



Patti Orsborne (left) and Noreen Vader measure a hydro pole before sawing it into sections for use in the construction of playground equipment at a park they are planning at Fawcettville.

Women working creatively

A spirit of good natured independence seems to be the moving force in the planning and construction of a creative children's playground in Fawcettville, just outside Picton.

The three young women working on the park are finding themselves equal to anything the project has required of them so far.

"When I was given the job," said leader Noreen Vader, "I was asked if I wanted a man in the group to do the heavy work. I said, 'No, we can do it alone,' but when we got here I began to wonder what I had taken on," she said with a wry grin.

She and co-workers Rosemary Welsh and Patty Orsborne were faced with turning an empty field overgrown with brush and long grass into a park.

But the Township of Halloween aided the group by lending brush and equipment to clear brush and cut grass, and donations of playground equipment and materials started to arrive almost at once.

The three were hired on a 14-week Young Canada Work grant received by the Rotary Club of Picton. The purpose of the grant, entitled "Parks for Kids", is first to plan and develop a playground area at the Fawcettville park, and then, if sufficient time remains, to do some development work in other parks in the Picton, Bloomfield and Wellington area.

In the three weeks since the project began, the three have erected a donated tether ball and combination volleyball and badminton net, and have started making plans for equipment for the rest of the park.

Much of the equipment will be constructed by the students, as funds for purchasing such items are low.

will probably be of the log, rope and rubber tire variety described in recent publications on creative playgrounds. Items being considered for construction include a play house, a cable ride and a sand box.

A number of hydro poles have been donated for use in the construction of this equipment, but sawing them up posed quite a problem for a time.

"It took me more than two weeks to convince my father to let me borrow his chain saw," said Noreen.

Now that the three have mastered the use of the saw, they are sawing up a number of the poles for use as stools.

The Rotary Club will be donating a slide for the park. The students say the park will be well used.

Noreen, Rosemary and Patti are all college students on summer vacation. Noreen attends Sir Sanford Fleming; Rosemary, Humber College; and Patti, Loyalist College.



Robert Thompson, treasurer of the Prince Edward Association for the Mentally Retarded received a \$1,100 cheque from Selina Laforce on behalf of the Prince Edward Youth for the Mentally Retarded. The money was raised from the PEYMR walkathon.