

You Ask ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? You Answer

This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom to ask for the answers.

"You Ask — You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask — You Answer, Lou Ann Good, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522.

QUESTION — Charles E. Wright, Duncannon, purchased a 13-inch parlor stove made of iron with the following marks: On the front spark inside is written Gray Iron Casting Co., Mt. Joy, Pa. On the inside top door 75-11; on the poker 7517. The doors, drafts, etc., would look a full-sized stove. Is this company still in business?

QUESTION — A reader would like to know if someone has a grain scale that can be bought to weigh saffron or gunpowder.

QUESTION — D. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., would like to know where to find kegs for Saint Bernards to wear around their necks. He needs real kegs, which live Saint Bernards wear, not miniature knickknacks.

QUESTION — D. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., would like to buy an Aladdin Lamp that is either electric or oil or kerosene, but not the Aladdin mantel type. He wants the shape, the kind rubbed for a wish in the story of the Magic Lamp.

QUESTION — D. Newsom, R. 2, Box 530 Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326-9606, would like to purchase soft fake fur or plush large pieces in 6 to 8 yard lengths. Can be new or used. Send source and price.

QUESTION — Nancy Cummings, Bolivar, would like to know why celery plants go to seed. She has grown celery all her life and the last two years, some of the plants go to seed instead of developing a nice stalk.

QUESTION — M. Carver writes: What a surprise in our garden when we discovered the local nursery supplied us with cabbage plants instead of brussels sprouts. We would like to know how they are handled while fresh.

QUESTION — Betsy Dehn, Spencerville, Md., writes that when she was young, there was a story that went something like this: It was nearing the Christmas holidays and the apple tree was feeling sad and forlorn. His branches were bare and plain whereas the pine tree was decorated with tinsel and glitter. The apple tree complained to God and God said to the apple tree that he would give the tree a special gift. Betsy doesn't remember the remainder of the story, but God ended up putting a Christmas star in the heart of each apple. If you cut an apple crosswise, you will find a perfectly shaped five-point star in the heart of the apple. Betsy would like to have the complete story of how the star came to appear in the center of the apple.

QUESTION — Sarah Clark, Breezewood, would like to know if there is a way to break a dog of being afraid of thunder and lightning. The Clarks have tried letting the dog outside during the storm, but it hasn't helped.

ANSWER — Dennis Williams, Liverpool, wanted to know how to remove kerosene soot from interior painted drywall. Thanks to Naomi Blank, Kinzers, who said to add ½ cup Borax and one to two tablespoons ammonia to two gallons of water. It is also good for cleaning dirty floors and it is kind to the hands.

Thanks to Greta Evans, Picture Rocks, for writing that Lestoil household cleaner will remove and clean any petroleum-type dirt or stain. Dilute as directed on bottle. Lestoil can be purchased at any grocery store. It costs about \$7, but will last for many years and has many other uses.

ANSWER — Mary Sasser, Upper Merion, Md., wanted to know where to purchase a used treadle scroll saw for use in demonstrating at craft shows. Thanks to Thomas Hicwa, Box 367, R.D.1, Hammonton, N.J. 08037, for writing that he has one in the back of his barn. The saw peddles like a bike. It needs a little work, but if interested write or call any morning at 7 a.m. or Sunday morning until 10 a.m. Call (609) 561-7623. or write to the above address.


Producers, Processors Fund New Study

CHICAGO, Ill. — Thanks to today's new, leaner alternatives, hot dogs and other deli/prepared meats can continue to be as much of a staple in American lifestyle as baseball and apple pie.

This message is scoring big with dietitians across the country as the result of a unique campaign jointly funded by livestock producers and meat processors through the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Dietitians are an important market because they influence consumer food choices at home, in restaurants, schools, and cafeterias. For instance, dietitians were quoted in news stories making more than 2.5 billion consumer impressions in 1993. In addition, they held 73 million counseling sessions with clients that same year.

The new campaign includes three full-page ads and two "appetizer" ads appearing in rotation in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association. Since the campaign's kickoff in November 1993, dietitians have sent in an average of 200 responses a month requesting a free counseling kit for hot dogs, deli roast beef, or ham. The Meat Board reports that this response level is extremely strong for a dietitian campaign.



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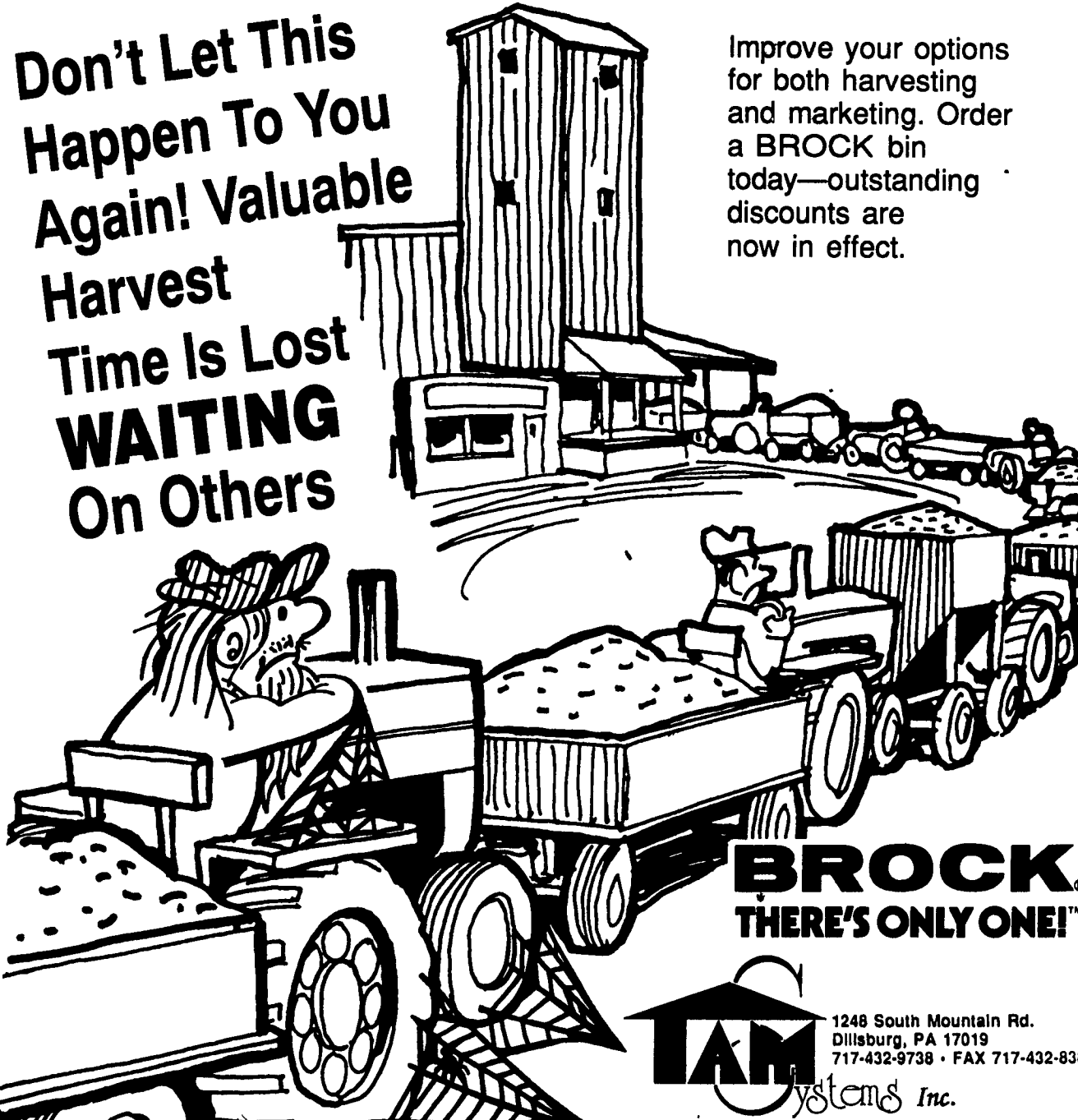
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