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PETERSON, ERNST

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Ernst Peterson was born October 22nd, 1876, in Blaken, Sweden. He finished the eight grade in school and then he learned the printing trade.

Ernst Peterson was married in Sweden to Anna Swenson August 13th, 1903. There were three children born to them, Frank, Swen and Ellen. They were all born in Sweden.

Ernst Peterson and his family came to America in 1916 and settled in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, where he followed his trade as a painter. He managed to make a substantial living and build himself a fine home. Mr. Peterson said that before coming to America they thought that every-one lived along side of one another like trees in a forest, and he said he never dreamed of being able to have a modern home for in Sweden only the very rich people could afford such a home. In Sweden there are 3 classes, rich, medium, and poor; these classes do not intermingle, and when the Petersons came to America it seemed so strange to them to have everyone be so friendly and speak to each other the way we do in the United States.

Mr. Peterson's son, Swen was the first St. Cloud boy to own and fly an aeroplane in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. He got his first aeroplane in 1928.

Interviewed: Ernest Peterson
Date: April 8, 1937
By: Gilbert Bunt

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FOR THE ERNST PETERSON BIOGRAPHY

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