

Reader likes "Girl Next Door"

Dear Mr Thomas:

Your recent write-up about Jackie Hanley in the "Girl Next Door" feature, (July 16), has prompted me to write. I've seen Jackie on many occa-

sions, but didn't know her by name. It is indeed reassuring for someone my age to know we have such fine young people living in our community.

Sometimes, (incorrectly), we

Seniors get the idea the world is going to the dogs because we read and see so much of the negative in our daily newspapers and on our TV screens.

Jackie's story touched my heart because she herself has touched so many hearts.

She is truly a warm, unselfish young lady who deserves a place in all our hearts.

The very brightness of her smile, (in the accompanying photograph), brightened my day.

I thank you for the privilege of getting to know Jackie through your valuable media.

Sincerely,
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Organizers of Sheep Focus '86 have planned a program geared to all ages.

Three hands-on seminars have been arranged. Viewers will learn how to make a sheepskin rug or slippers from duffel material. Instruction will also

be provided on how to create sheep ornaments.

Home Economist Sue Bailey will conduct a cooking school on stage. Sue has developed several new recipes for the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency. These will be previewed. Samples will also be handed out.

Joe Bianco will indicate the various lamb cuts available, some conventional and some new.

Sheep Dog trials will also be featured.

A children's craft corner will keep the boys and girls busy. What they create, they can take home as souvenirs--free of charge.

Farm safety week

YORK REGION -- Farm Safety Week across Canada is July 25 to 31.

The week is national in scope and endorsed by both the Canada Safety Council and Agriculture Canada.

There were 27 farm fatalities in 1985, a decrease from the 50 recorded the year before. This marks the first year in the last ten where a major decline occurred.

Tractor roll-overs claimed ten lives. Nine of these were children under the age of fifteen.

President of the York Farm Safety Association is Harvey Brown, R.R. 2, Markham. The Secretary-Treasurer is John Henderson, R.R. 1, Locust Hill.

The York Region farm accident death rate totalled three in 1976 and three in 1980. There were two fatalities in 1977, 1982 and 1984. One person died in 1985.

The cause of these accidents are detailed as follows:

AUG. 7, 1985--The victim, age 21, was electrocuted when a tree branch he was trimming, fell across a high voltage power line. The current passed through the branch and through the clippers.

JULY 4, 1984--The victim, 14, was sitting on the left rear fender of a farm tractor. The machine struck a groundhog hole and bounced. The boy fell forward and was run over by the left rear tire.

OCT. 25, 1984--The victim, 24, was standing in an automatic forage wagon that was still in operation. He was caught by a belt in the bottom of the machine and later discovered by a parent.

AUG. 23, 1983--The victim, 19, was attempting to put a halter on a foal. The animal kicked the young man in the chest.

JUNE 13, 1982--The victim, 33, was on a tractor that was pulling a harvester. It is thought the operator walked to the rear of the implement, leaving it in gear. He became entangled in the power-take-off shaft.

SEPT. 23, 1982--The victim was operating a horse and wagon when the animal bolted. The wagon turned over on top of the driver.

JUNE 9, 1980--The victim, 18, was cutting grass near an embankment with a tractor-mower. The left wheels of the unit went over the edge. The young man fell off and the two-ton unit rolled on top of him.

AUG. 24, 1980--The victim, 24, was operating a tractor on an incline. The driver lost control, the machine rolled over and he was crushed.

DEC. 29, 1980--The victim, 59, was attempting to dislodge the bridged drain in a 2,500 bushel circular bin. The man was sucked under and asphyxiated.

MAY 22, 1979--The victim, 30, was steering a tractor being towed by a truck. The tractor weaved and rolled over. The operator was thrown clear but later died of injuries received in the fall.

JUNE 15, 1978--The victim, 28, fell into a pond and was drowned.

APRIL 16, 1977--The victim, 57, fell down a 20-foot deep well located on his own farm.

JULY 18, 1977--The victim, age unknown, died from drowning.

JAN. 18, 1976--The victim, 15, was playing in a barn when the roof and walls collapsed.

FEB. 27, 1976--The victim, 51, suffered a heart attack from over exertion and excitement.

FEB. 23, 1975--The victim, 69, died when the ladder on which he was standing suddenly turned. He fell a distance of five feet.

In 1985, the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board paid out almost sixteen million dollars in benefits to injured agricultural workers.

In 1985, farm employers in Ontario, paid out more than \$504 million in wages to their workers.

Out of 458 farm-related fatalities over a ten-year period, 223 were tractor related; the majority as a result of roll-overs.

Forty-four percent of all agricultural lost-time injuries in 1985 occurred to workers 25 years old or less.

4-H teens head out to Guelph

YORK REGION -- Twelve 4-H members from the Region of York will participate in a Conference at the University of Guelph, July 28 to 30.

The young people are--Bryan Baker, Mount Albert; Arlene Beckett, Markham; Terry Beckett, Unionville; Jason Brown, Unionville; Ken Brown, Unionville; Diana Culver, Markham; Christine Dube, Stouffville; Heidi Machel, Mount Albert; David Morrison, Sutton; Monica O'Connor, Markham; Stephen Todd, Claremont and John Walton, Markham.

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