

? That's A ? Good Question

I am interested in receiving the 1982 "American Farm Family" plate. I purchased them other years, but was unable to do so this year. Could you please tell me where I can order them?

Mr. Adams:

After inquiring with both the news and the advertising department here at Lancaster Farming, we're sorry to report that the paper and its staff is unfamiliar with the plate series. We suggest reading the back of the plates you already have and see if it bears and address. Can any other readers help Mr. Adams in his search for the plate series? Mail your information to That's a good question, Lancaster Farming, Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

I have an unusual request for information. I am a Conrail Locomotive engineer and I have a 1930 Hamilton 21-jewel railroad pocket watch that is in need of some critical replacement parts that are not available anymore according to the Hamilton Watch Company in Lancaster. They said they no longer have the parts or the people to restore the watch.

I thought maybe, that some of the parts it needs might be in the hands of some old-time watch maker or jeweler in Lancaster. Do you know of any old-time watch makers that might be able to help me out? My son is now a locomotive electrician and I want to give it to him in good working order.

Steve Stecks N.J.
Hackettstown

Mr. Stecks:

We also called Hamilton Watch Company, and they recommended trying your local jewelers. So we did. After talking to Bowman Jewelers, located in Lancaster for over 100 years now, we learned that if they need any pieces for the watch, they would call Hamilton Watch which brings you right back to the beginning. Another call to Hamilton Watch produced the following information: if your pocket watch has a number, such as 992B, it can still be fixed. Any pocket watch ending in B belongs to a series they still can repair. Otherwise your only hope is to scout out local jewelers and see if they have the parts. Good luck.

How does one barbecue a young hog to have it tender? I was invited to a barbecue in which the pig was one year old. It was strung on a rotisserie for 11 hours and was never basted. Wood logs were placed inside cement blocks and the logs were burning on the side

not underneath. Also, what is the phone number of the hog council headquarters?

Roland Kamoda
Monongahela

Mr. Kamoda:

Yes, you are right. The secret to making a tender pork roast is to

baste the meat while it is cooking. The object of spitting a roast is to have the meat secured to the rotisserie so that, as nearly as possible, it is in balance and it is compact and well fastened. Use a meat thermometer when roasting and you won't have to guess when your roast is done. Insert a thermometer at an angle into the heaviest end to the center of the roast so it won't strike coals or the heating element as it turns. The tip must not touch bone, fat, or the metal spit. The thermometer probably won't register a change for the first hour, or until the heat penetrates center of the roast. A fairly slow fire should be used. If

the roast has a good covering of fat, it will acquire a beautiful glaze as it is basted. A drip pan of aluminum foil can be set in place before or after you build the fire. According to the National Pork Producers Council, a drip pan placed beneath the roast will prevent flare-ups. The foil should extend about three inches beyond either end of the meat. The pan should be about 1½ inches deep. Coals should be arranged around the pan.

For cooking times, check your cookbooks. They will list a time in accordance to the weight of the pork being cooked. Most will tell you to cook the pig anywhere from

165 degrees to 185 degrees, for a period of time.

You can contact the national pork headquarters by writing National Pork Producers Council, 1776 N.W. 144th St., P.O. Box 10383, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Locally, write to PA Pork Producers Council, R2 Box 219, Kutztown, PA 19530.

Several issues ago you ran an article about wild Mustangs being available to interested persons. I cannot locate the issue with the information. Could you please provide me with the information of

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