

Ingratitude is a negative characteristic that brings more hostilities into human relationships than, perhaps, even the work of thieves. Some folks unwittingly reveal what seems to another to be ingratitude; some do it intentionally, out of downright selfishness, or even jealousy. But he or she who does cultivate and practice the art of being grateful gains much of life's goodness.

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## Swedish Student Says, How Do You Do . . .

By LENNART NILSON

... my name is Lennart Nilson.  
I am from Robertfors, Sweden. Here in USA I live with Mr. and Mrs. J. Laughlin in Rochester. I go to school at Avondale High.

As I said before I come from Robertfors, Sweden. Robertfors is a village in the northern part of Sweden, with about 1,800 inhabitants. It is situated at the Bay of Botnia, about 500 miles north of Stockholm.

SWEDEN is the fourth largest country in Europe, slightly larger than California. It is almost 1,000 miles from north to south and its greatest width is a little more than 300 miles.

The population is a little more than seven million people, about the same as Michigan.

The biggest cities are Stockholm, which is the capital with 800,000 inhabitants; Gothenburg on the west coast with 400,000 inhabitants and Malmö in the south with 300,000 inhabitants.

THE most important industries are machine shops, wood pulp, iron and steel, lumbering and transport equipment.

Sweden has a great reserve of wood in its forests, which cover 54 per cent of the country. It has also a lot of iron ore for both domestic industry and for export. Besides that Sweden has quite a lot

of power plants, which cover the country's whole need of electric power. Sweden is a constitutional monarchy with a bicameral parliamentary system.

THE King, who is of the Bernadotte dynasty, is the executive head of the country, while the legislative powers rest with the parliament, which is divided into an Upper House (with 150 members) and a Lower House (with 231 members).

The term of the members of the Upper House is eight years, and the term of the members of the Lower House is four years.

THE Swedish school system is to some extent different from that of USA, but there are also things which are the same.

The children start school when they are seven years old. They go to an elementary school till the sixth or seventh year. Then there is a three to five-year secondary school. After they can go to a senior high school for three to four years. After that they can go to a University or a college with terms from two to seven years.

THERE is school six days a week, with six to seven classes a day. The students don't, as here, take only a few subjects, but they have 13 to 15 subjects at the same time. Of these subjects, about 10 are compulsory.

As you can understand these subjects are not all the same day. Swedish, English and mathematics can be read often, but other subjects are only read once or twice a week.

WHERE I live in Sweden we can see the sun only about half an hour on December 23, while we on June 23 have 24 hours of daylight. This is because Robertfors is so near the Arctic Circle. This is one of the differences I so far have noticed with many more to come.

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## FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

DENI SCANLON, Youth Editor



### Southfield Cheerleaders Are in High Spirits!

Eight Southfield cheerleaders have the "jump" on rivals with their latest cheer, a real lesson in gymnastics. The varsity squad, coached by Mrs. Barbara Start, practices two hours a week in addition to leading cheers at the high school games. The girls are Marcia Lawton (foreground),

Elaine Courrea, (clockwise), Pat O'Hara, Karen Young, Marie Sandusky, Carol Hartka, Janet Gotberg and Judy Deem. Five of the girls are seniors and plan to attend college. Asked if they want to continue cheerleading there, each of the Southfield leaders chimed, "Definitely!"

### Future Collegians Shop for a School At Advisory Night

Some 2,000 junior and senior high school students and their parents attended the AAUW college advisory night Thursday at Birmingham high school. Students from 17 area schools

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