

You Ask, You Answer

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QUESTION — Ben Kensinger, 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 — Donald Jones is collecting information on antique rototillers for a college business course. He'd like to mail a survey to collectors. Write to him at 734 Cedar Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944.

QUESTION — Pat Chance, 783 Chance Rd., Clayton, Del. 19938, would like to make "milk pad dolls." She made them years ago but lost the instructions. Please send them to her.

QUESTION — Ella Keyser, Zieglerville, wants to know where to buy a belt for an antique sewing machine. The treadle machine is a New American #2909819 and Belt No. 25.

QUESTION — An East Earl reader would like help in finding a used industrial floor polisher/buffer, such as those used in hospitals and supermarkets.

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 — 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 Beiler, 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 — Maralee Chaffee, LaRayesville, 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 — 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 — Margaret Diamond, Kunkletown, wants instructions to make lamps or other items from popsicle sticks.

Maryland Sheep And Wool Festival To Celebrate Silver Anniversary



Cary Wolinsky, photojournalist for National Geographic magazine, will share experiences and photographs from his three-year project "Wool: Fabric of History" at a presentation at the festival. Wolinsky is shown here with "Snowdrop," a Cheviot ewe belonging to his neighbor.

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GLENWOOD, Md. — What started in 1974 as a one-day gathering of 1,500 for a sheep and wool crafts festival sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association has grown into a weekend festival that last year drew more than 50,000 visitors. Always held the first full weekend in May, the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival is gearing up this year to celebrate 25 years of success in promoting sheep and wool.

Since it started, the festival has provided a forum for demonstrations and educational exhibits about lamb and wool, and a market for sheep related crafts. The Maryland Lamb and Wool Queen contest is also held in conjunction with the festival. This year special seminars and new events are being featured to highlight the silver anniversary celebration.

The festival, held at the Howard County fairgrounds in Glenwood, appeals to both the general public and to sheep breeders. There are workshops geared toward fiber artists, children's activities, and also a sheep to shawl contest, and the Maryland Grand Lamb Cook-Off. Breeders from the U.S. and Canada are expected to show more than 1,000 animals in the sheep shows this year. About 275 vendors will offer sheep related crafts and products.

"There is so much variety in the offerings," said David Greene, extension agent in agricultural science from Carroll County and past president of Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Greene, a past Shepherd of the Year award winner, has been involved with the festival since it began, and authored a history of the event published in the silver anniversary program book. "The festival carries with it a wide array of topics that appeal to new people considering getting into the sheep industry or maybe those that have been in the industry."

The fleece show is one of the largest east of the Mississippi River, and draws entries from all over the country, according to Mr. Greene. "There are very few opportunities to show wool sheep in competition in this area," he explained, because most of the farms raise meat sheep. "At this time of year, the sheep haven't been shorn. You need at least three-quarters of an inch of wool, and most judges would prefer 2-4 inches," he said. The shearing contest is also a big draw, with participants coming from across the U.S., Canada and England.

Cary Wolinsky, a National Geographic photojournalist, will speak on his three-year project "Wool: Fabric of History." Wolinsky traveled to nine countries to trace the use of wool from prehistoric times to the present for the 40-page feature article. His project took him to every continent and yielded photographs that have remarkable stories behind them. "It's really the story of nomadic people and the symbiotic relationship between groups of people and groups of animals," Wolinsky said from his studio in Massachusetts. "It's about nomadism and the wealth that animals create." Wolinsky will

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QUESTION — JoAnn Robbins would like to purchase "Nancy Drew" books circa 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Contact her at 1705 York Rd. Hartsville, PA 18974.

QUESTION — Mrs. Amos Hoover, Denver, wants to know who to contact about recycling plastic milk jugs into a picnic table.

ANSWER — Rose Diehl, Bloomsburg, wanted to know where to buy Cornish game hen chicks to raise. Thanks to Frances Shaffer, Herndon, for writing that the chicks are available for less than \$1 each from Murray McMurray Hatchery Inc., Box 458, 191 Closs Dr., Webster City, Iowa 50595-0458.

ANSWER — Betty Lou Kauffman, Columbia, wrote that she has a large collection of pig items that she would like to scale down. Thanks to Robert Rauhauser, Thomasville, for writing that she should contact The Happy Pig Collectors Club, c/o Gene Holt, P.O. Box 17, Oneida, IL 61467.

ANSWER — In answer to the ground hog problem, a reader, Robert Rauhauser from Thomasville, has published a delightful book, "Good-Bye Mr. Louse." The book is an illustrated guide to hog oilers and is filled with the original patent drawings and numbers for more than 150 different devices that were meant to apply oil, grease, or insecticides to hogs and other animals. The book is intended for collectors, dealers, historians, and anyone interested in these ingenious and colorful gadgets.

Rauhauser, a patent researcher and collector of old-time farm related artifacts, has also included dozens of period advertisements featuring all kinds of hog raising equipment, which he found by researching patents from 1903 through 1966.

The 47-page book can be mail-ordered from Rauhauser at Box 766, R.2, Thomasville PA 17364-9622. Cost is \$14.95 post paid. He has published a supplement to the original book that contains more patents and ads. The supplement is \$4.95 post paid.

ANSWER — Perry A. Hilbert, Cleona, wrote that he is almost 70 years old and remembers seeing adults rub their cheeks against a baby or very young person and saying, "Aye, Aye," as a form of affection. He wanted to know the origin or history of this practice? Thanks to Pastor Philip Smith of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, for writing that this appears as a maternal image in the Bible (Hosea 11:4), comparing God's love and care for Israel to a parent's love and care for a child. The passage from the New Revised Standard Version reads: "I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them."

ANSWER — Anne Buppert, 6914 Ridge Rd., Manlottesville, MD 21104, answers the Honesdale reader's request for Denim Days Kids figurines. She has some to sell that are in excellent condition.