

You ask we answer

This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who to ask for 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, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

Do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. If we receive the answer, we will publish it as soon as possible. Please include your phone number because we sometimes need to contact the person to clarify details. We will not publish your phone number unless you request it.

QUESTION — Ruth Erb, Beavertown, would like to know since she is allergic to most pesticides, a natural way to get rid of either carpenter ants or termites in her basement. She heard of spreading Borax around, but how and where do you put it. She also heard that burning a sulphur candle in a bucket of water is effective, but that the fumes are poisonous and leaves a residue.

QUESTION — Ray Hunsberger, Phoenixville, is restoring a United 2½ HP type A Hit & Miss gas engine made in Lansing, MI by United Engine Co. Ray would appreciate information such as manuals, original paint color, etc. about the engine.

QUESTION — Sharon from Elverson is looking for additional pieces to a Pfaltzgraff set of dishes that were made 15-20 years ago. Pieces have a cream background with dark blue accents that include either a cow, a flower, a rocking horse, a pineapple, a cat, or a farm scene. Some pieces include the label Spectrum by Pfaltzgraff.

QUESTION — M. Horning, Lebanon, wants to know the do's and don'ts on raising raspberry and elderberry bushes.

QUESTION — Nancy Wallace, 5240 Diem Rd., New Holland, PA 17557, would like an old C.W. Wood lard can. Her father had the business in New Holland until 1949. She has five children and would like a lard can to give to each of them. Also, she wants old Casper dolls for her daughter who collects them. She also collects glass chicken on the nest if anyone has some to sell.

QUESTION — Pete Wesover, Foxglove Farm, 2445 Ridge Rd., Woodlawn, MD 21244, would like to find a source for a human yoke—the carved wooden piece that goes across a person's shoulders enabling them to carry a couple of full water buckets or whatever. Instructions and tool list would be helpful too.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a shower curtain with cows on it. Where can she find it?

QUESTION — Linda Derstine, Mapleton Depot, would like to know where to purchase replacement handles for a cookware set called Prudential Ware by EKCO, which was purchased about 1971.

QUESTION — Thane LaFollette, Bernville, would like information on how and where to sell broom corn. He has about 75 stalks to sell.

QUESTION — Ruth LaFollette, Bernville, would like to know where to obtain the instructions to make an oval crochet throw rug using fabric strips.

QUESTION — Bill Angert, Manheim, wants to purchase a good family-owned Model A Ford sedan, coupe or pick-up truck made between 1928 and 1931. Willing to pay for a good one. As a youngster, his family owned a two-door sedan, which he learned to drive and enjoy. Any suggestions on where to find one.

QUESTION — Bea Maurer, Quakertown, would like to know the origin and correct words for this ditty she remembers her grandmother saying: *Five little mice on a pantry shelf feeding on bread crumbs and something else.*
Five little mice in a shelf up high feeding so daintily on a pie.

QUESTION — Ivan Gromling, Manchester, writes that when he was young and growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, his family used Troutaman's Cough Syrup, which was black in color. Where can he purchase it today?

QUESTION — Kermit Laub, Coopersburg, would like the name of the person who had advertised a John Deere tractor with bad wheels and rims. He lost it. Anyone know to what he is referring?

QUESTION — Maryanne Meebon, Perkimenville, and Lois Babcock, Friendsville, want the words to the song: *My Raggedy Ann is a very old doll. She lives in the attic for years. She lives in the attic for 50 long years with her shoe button eyes made of . . . ?*

QUESTION — A reader from Upper Dauphin wants to know how to remove black soot from the outside of copper kettle and how to restore it.

QUESTION — Gregory Badger, Collegeville, would like to know how to contact a musical group that plays the marimba in the Lancaster area. He thinks the group may be called the Lancaster Marimba Ensemble.

QUESTION — Donna Morrison, Dalmatia, would like to know where Somerset seed potatoes can be purchased.

QUESTION — Adelene Newcomer, Dover, would like the words to the song "Oh, Ain't We Crazy."

QUESTION — Robin from Elverson is looking for a directions to make a room freshener similar to one sold at Bath and Body Works. It is called Jelly Jar Scents and comes in a jelly jar used for canning. It is in a gel form and contains "bitrex."

QUESTION — Mary Pazzaglia, Columbia Cross Roads, wants addresses for suppliers for chipwood baskets that measure 4½-inch wide and 3¼-inch deep, and 2½-inches high.

QUESTION — Bob Zoetewey, Denver, Col., has a POW-R-TRON Electric hammer Model #25p Serial #749212 manufactured in Home, Pa. He needs to correspond or have a telephone conversation with some one who has an owners manual, maintenance manual or parts catalog for the drill. He'd like to be able to obtain a copy of the manual and know where to buy parts for the drill.

QUESTION — Lloyd Gingrich, Lebanon, wants to know where to get caps for croquet mallets.

QUESTION — Terry Lowe, New Park, is hoping to purchase wood or coal grates for a Wincroft #B8882R cookstove, made in Middletown.

QUESTION — Mrs. A. Hazelton, Starucca, would like to know where to get the address to subscribe to "Quelle Katalog."

QUESTION — Harold Miller, Elverson, would like to know where to obtain parts for a Stewart-Warner airless paint sprayer pump Model #327138-2. Serial #261318-K3.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Westfield, would like information about old cookers that he has. On top, it says American Cooker, patented Nov. 29, 1910, other patents pending, No. 70. The other one says the same thing but has a No. 66 on it. He'd like to know who made them and any other instructions.

QUESTION — Christopher Knisely, Mulica Hill, NJ, is looking for "Freddy The Pig" books published by Knopf and written by Walter R. Brooks. The books were written and published between 1920-1960. She wants all titles and in any condition.

QUESTION — I. A. Rich Sr., Silver Spring, Md., needs a set of brushes for a Red Head Hammer Drill Model #606-3 made by Phillips Drill Co.

QUESTION — Jane Latsko, Cochran, is hunting a preprinted wall hanging of a quilt hanging on a washline for quilting.

QUESTION — Carl Detwiler, Zionsville, wants to know where to get wire rope flemish spiced and swaged.

QUESTION — Ben Kinsinger, Myersdale, wants to know where to find a 5-gallon ice cream freezer to run with an old water cooled gas engine. He also wants a ½ horsepower New Holland gas engine (any condition).

QUESTION — Ben Kensing, Myersdale, would like to know where to find an old Maytag washer that used a glass fruit jar for a gas tank. Can be rusty or broken. He'd also like a ½ horsepower New Holland engine.

QUESTION — Ron Young of Layton, N.J., would like to know where to purchase a stalk binder that ties cornstalks with two knots, one at the bottom and one in the middle of the bundles.

QUESTION — Mrs. R. Lantz, Gordonville, would like to purchase Bryde crystal glasses to match a pitcher she has.

QUESTION — Frank Furl, 231 Walnut Rd., Clarence, PA 16829, wants to raise hogs and would appreciate information on the raising and caring of hogs.

QUESTION — Fannie Bailer, Lancaster, would like to know where to purchase a Bio-Snacky sprouter of someone who is willing to sell theirs.

QUESTION — Ruth LaFollette is willing to pay a reasonable price for the children's book "The Story of 14 Bears," by Scott Parson. It is a big Golden Book printed by Golden Press. Contact her at 167 New Schaefferstown Rd., Bernville, PA 19506.

QUESTION — Virginia Duff, Mt. Airy, Md., would like to know where to find a record of the "Prisoner Sang." She is willing to pay a fair price and wants the words to the whole song.

QUESTION — George Spencer, Hopewell, N.J., wrote that a couple years ago he purchased pairs of jeans made by a Kentucky company by the name of Key Company. The store where he purchased them no longer carry that brand. Does anyone know where he might locate the jeans or an address for the company?

QUESTION — Vlad Koropchak has a 20-quart milk can that was used in milk fountains. Does anyone know of a company that would galvanize it to restore it to the original condition.

QUESTION — Art Sholly Jr., Mt. Joy, wants to know where to find a gas-fired Royal Peanut Roaster, any condition and any size.

QUESTION — Betty Lou Kauffman, 739 Prospect Rd., Columbia, PA 17512, who writes that she has a large collection of pig items that she would like to scale down. If any pig collectors are looking for a special pig, contact her.

QUESTION — Maralee Chaffee, LaRaysville, is desperate to rid their house and lawn of crickets in the fall. They usually last two months, at least, until the first killing frost in Oct. In the fall, the Chaffees have millions of crickets in the yard, which becomes literally black with big black, juicy crickets. Hundreds are killed with each step to the clothesline. The crickets come into the house each night and the family kills hundreds each morning when they wake up. The family is planning a fall outdoor wedding for one of their children. Do they spray now to kill the eggs in the ground before they hatch or must they wait until fall to spray malathion and hope the crickets eat it and die? (The spray has a noxious odor—not nice for an outdoor wedding, but then it might be better than crickets crawling on guests). The lawn covers two to three acres.

QUESTION — E. Martin, Shelby, Ohio, wants to know if there is a company or someplace to send for replacing game pieces like Candy Land, Operation, etc.

QUESTION — E. Martin, Shelby, Ohio, wants to know the words to the poem "Which Shall It Be?" The poem is about a rich man who has no children and offers his home to his neighbors in return for one of their children.

QUESTION — Lorraine Bannon, Wagmart, was watching a home and garden show on television. It showed cookie jars and deep dish pie plates and cookie pans made from red clay pottery by a potter in Lancaster County. She wants to know where to go to find this pottery as she will be visiting the area at the end of the month.

QUESTION — Rose Diehl, Bloomsburg, would like to know where to buy Cornish game hen chicks to raise.

QUESTION — S. Church, P.O. Box 141, Bloomingburg, N.Y., has a problem with packs of wild dogs and an occasional coyote or wolf eating his chickens. He wants to know where can to buy poison to kill these large animals?

QUESTION — Dixie Fix, R. 1, Box 865, Harrisonville, PA 17228, will pay a reasonable price for the following books in good condition: Reader's Digest Condensed Book, Winter 1950, also Vol. M in 1980, and Vol. M in 1981.

QUESTION — Pam Eyer, Carlisle, wants to know where to find plans to make a wooden playhouse like those sold at places that sell wooden storage sheds. She prefers to make one herself instead of purchasing a pre-built one.

QUESTION — Marlene Hurst, Ephrata, needs that address for Aurora Products, a toy manufacturing company from West Hempstead, N.Y. Mail is returned undeliverable forwarding order expired.

QUESTION — E. Beaver, Ringtown, would like to know when is the best time to plant red beets to be able to have some in the spring and in the fall.

QUESTION — Margaret Diamond, Kunkletown, wants instructions to make lamps or other items from popsicle sticks.