

Toronto youth learns about life on local farm

Road to vet degree paved with hay



Feeding and caring for 90 head of Holstein means getting up at 5:30 a.m. for Mandy Wong of Toronto. The 17-year old youth is acquainting herself with farm life this summer through the provincial government's junior agriculturalist program. Working with farmer Murray Williamson of RR2 Norval. Mandy feeds the dairy cows, washes their udders for milking and cleans up the calves. She hopes to become a veterinarian when she's finished high school at L'Amoreaux Collegiate in Scarborough.

By ANIPEDERIAN
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Days begin at 5:15 a.m. for Mandy Wong with a big wet slumpy kiss across the face from Kissy Christie.

Kissy Christie is one of 90 Holstein dairy cows Mandy helps milk, wash and care for with farmer Murray Williamson.

The 17-year old Toronto girl had never been on a farm before when she started her summer job in RR2 Norval. The nine week job on a 325-acre farm is giving her an appreciation for the rural tasks she's being exposed to.

"I had no idea of the amount of work required to run a farm," Mandy said.

Besides preparing the cows for milking, she's feeding and washing them.

A Grade 13 student at L'Amoreaux Collegiate in Scarborough, Mandy will be studying maths and sciences come September. She wants to be a veterinarian, and this summer's experience hasn't change her ambition any.

At first afraid of getting stepped on by the cows, she's now comfortable with being around them and pets them a lot.

"Yelling and screaming at them doesn't work," she said, having learned the hard way the

stubborn nature of cows.

She's cleaning up barns and haying, and farmer Williamson plans to have her do odd jobs like taking down fences, picking up wood and lawn cutting.

Mandy said she's never cut a lawn before because she lives in a townhouse where the landlord takes care of the property.

ministry of agriculture and food as part of Experience '82.

Young people employed as Experience students gain career-related work experience through summer jobs in provincial ministries, agencies and commissions. Mandy is one of 200 junior agriculturalists working for \$10 a day.

elevator.

"It wasn't funny at the time, but we still rib him about it when he visits," Mr. Williamson laughed.

Admitting the work is a lot harder than she expected, Mandy is sticking it out on the farm. She said she's like to sleep more and misses her cat and dog — but not her 14-year old brother!

"It's so quiet here, except for the train," she said. "My first night, I heard the birds, the crickets, everything. The second night, I just slept. I don't know if I can go

home and sleep any more now that I'm used to the peace and quiet out here."

Days are long, with work continuing after supper until 10 at night. She's working the same hours as the farm family and only feels homesick when she's really tired. Otherwise, she doesn't miss the noise, and said the scenery is a lot nicer in Norval.

Although she has a cat herself, out on the farm where there are 14 of them in the barn, Mandy has found herself allergic to cats.

EXPERIENCE '82

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"If she can stand haying, she can stand anything," Mr. Williamson declared. "After the first and second haying day, she's going to feel like crawling to the house. It's a shock to the system and proves if she's got spunk or not."

Mr. Williamson is no stranger to teaching farming know-how to city-raised youth. He said he's had junior agriculturalists working on his dairy farm for two summers. His brother, also a farmer, has had them before that.

The junior agriculturalist program is run by the

"You have to have patience with them and show them how to do things. If a student is willing to learn, it will take a bit of time. Hopefully by the end of the summer you've accomplished something," Mr. Williamson smiled.

He recalled how one summer student managed to get a sliver in his rear sliding down the

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The director should be called immediately. In this circumstance, the director must rule: 1. make the bid sufficient; no penalty, 2. make any bid you wish: in this case the partner is barred from the auction.

This can be a dangerous error, as it would prevent a partnership realizing their rightful contract.

It matters not how the error occurred, only that it did occur and the penalty is then levied.

This ruling was enacted for the East-West pairs at one table in today's hand. It prevented that partnership from finding their game and, as a result, wallowed in a partial for a cold bottom.

This was the hand.
THE HAND:

Bd. No. 11
Dir S
Vul. 0

S Q9852
H K10876
D J3
C K

S J64

H 43

D A9754

C A72

S A

H AQ

D K108

C Q1096543

THE ANALYSIS:

5C is an excellent contract, 6C is makeable on the magic fit and 3NT is a poor choice but provides above average scores mainly because most will not find the slam. With a heart lead, East can cash his major-suit winners, cross to the club A, ruff a spade, cross to the diamond A and ruff another spade. One diamond is conceded.

The 3NT pairs who get a spade lead will need to give serious consideration to the heart finesse whereas those declarers in 3NT who get a heart lead will be home free.

Although the 5C bid is excellent considering the percentages, on this hand it will fare the worse. Fixed again!

The north-south winners were Ed Hills and Ron Rochford, second place went to Harry Arlic and Jack Koorsmaker. Third spot belonged to Marilyn Wardrop and Ab Wardrop. The east-west winners were Jack McFadden and Marlene McFadden. Second place was held by Gwen Moores and Gordon Mellow and third went to Gladys Yeats and Reg Fraid.

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