

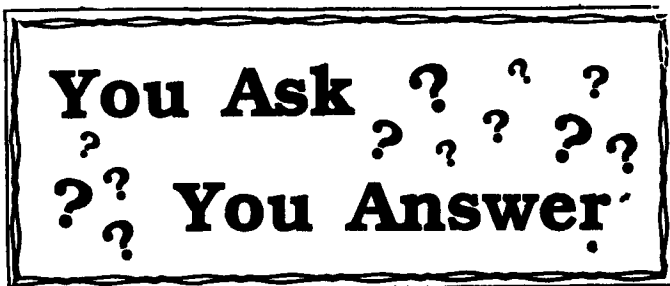
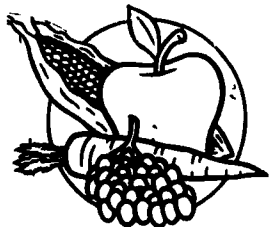
Consumers Prefer Butter

Fewer people are depriving themselves of the great taste of butter. For the first time in 15 years butter consumption is increasing while sales for other table spreads have been slipping.

Per capita consumption of butter is up 10 percent over the past three years. Last year alone, butter sales jumped 8.8 percent, and more increases are expected.

Consumers are buying more butter because of lower prices. The gap between prices of butter and margarine has decreased considerably over the past few years. Lower price isn't the only reason people are buying more butter. Bad publicity for margarine has also increased butter sales. Medical studies have linked trans fatty acids to margarine. This new research shows that trans fatty acids found in margarine raise blood cholesterol.

Consumers rate butter primarily for its taste and the delectable flavor it brings to other foods. Many find butter to taste more natural than margarine.



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 — Bob of Bob's Radiator Repair in Woodstown, N.J., writes that his daughter is collecting wood items called Woody Woodpecker. She has a few pieces such as a knife holder, canister set, and wax paper holder. She would like to know how many pieces are in the whole set and what each piece is named.

QUESTION — Hilda L. Rossal, Bethel, N.Y., is looking for a person who could teach rag rug weaving on the loom. She lives in the Honesdale area.

QUESTION — Rosemary VanDeWeert, Geneseo, N.Y., would like to know if anyone knows of someone who makes a child-size rocking cow or where it may be purchased.

QUESTION — Coralie A. Grant, Coopersburg, would like a pattern for the old-type yo yo clown doll. She has looked everywhere. Could someone send it to her, please. Tell us if you send it so we can drop this request.

QUESTION — Stanley Siedlecki, Jarrettsville, Md., writes that his woodburning stove emits a strong wood burning smell during humid days and nights. The flue has been cleaned. Is

there something that can be done to prevent this odor or condition?

QUESTION — C. Van Horn, Mt. Pleasant Mills, would like to know what works and is safe to remove yellow and grease stains from old china dishes, especially ironstone. She would like something that makes the dishes white again.

QUESTION — E. Otis Dyer, Rehoboth, Mass., would like to know the name of the company in Pennsylvania, the address, and if the company is still in business — the one that makes a farm fence kit consisting of two channel irons and hinges. The farmer supplies the wooden cross piece measuring 2x8-inches and barbwire strands.

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 — Shirley Baer, New Freedom, would like handmade aluminum made during the late 1930s and 1940s, especially those with designs of animals, flowers, and fowl.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know how to remove cloudiness from clear crystal.

QUESTION — Kenneth Hixon, Warfordsburg, would like the complete address for the Schrader Co. that makes automotive tire repair accessories. He needs parts for #5235 valve vulcanizing tool.

ANSWER — A Birdsboro reader wanted to know how to remove underarm odor from laundered work clothing when the smell still clings to the clothing after several washings. Thanks to Helen Nolt, New Holland, for answering. She said buy 20 Mule Team Borax that is sold in supermarkets. The box is green and yellow with red lettering. Add ½ cup Borax to your regular detergent. She said the laundry will smell fresh and breezy. Also, Borax often removes soil stains.

Also, thanks to a Leola reader who suggest using one cup baking soda with the laundry. Baking soda may be purchased in 50 pound bags from feed mills.

ANSWER — Nancy Cummings, Bolivar, wanted 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. Thanks to a Leola reader who said that it has been her experience that the plants go to seed if planted too early or the plants go through stress from a long dry period. Green house plants are more prone to go to seed. Try using field-grown plants.



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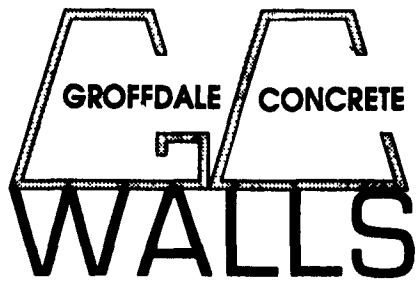
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