

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 — Carl Humer, 4745 Carlisle Rd., Dover, Pa. 17315 is trying to locate a company that sells the machine to produce firewood from logs. He understands that you place a full length log on the table, a series of saws come down or out and cut the logs to length. You then move the log to the splitter area and the machine splits the logs into cord wood. Humer would prefer to see the machine in operation if anyone has one to sell.

QUESTION — Evelyn Michaels, Beaver, asks if anyone remembers Ole Oid, a type of liniment made by Dr. Peter Farhney and Sons Company in N.Y. City. It contained camphor, oil of cloves, sassafras, and turpentine. The Swedish/Finnish community in Tioga County used it widely from the 1930s to the 1960s. Evelyn has asked telephone operators in the calling areas 212, 718, 917, and 914, for telephone listings for the company but no listing exists in those areas. Does anyone know a supplier?

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Westfield, would like to buy a cornplanter like the Amish use. He wants to know if he can plant green beans with the same corn planter or does he need different plates for it. If so, where can he get them?

QUESTION — A reader would like to know where solar powered window candles may be found. Is there such a product?

QUESTION — E.M.L. of Phoenixville would like to know where I could find a thimble with John Deere marked on the side to add to a collection.

QUESTION — A Lehighton reader writes that she has a poinsettia plant with some problems. After it bloomed, she cut it back and new green leaves appeared, but now some of the leaves turned yellow and are falling off. Some leaves have white on them that look like mold. Is there an organic way to solve this problem?

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 — 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.

ANSWER — Nelson Austin, Shinglehouse, has black walnut trees, but he cannot get the nuts to dry without them molding. Thanks to George Love, Watsontown, for the following comments: Do not try to dry walnuts without first removing the hulls or shucks as he calls them. A good way to hull walnuts if you have a lot of them is to lay them in the driveway and run over them with the auto or pickup truck. If you don't have too many walnuts, you can remove the hulls by stomping on them with your feet. Pick up the walnuts without the hulls and spread them on the attic floor or in a dry place to dry. Spread the nuts apart so they dry without molding within a few weeks. The walnuts may be a bit soft in the shells but after a few months, the walnuts will be firm.

ANSWER — A reader from Manheim wanted to know where to purchase a blackboard that is about 3x2-feet. Thanks to Claude Motter, who writes that he has all sizes of blackboard from a school. Write to him at Cannon Range Rd., Vineland, N.J. 08360 or call (609) 692-1031. Thanks to another writer who wrote that he has blackboards in various sizes. Write to Capozzolo Bros. Slate Co., Box 1343, R.D. 1, Bangor, PA 18013 or call (610) 588-7702. Also, a reader from Lancaster County has one for sale. Call (717) 529-6917 for details.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two dynamic FFA chapters, judged best in the nation for their stream conservation efforts, have received \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarship grants through their participation in FFA's Operation Green Stripe program.

The Mid Prairie Chapter of Wellman, Iowa, won the top award, and the Carlinville, Ill., chapter was runner-up. More than 200 FFA chapters in 16 states were eligible to compete for the award, which recognizes efforts to protect streams from sedimentation.

The grants were presented at the National FFA Convention by Monsanto Co., sponsor of the program with several seed companies nationwide.

Through Operation Green Stripe, FFA members recruit farmers to establish grassy buffer stripes between farm fields and streams. Monsanto pays the chapter \$100 for each farmer recruited -- up to five -- and the participating seed company donates free grass seed to the farmers. The FS Division of Growmark contributed seed for the Iowa and Illinois winners.

Research has shown that buffer stripes can filter out most of the

soil particles that would otherwise reach streams during storm runoff.

The "Best in Nation" award was established to recognize chapters that went beyond the basic requirements for participation in Operation Green Stripe, according to Tom Hoogheem, environmental field services director for Monsanto.

"We were looking for chapters that really turned this into an educational experience, not just for the FFA students, but for the community as well," Hoogheem said. "Farmers are doing a lot to protect the environment, and these young people have done a lot to show others what can be done. We're saluting these students, but they know that they are sharing credit with the farmers who devoted a portion of their fields to protect stream quality."

The Mid Prairie Chapter received the top honor for its successful participation two years in a row under the leadership of Chapter Advisor Neil Knobloch. Fifteen green stripes were planted over the two-year period, and the educational efforts of the chapter were outstanding, Hoogheem said.

The chapter hosted a statewide field day for agribusiness, conser-

vation and political leaders and demonstrated the concept in festivals, state and local fairs and farming expos throughout the state.

"They developed a miniature model to show visitors to their booth what happens to soil if you don't check the erosion," Hoogheem said. "They poured water over a bare miniature field and one that had a grassy buffer strip. They collected the runoff in jars. The comparison made for very effective communication."

The chapter also enhanced the Operation Green Stripe concept by developing a program called Contour Buffer Strips with the county Soil Conservation Service and Pheasants Forever. That program encourages farmers to add a further soil conservation dimension by breaking up the contour of their fields.

The Carlinville, Ill., chapter impressed through sheer numbers by planting 61 green stripes.

"This was a tremendous effort," Hoogheem said. "We haven't figured out how many miles of streambank were protected because of this one chapter, but I'm sure it was substantial."

The chapter, under the leadership of Adviser George Kellner,

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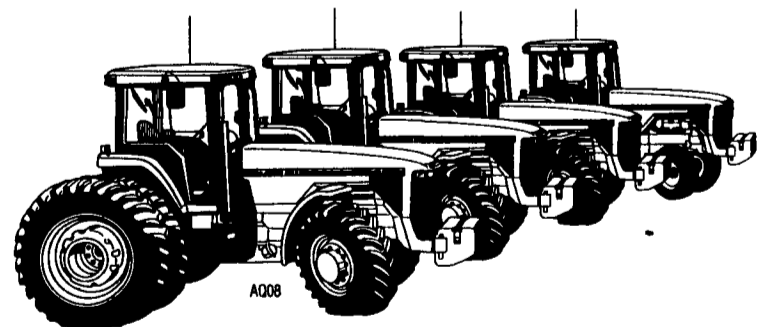
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