

Dairy Princess creams Commissioner Huber in cow milking contest

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MT. JOY — It was clearly no contest when County Commissioner James Huber challenged reigning Lancaster County Dairy Princess Lucinda Landis to a milking contest as a way to garner publicity for the county's dairy industry.

In the end, Huber was forced to admit, "She creamed me!" Although Huber said he has some practice on his uncle's farms as a youngster, he didn't have what it takes to beat Lucinda who gets daily practice on her father's farm, although not usually by hand.

The contest took place at the farm of Elvin and Marian Brenneman, Mount Joy R2, and a very placid, cooperative cow named "Love" allowed herself to be the object of some very unprofessional pulling and squeezing.

Huber gamely sat by the cow and massaged her adder, saying, "I'm warming my hands," but as the milk refused to flow, he questioned, "Are you sure he's not dry?" When "of-

ficials" offered to expand the length of milking time allotted, Huber said, "That's all right."

Even a get-acquainted visit to the Brenneman farm the night before the contest did not give him the necessary advantage. There was a lot of encouragement for the Commissioner from the small crowd which gathered to watch, including four of the six contestants in this year's county contest.

There was also a lot of advice, most of it to no avail. "You have to pull a little harder," someone was heard to say. Another said, "How would you like to milk 20 cows that way?"

When Lucinda sat down the milk flowed easily and she quickly had the milk foaming in the bucket. Although there was only an eyeball measurement, there was no doubt of the winner. Huber conceded, saying "I know when I'm outclassed. She just didn't like a politician's hands."

Even a rematch staged a half hour later for the benefit of television cameras left Lucinda a clear winner, although Huber's form had

improved somewhat and he got slightly more than a trickle. He asked for, but was not granted, "a pint handicap" in the second contest. He mentioned that perhaps his problem was that he didn't have a stool.

When Huber jokingly opened his mouth as Lucinda milked, she accommodated him by squirting a stream of fresh warm milk in his direction. As he mopped his face, he inquired, "Is milk good for your complexion?"

All in all, it was a lot of laughs for the participants and each received a large piece of cheese for his efforts. And Commissioner Huber had a chance to show his knowledge of the county's dairy industry by telling reporters that Lancaster County is first in the state in dairy production value and second in the nation. In terms of cow

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No question, Lucinda beat the Commissioner.



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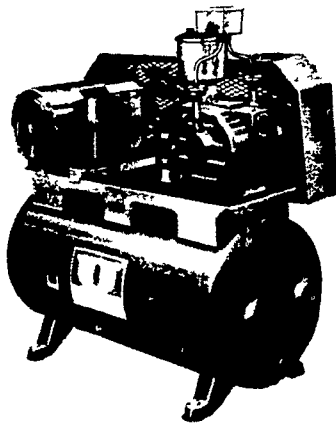
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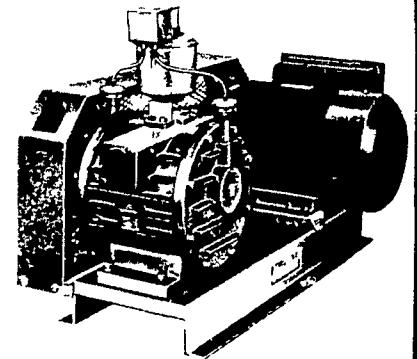
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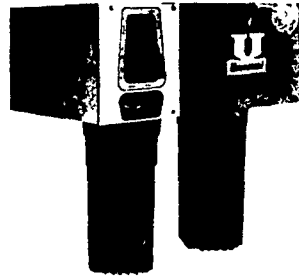
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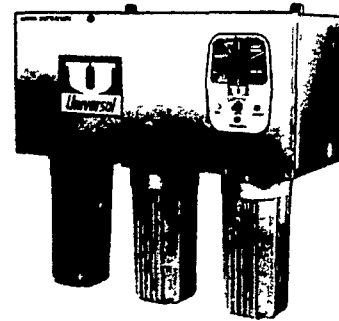
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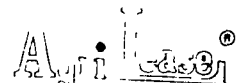


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