



Norval lad picks rocks in N.B. as part of exchange program

It took awhile to get there, but Ian Reid of Norval is finally doing what he's wanted to do for over one year—picking rocks on a New Brunswick potato farm.

While rock picking might not have been his specific original goal, participating in a travelling exchange very definitely was and as a result it's part of his job this summer. Ian is spending a month on the Pickard farm in Bath, New Brunswick, working on 170 acres of potatoes.

Two years ago, Ian's neighbour, Bill Crawford of Brampton went to Nova Scotia on a John Deere 4-H Exchange Program and came home full of exciting stories. After hearing about it, Ian, a long-time 4-H club member, applied, but had to wait until this year before being accepted.

While Ian is in New Brunswick, Tony Pickard, 30, is trying his hand at dairying on the Reid's farm.

In theory, Ian and Tony should be trading jobs. But Ian, who is finished school, is the Reid's machinery specialist. Ian's brother has assumed that job while Tony works on general chores and helps with haying.

The Reids would have preferred to have Tony in August when they aren't as busy, but travel timing became complex because of other commitments so trips to Niagara Falls and sightseeing in Toronto have been worked into a hectic schedule.

Tony says he doesn't mind the hard work and is enjoying evening out with the other Reid teenagers.

In New Brunswick, Ian, whose chores include clearing the fields of rocks, would have found little difference in the workload if the trip had been delayed one month. He reports that the exposure to a different type of farming is a marvelous education.

Both Tony and Ian hope to make a career out of agriculture. Ian already works full-time for his father's dairy and beef operations and someday he hopes to have his own farm. Tony's plans aren't that definite, but his trip to Ottawa has roused an interest in dairy farming.

The John Deere 4-H Summer exchange Program is designed to provide an opportunity for young farmers, who normally would be restricted by day-to-day home farm duties, to exchange places with counterparts in other provinces for about one month. The exchanges are designed with overlaps at the beginning and end of each time period so that the exchange partners can become friends.

KEEPING PARKS PRETTY

Todd Banks, Neil Smith and Lisa Green were among those who took part in a big clean-up at Cedarvale Park last week under the sponsorship of the Neighborhood watch

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Trial date set for accused in arson case

An Acton woman is scheduled to appear in Milton Supreme Court next month to face two charges of first degree murder.

Doris Jones, 37, was charged with murder following the death of her younger son and mother-in-law in a fire south of Acton on Good Friday of this year.

Mrs. Jones' lawyer, Bryan Greenspan, waived his client's right to a preliminary hearing August 1 before Judge Douglas Lattimer and Mrs. Jones will be tried during the fall sitting of

the Supreme Court which is to begin September 4.

Crown Attorney, Jim Treleavan, said that an arson charge against Mrs. Jones had been withdrawn and she will be tried for murder only, "probably starting on September 5".

Mrs. Jones did not appear in the courtroom although she had been brought to Milton for Wednesday's hearing. She was returned to the Clarke Institute for further psychiatric assessment during a period not to exceed 60 days.

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