

Lancaster County Commissioner Kisses A Pig

WASHINGTON BORO (Lancaster Co.) — Chairman of the Lancaster County Commissioners, James E. Huber, went into spring training this week in preparation for defending his 1993 Kiss A Pig championship in a contest sponsored by the Lancaster Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

Commissioner Huber wants to increase his winning skills at kissing a lovely Lancaster County pig. On Thursday afternoon he practiced the skill at the farm of Dean and Doris Neff, on Central Manor Road. The three-week old pig,

Pigonia II, will be the pig that the contest winner kisses on Penn Square at noon on April 29, 1994.

The Neffs along with their 3-year-old son Joey and Pigonia II greeted the official party on the front lawn of their beautiful farm house and 43 acres of prime farm land. They have 300 sows and a farrow to feeder pig operation. Joey represents the fourth generation to live on the farm. No one knew how many generations Pigonia II represented.

The contest has three basic purposes— to raise money for diabetes research programs; to

raise awareness to the seriousness of the disease; and to thank pigs for the many years they have literally kept people with diabetes alive.

When insulin was first discovered there were only two sources — the pancreas of pigs and cows. Later it was found that pig insulin had a higher acceptance level in humans and became the preferred of the two sources.

Today, human insulin is produced synthetically and has replaced pork and beef insulin in most cases. However, there are many people who owe years of

their lives to the pig and still use pork insulin.

Commissioner Huber claims his challengers are getting serious and are trying to remove his crown. He claims he will be heartbroken to have someone else steal a kiss from the lovely Pigonia. He insists he is a jealous man when it comes to kissing pigs.

Huber promises to kiss and tell if anyone will help him to earn the honor to plant a big one on Pigonia the Pig, April 29, at noon on Penn Square.

As the 1993 Kiss A Pig champion, Huber is one of six celebrity candidates for the 1994 contest.

Other Kiss-A-Pig candidates include: Patti Connell, president of Land Transfer Co., Inc. Ron Ford, past president of Lancaster City Council, and employee service associate at Ford New Holland. Philip Loht, director of marketing development for Kunz-

ler & Company, Inc. Lilia Nice, executive assistant to state representative Michael Sturla. Jere Schuler, state representative.

The winner of the competition gets to kiss Pigonia, and the American Diabetes Association will have more funds for research, education programs, and the Association's camp for children with diabetes. The contestants will vie for the privilege of kissing Pigonia by collecting the most money for diabetes.

Explaining his visit to the Neff farm, Commissioner Huber said, "I want to court the lovely Pigonia, woo her, and extend all my charms as a contestant in the kissing contest."

Commissioner Huber was accompanied by his campaign manager Jack Church, vice president of the Farmers First Bank. Church was officially named at the Neff farm to head Huber's campaign.



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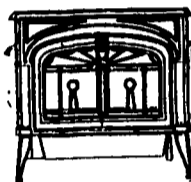
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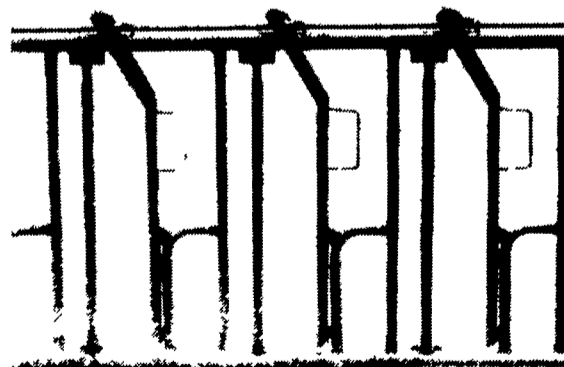


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