendly waitresses at Irem Temple County Club. Keep up the hard work Suzie it's sure to pay off eventually and good luck in your next year at

DIANE AND JOHN YENASON and son, Anthony entertained their family at the homestead in Haddonfield Hills last weekend

Roger and his wife were in and mom and dad, Sue and Hal Sherman were also up for the weekend. It was the first get together with Roger for a long time so it was special for all of them. Hal and Sue were the original Haddonfield Hills neighbors, they since have relocated, daughter, Diane has moved back into the home with her family. It's nice to see them all again.

KAREN BANKS of Shavertown and friends Danielle Canterini, Mary Dempsey and Jennifer Heiser all of the Wilkes-Barre area spent a very long weekend at Wildwood. New Jersey. If all the girls are as tanned as Karen they must have had a great sunny few days.

STAN DAVIS of Dallas has returned, not only back to Dallas but also back to Stapinski's from a trip to Florida. Stan flew down to help his brother work on a newly purchased house. Stan says his trip was hot. Welcome home, Stan, we all missed you. -0-

COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY, such a large concern, took time out to call me and explain the many sheets of paper in one telephone bill that I wrote about in my column a few weeks ago. It is due mainly to PUC requirements and detailed break downs on each bill. I feel a little better informed and do appreciate the time a supervisor took out to explain it.

RUSS AND SHIRLEY MAJOR, owners of Russ Majors Honda-Yamaha in Trucksville, have returned from a week in Hawaii. They were there on a business trip so they can serve their customers better and of course the pleasure was great too. Shirley needed the rest. Upon her return she is scheduled to have surgery on her foot and will be hospitalized for a short time. I hope you both really enjoyed the trip and also I hope by the time you read this Shirl, you're home from the hospital too.

JOHN DAVIS, Shavertown and ERNIE DAVIS, Hunlock Creek, got together for a weekend to just float around on a alke in their boat and maybe catch a fish. The two brothers spent their weekend at a lake in New York. Just a time to let minds relax and with a long time friend, a brother.

LOUISE HICKS of Main Road, Dallas, had a very interesting week. Louise, along with 20 other volunteers, spent a week at Camp Dost in Endless Mountains camping with 62 children with cancer and their siblings ages 5 to 18.

The week was sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House and made possible entirely by volunteers running the organized games, fishing, boting, arts and crafts, environmental awareness. swimming, archery and sports. Camp Maple Lake was the setting for these children, many of which never fished, swam or played sports

Louise was so impressed with these children she has already committed herself as a volunteer next year. Watching these children with cancer really pulls at the heartstrings but as Louise remembered what one mother said to her on the last night, "Thank you for loving my son," Louise replied, "Thank you for letting me.

Fall Fair Office opens

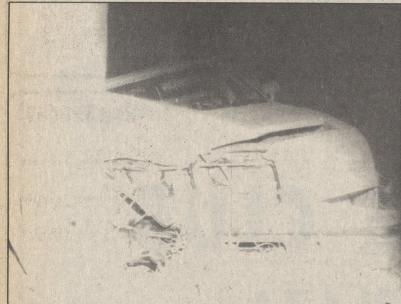
The Luzerne County Fair, in its 18 years of existence, has seen numerous changes and additions.

with the construction of a horse stable and two permanent arts and crafts buildings, the fair has opened

Carolyn Bulford, publicity director for the fair, will be in charge of the office which will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any requests regarding commercial exhibitor forms, arts and crafts premium brochures and advance sale tickets can be handled by calling the new office at 675-6448.

The fair is scheduled for September 3-7 at the Route 118 location in Dallas. The fair provides five days This year is no exception. Along of family entertainment and excite-

> The leveling of additional land in the vicinity of the amusement rides will increase the number of rides available for 1986. The new buildings will provide a more secure area for arts and crafts exhibitors and the redcesign of the main fair grounds will increase the area designated for commercial exhibitors, in turn increasing the number of exhibitors attending the 1986 fair.



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Dallas man injured

A 23-year old Dallas man was slightly injured in this one car accident along Hildebrand Road early Sunday morning. Paul Darling, 23, RD 1, told police he was traveling east when he fell asleep at the wheel and slammed into a utility pole. He was taken to the General Hospital by the Dallas ambulance where he was treated and released. The accident occurred at approximately 4 a.m.

Horse Show set

The Riding Ho 4-H Club is putting on its annual horse show on August 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the new 4-H ring located off Route 118, Dallas at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Classes will range from English, Western and Gymkana, and all ages from leadline to open. The 4-H Horse program is proud of the work the clubs have done at the fairgrounds and invites everyone to attend the horse show. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Shown here as they prepare for the show are Brock Raspen, Sweet Valley, and Tonja Campbell, Lake Silkworth.

Entertainment

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Best Lead Actress, Drama -Sharon Gless, "Cagney & Lacey" Best Lead Actor, Drama William Daniels, "St. Elsewhere"

Best Supporting Actress, Drama - Betty Thomas, "Hill Street

Best Supporting Actor, Drama — John Karlen, "Cagney & Lacey" Best Quality Comedy Series -"The Cosby Show"

Best Lead Actress, Comedy -Shelley Long, "Cheers' Best Lead Actor, Comedy — Bill Best Supporting Actress, Comedy

- Julia Duffy, "Newhart" Best Supporting Actor, Comedy — Michael J. Fox, "Family Ties" Bonnie Bartlett, who appears as

recurring character Ellen Craig on "St. Elsewhere," made a surprisingly strong second-place showing in the Best Supporting Actress, Drama category. In the Best Lead Actress, Comedy category, Jane Curtin and Susan Saint James of "Kate & Allie" cancelled each other out and tied for third place. Sharon Gless and Bill Cosby won in their categories

by a landslide.

Donna Deen and Dorothy Swanson, co-founders of the Viewers for Quality Television, are happy to be part of NBC's "Tuned Into America" Corporate Messages campaign which began this summer during prime-time viewing hours. Watch for Donna's and Dorothy's spots during this very unique campaign!

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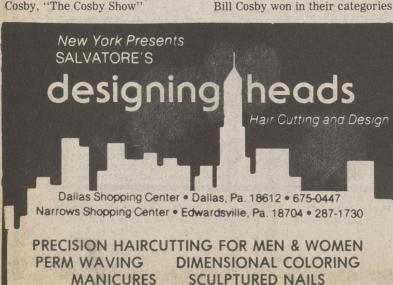
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