

You Ask You 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 — Mae Stancill, 2344 Pennington Rd., Bel Air, MD 21015-1204, would like the words and music for a hymn that she recalls contained these words: "Mother's not dead, she's only a sleeping/patiently waiting for Jesus to come/buried up on a hill in the clay."

QUESTION — Don Berry, 378 W. View Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022, would like the words and music for the song, which he thinks is titled, "They Call It Heaven, but I Call It Home."

QUESTION — A. Wenger, Manheim, needs a replacement for a glass lid that fits an oblong slo-cooker made by West Bend. Her's broke.

QUESTION — John Los, York, is looking for somebody to go over a large stamp collection that he inherited in 1967. His great aunt had started it about 1894. John would like several opinions on its value and then to find a new home for it. Write to him at 2350 Croll School Rd., York, PA 17403.

QUESTION — Linda of Carlisle would like information on Schenck's Mill covered bridge located on the Chickes Creek, Lancaster Co. The bridge was built in 1855. Linda wants to know if a mill was originally located at the bridge. How did it get the name Schenck's Mill? If it was named after Schenck's, what is the first names of the people?

QUESTION — Anna Mae Dukert would like to know where to get seeds for long neck dipper gourds.

QUESTION — Shirley Smith, Linden, wants a pattern for an oval crocheted pineapple tablecloth.

QUESTION — Dale Newcomer, Dover, wants to know where he can purchase belt dressing in a solid stick form. Call him at (717) 292-1814.

QUESTION — Ken Hearn of Spring Mills is looking for used skid loader tracks for parts, must be Loegering 12-inch 814-364-1017.

QUESTION — S. Schiaroli, Reading, would like to know where to purchase a new helmet liner, the type used inside the army metal helmet of World War II.

QUESTION — Vera Sloop, Landisburg, would like information on where to buy strainer parts for a galvanized watering can.

QUESTION — A collector from Wellsboro would like to purchase Montgomery County antlerless deer licenses from the years 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1955. Call (717) 724-3482.

QUESTION — R. Fleckenstein, Woodstown, N.J., wants information on a double barrel Paragon Model CS 12 gauge shot gun that he has. How old is it and it's value?

QUESTION — Sharon from Elverson is looking for additional pieces to a Pfalzgraff 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 Pfalzgraff.

QUESTION — M. Horning, Lebanon, wants to know the do's and don't's 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 — 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 — 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 daintly 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 — 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 — 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 — 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 — 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 — Mrs. A. Hazelton, Starrucca, 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 — Jane Latsko, Cochranon, is hunting a pre-printed 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).

Leave Grass Clippings On Lawn

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Leaving grass clippings on the lawn will not harm your turf — in fact, it may be beneficial, says a turfgrass expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

"It's estimated that 20 percent of what goes into landfills is yard debris such as leaves, hedge prunings, and grass clippings," says Peter Landschoot, associate professor of turfgrass science. "Recycling grass clippings not only is civic-minded, but it also can be beneficial to the lawn and save the work involved in bagging."

"If you leave the clippings on the lawn, you can reduce fertilizer needs by as much as one-third. When turf is mowed on a regular basis, clippings break down easily, returning nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil."

"Some people are concerned that returning clippings to the lawn may result in thatch accumulation," says Landschoot. "But because the clippings decompose rapidly, they do not contribute to thatch."

For clippings to break down rapidly, the lawn must be mowed frequently enough so that large amounts of leaf residue don't remain on the surface of the turf. "Weekly mowing often isn't frequent enough, especially during the peak period of leaf growth in spring," he says. Excessive accumulations of clippings remain on the surface for long periods and can smother the grass.

"When you're mowing, you shouldn't take off more than one-third of the leaf blade at one time. Otherwise, you may scalp the grass and make it more vulnerable to stress."

If no herbicides have been applied to the grass, homeowners can rake the dried clippings and use them as mulch around trees, shrubs or flowers, says Landschoot.

Mulching mowers that keep the clippings circulating under the mower deck, chopping the grass blades into finer pieces, are becoming popular with homeowners. "Mulching mowers hasten the decomposition of the clippings and reduce the amount of residue left on the lawn," says Landschoot.

"However, you don't have to buy a mulching mower to recycle clippings," he points out. "Ordinary lawn mowers also will provide good results."

Grass clippings also can be composted. "If you combine clippings with tree leaves, the two sources of yard waste will complement one another in the composting process," Landschoot says.

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