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Dear friends,

Summer is here, and it is unusually hot for Sweden, so we are hoping for rain and cooler weather.

My family and I have a summer home in Värmland, near the little town of Filipstad. My Dad's aunt Nanna moved into this house in 1914. It has now been in the family 100 years. That also means that it has many "historic items" in various cupboards and nooks and crannies, like



my Dad's cowboy books from the 1920s, and much more. My sons read those with delight.

My favorite reading there is the family collection of Swedish *Readers Digest*, which was called "Det Bästa" for many years, it has now been changed to the American title. *Det Bästa* was first published in Sweden in 1943, and our collection goes up the early 1960s, so there are many issues to study.

It is very interesting to read the stories from WW II, and also to see what they often predicted about the future, a future where we might be living on pills, and where most people were going to have a "flying backpack" instead of driving cars. Not long ago I read an article from 1946

about a newly invented kitchen appliance. It turned out to be a microwave. There are many humorous short stories that are still funny. Articles about politics and science shows that sometimes the world has progressed little.

Other fun reading are the ads, many for now defunct cars, Standard Vanguard III, and others. Greyhound tells me in 1956 that I can travel from New York to Chicago for just \$18.95.

Also interesting to read are the portraits of people that are now forgotten. Reading these old magazines tells me of a world that is now gone, but that I used to know.

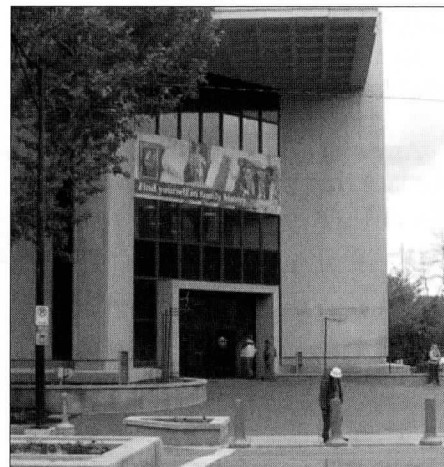
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Elisabeth Thorsell

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