

You ask You answer

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QUESTION — Gary Hearn, 2750 Springaire Dr., Goochland, VA 23063, wants to buy an Oliver crawler tractor to restore, preferably an OC-4.

QUESTION — Levi L. Stoltzfus, Quarryville, wants to know where to get shaker tops for salt and pepper shakers.

QUESTION — Joseph Dorsi of Stirling, NJ, would like to know if someone has a Model #FPM-6, Serial #693 Lickity Chipper made by Piqua Engineering, Inc. in Ohio could explain why it clogs up. It was purchased used and is no longer being made.

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman, R.3, Box 7957, Jonestown, PA 17038, wants to know if anyone will reasonably sell her a Hershey tin with the Sand Beach Bridge on it.

QUESTION — S. Fryberger, Denver, wants to know where to find information for a hit and miss engine made by B.H. Myers, Myerstown, during the late 1800s or early 1900s.

QUESTION — Roy A. Duffield of Wenonah, New Jersey, is looking for old glass milk bottles with the name "Geo. Duffield" from the '30s or '40s.

QUESTION — Terry Shane of Boyertown is looking for information on how to raise minnows in a farm pond. He also asks if anyone knows how to install power steering on a 9N Ford tractor, after market bolt on or otherwise.

QUESTION — Linda Christman of Greencastle wants to buy chair replacement pads for her dinette set.

QUESTION — J. Barnhart of Philadelphia would like instructions for making an afghan from old hankies.

QUESTION — Gary Oiler, Stroudsburg, is looking for a MF Model 32 sicle bar mower for parts.

QUESTION — A. Garman of East Earl is wondering if anyone knows where plates for a Sears Roebuck and Co. seeder, model 597261620, serial 3526, could be obtained.

QUESTION — Lois Robson of Lebanon is interested in locating a good condition used heavy duty pasta maker, as well as a used, heavy duty bread machine for people who have arthritis and can't stir heavy batters.

QUESTION — G. M. Heller, Annville, writes that he wants to know where to locate a meat slicer blade for a Vacuum-Base Folding slicer model 168 N. U.S.A.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Westfield, has a cream top quart milk jar with the writing "June's Creamery," and on the back, "Cream Top, Pat. Mar. 3 '25." Weidman would like to know if anyone has any information about this creamery?

QUESTION — John Stadler wants information on making a canoe out of bamboo.

QUESTION — R. Wenger, Lititz, would like to know of someone who repairs rebounders. He needs springs.

QUESTION — Doris Rishel, Spring Mills, would like to know where to purchase Dr. David Roberts Salve, which is white and has a winter green aroma or in brown to use for animals and people.

QUESTION — A. Kost, Carlisle, would like to contact someone with a Moulmex electric meat grinder type RL1AA, which is made in France and sold by Varco of New Jersey. He either wants to buy parts or sell his. He needs the spiral screw for the grinder.

QUESTION — Sue Baughman, Gordonville, would like a source to buy British oil, which previously sold in drug stores. It contains kerosene, turpentine, linseed oil, and coal tar. The Baughmans use the British oil in an old family recipe for salve.

QUESTION — Harold Kuchler, Coatesville, needs to replace a Proctor-Silex 2-quart ice cream freezer bucket, preferably stainless steel. Where can he find one?

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to find the books, "See Sally Run," and "See Jack Run."

QUESTION — Charles Alexander Sr., 880 Tract Rd., Fair Firch, PA 17320, wants to buy a DeKalb metal corn sign that sets on a 2-foot meal pipe. The sign should be about 30-inches long.

QUESTION — Barb would like to know what type of material is safe to use to build a chicken barbecue grid. Any instructions or tips and the type of pipe and wire to be used would be appreciated.

QUESTION — Mrs. Paul Swinehart Sr. wants a pattern for a cloth doll that has four sides when the head is turned — she smiles, cries, frowns, and sleeps. She has a bonnet to cover the face sides that are not wanted at the time. Contact her at 95 N. Kinzer Rd., Paradise, PA 17562-9620.

QUESTION — Paul Swinehart Sr. needs information on an antique tractor with a 5 horse power Briggs and Stratton motor, serial number 19359, Model number 500 304 183; a David Bradley tractor model number 917-5154, serial number 1202 Sears & Roebuck. Contact him at 95 N. Kinzer Rd., Paradise, PA 17562-9620.

QUESTION — Lois Rausch, Walton, N.Y., wants instructions for making homemade drawing salve or ointment.

QUESTION — Jacob Novinger, 1439 Rt. 209, Millersburg, PA 17061, is looking for an eagle quilt pattern and a canopy crochet pattern for a double bed.

QUESTION — Ronn Loos, Bedminster, N.J., is looking for a rear mounted rake for a one-point hitch International Cub LoBoy.

QUESTION — Maralee Chaffee wants to sell her reed pump organ, completely rebuilt inside, works excellent, ornate design but no top cabinet. Original swivel stool. Call her at (717) 744-2582.

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman, Jonestown, asks if anyone would be willing to donate a trailer or van to use for the Kids for Kids 4-H project. She is also interested in any unwanted healthy animals. A good home will be provided.

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QUESTION — Donald Russell, Woodbury, wants to know where to find parts for an automatic vent on a Lord and Bunham greenhouse.

QUESTION — Eleanor Hertzog, King of Prussia, wants to know if anyone has the book "Hankiechief Quilts, by Saron L. Newman, published by American School of Needlework Inc. The book is out of print and Eleanor is willing to pay a reasonable price for the book.

QUESTION — Jean Nestler, Halifax, would like to know of a firm that makes and sells dehydrated foods or vegetables.

QUESTION — Anne Kavaliavskas, Dalton, wants to find a kit plus O ring for Laing Model SM 202-BTW Serial #468-151751 water circulator for a coal stove. She knows that this model has been discontinued.

QUESTION — Louise Graybeal Renick wants to purchase a long wearing, economical material to rebottom oak kitchen chairs. What can she use?

QUESTION — Michele Mackie wants to buy Dark Shadows items from the 1960s-1970s. She wants to replace items from the gothic soap opera that she had as a child.

ANSWER — A reader from Douglassville wanted to know if someone can give an idea of how much an 1843 quilt made by G. Christman from Hereford Township in Berks County might be worth. Thanks to Arnold Lewis, Conestoga, for answering. He writes that "A Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers" records three coverlets made by G. Christman for 1842-1894. The quickest way to find the value would be to bring the quilt to an antique dealer or auctioneer familiar with woven coverlets and ask him to appraise it. Popularity of the weaver, date of the coverlet, colors, pattern, wear and tear, moth holes and general attractiveness are all factors that can establish the price. Prices range from \$25 to thousands, but is almost impossible to appraise sight unseen.

ANSWER — Ronald Bennett, Victor, N.Y., writes that he is a member of the Feedsack Club. If you have an interest in old cotton fabric or cloth sacks, you can join the club. Write to Jane Clark Staple, 255 Starr Ave., Apt. 16, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 or (412) 766-3996. Anna Lue Cook, author of "Textile Bags," in Germantown, TN, has the Flour Sack Underwear poem printed in her book. The author gave permission to Bennett to use it.

ANSWER — Robert Greaser's request for a wood stove that heats water was previously answered. However Albert Green writes that he has the perfect stove to sell reasonable.

ANSWER — Thanks to Lisa Krasowski, Williamstown, N.J., for answering the request for dehydrated vegetables. They are available at San Francisco Herb Co., 250 14th St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Phone 1-800-227-4530.

Save Money

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Rutgers Cooperative Extension is encouraging New Jerseyans to save or reduce debt by \$2,000 by the year 2000. Where is the money going to come from? Below are a dozen ideas:

1. Refinance Your Mortgage. Consider doing this if you plan to stay put long enough to recoup the cost. For example, a no-points refinance costs about \$1,000. Trading a 8.75%, \$100,000, 30-year mortgage for a new loan charging only 7.75% would ave \$70 per month (\$840 annually) and pay for itself in just 14 months.

2. Get a Cheaper Credit Card. Call RAM Research (800-344-7714) for an inexpensive list of low-rate and no-fee credit cards. Transferring a typical \$2,000 balance from an 18% card to a 10% card would save \$160 a year in finance charges.

3. Bring Your Lunch and Snacks. That can of soda you buy every workday for 75 cents costs \$188 a year. Buy 12 store brand cans on sale for \$3 and you'll save \$125. Do the same for inexpensive lunches and you'll save several hundred dollars per year.

4. Slash Food Expenses By 10%. Do this by buying fewer snack foods and "impulse" items and making better use of store and generic brands, coupons, and price breaks. Consider joining a warehouse club (e.g. BJ's) for additional savings. Trimming a \$100 weekly food bill by 10% to \$90 would save \$520 a year.

5. Get Discounts. Many products and services (e.g. insurance, hotels, car rentals) have discounts ... but only for consumers who ask. Asking the question "is this the best price available?" frequently should save at least a hundred dollars annually.

6. Be Patient. Waiting for things to go on sale, instead of purchasing at full price, should save several hundred dollars.

7. Get a Long Distance Telephone Savings Plan. Savings will vary, depending on your calling habits, and you may have to make calls at designated times. Nevertheless, the savings can be impressive. It a plans saves \$20 a month, that's \$240 a year!

8. Get An Insurance Analysis. You may be paying for unnecessary coverage or missing valuable discounts. Ask an agent to review your policies. If you are paying several thousand dollars a year for insurance (all types), some savings probably exist.

9. Shop "Alternative" Vendors. Inexpensive sources of toys, tools, appliances, clothing, and home furnishings include flea markets, garage sales, thrift shops, and consignment stores. Possible savings? Hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars.

10. Earn More On Savings. Don't let existing savings languish in a 2% to 3% bank account. You're losing money after inflation and taxes. Move this money to a CD or money market fund to earn a higher rate of return.

11. Slash Bank and Investment Fees. Avoid banks that charge high fees or require large minimum balances on low-yield accounts. Shop around for a better deal. Ditto for high brokerage firm commissions and mutual fund expense ratios.

12. Get a Match. If your employer offers a 401(k) plan, save enough to earn the maximum employer match. Unlike the proverbial "free lunch," this deal is too good to pass up.

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