

Johnstown Couple

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passerby to get help from inside the emergency room.

"Between us we had three good arms and three good legs," Janet says. And that's how it remained through the summer. Don had separated his collarbone on the right side and spent four weeks in a restraining harness.

"We drew quite a bit of attention wherever we went," Don says. It took both of them to shop for groceries, Don pulling the cart with one arm while Janet pushed. And it took them twice as long to shop because people would stop them to ask what happened. "One shopkeeper asked, 'Are you two married?'" Don laughs. "I think he figured we'd been in a fight or something."

"I told Don I refuse to go anywhere with him anymore," Janet jokes. On the more serious side, both of the Mayers found their injuries costly financially as well as emotionally. Janet, who worked as a word processor, had to resign while she underwent rehabilitation. Don has been off his job since his accident. They've

managed to keep up with farm work because Don could drive the tractor and the combine with one hand, but when Don's father became ill recently they had to ask their son Bear to quit his summer job and come home to help out.

The Mayers hope the worst of it is over. Janet is no longer on crutches and can be out of her knee brace at home. She still has six months of therapy but says the doctor is pleased with her progress and she can expect a complete recovery. With the help of home exercises, Don has full use of his arm but is still trying to build up strength. He expects to be able to return to his job after his Sept. 15 checkup.

They'd like to remind readers that it takes only a moment's lapse to have a debilitating farm injury. "I often think if I'd only taken a second to position myself, if I'd been standing by the cow's stomach instead of her hip, I would have been fine," Janet says.

Don agrees, "I think if you care about animals, in a crisis you put the animal first and think of yourself second." He adds, "But when you get in a hurry, you do stupid things. You don't think twice. That's when accidents happen."



"This is pretty typical of us these days," Janet says, "sitting around the kitchen table in the morning and having our coffee." Both are off work due to their injuries.

York FFA Market Hog Sale Set

RED LION - The York County FFA chapters will hold their annual market hog sale at the York Fairgrounds Friday, Sept. 12. The sale will begin at 7:30 p.m. with about 45 head of market hogs weighing between 190 and 250 pounds.

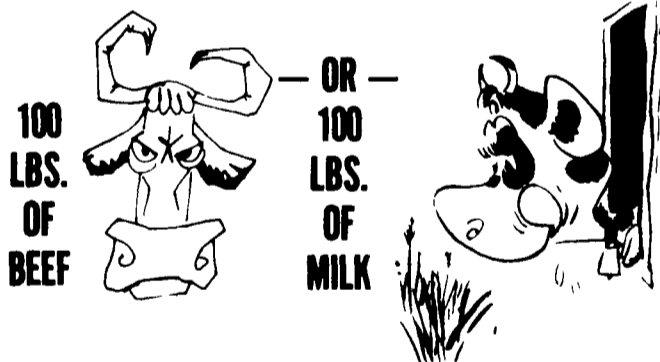
The sale will begin with the grand champion and reserve

grand champion market hogs shown during the FFA swine show Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. The champion and reserve champion will be selected from the first and second place winners in each of the eight weight classes.

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