

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 — Helen Cox would like to know how to start or root forsythia from a clipping.

QUESTION — Roland Kamoda, Monongahela, wants to know where to find a thumb latch and catch for a log cabin door.

QUESTION — Marian Mosemann writes that she has the complete sections of "Home on the Range" (from this paper) dating back to the late 1970s to now. She is downsizing and will gladly give the copies to a reader who would appreciate them. Write to her 293 West White Bear Drive, Summit Hill, PA 18250-1734.

QUESTION — Timothy Diehl, Bloomsburg, is looking for a company that sells parts and a 90-inch blades for a #14-277 Workace Bandsaw made by J.D. Wallace & Co., Chicago.

QUESTION — A Pennsylvania reader has had a Christmas cactus plant for three years and it has never bloomed. How does she get it to bloom? How much light does it need? Which variety is the best?

QUESTION — Patty Clouser wants to know the value of old Briggs and Stratton engines and of a Snappin Turtle lawn mower with turtle head Model #2½ ST19 Serial # 7820.

QUESTION — Rosemary Mattiuz, Kersey, is looking for handles for 3-ply stainless Flavor Seal cookware by Cory. She purchased the set about 30 years ago and has been using it everyday. The handles are cracking and making the screws loose.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to purchase egg cartons.

QUESTION — Ruth Erb, Beavertown, wants to know how to use Borax or Sulphur candles to kill termites or carpenter ants. Or any natural way not using chemical pesticides since she is allergic to them. A previous answer used choloradane, which is illegal to use.

QUESTION — Donna Unger, 133 Krug Rd., Littlestown, PA 17340-9724 is interested in purchasing Hull piggy banks, which come in various styles and colors. The dime banks are marked HP58 on the bottom. The Jumbo Corky Pig is marked hull © 197, and the sitting pig is marked hull © 196. The corky pigs are marked Corky Pig Pat pend, HP Co. © 1957 USA.

QUESTION — Eli Ebersol, Lancaster, wants to buy "Intercourse, PA 200th Anniversary Book," printed in 1954. He also wants a jigsaw puzzle of "Mascot Roller Mill," located in Mascot.

QUESTION — N. Kring, Carinbrook, wants to purchase Dick and Jane readers. She sent no address or phone number of where to contact her.

QUESTION — A faithful reader would like to know if anyone can tell her how to save an unfinished quilt top, she found while cleaning out a house. The top has turned yellow where exposed, dusty, etc. The remainder of the quilt is like new. It is printed to be embroidered in cross stitch and is already marked to be quilted. If she washes it, the markings and cross stitch will probably wash out. Is it worth the time sewing and maybe not getting clean? The dirty part is about a 12-inch square where folded.

QUESTION — Patricia Henry, Gettsburg, needs the address for Bany Products Corp., formerly of St. Louis, MO. Mail returned with forwarding expired. Patricia writes that the company makes the best metal polishing cloth called Victory Miracle.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to buy a black cast iron trough to put outside under a windmill at the faucet to wash vegetables in. The size is about 30x15-inches. Her neighbor lady would like one also. Does anyone have one or two to sell?

QUESTION — W. Smith, Fasston, Md., wants a used English draft horse size saddle with a 19-inch plus seat. It should be within 50 miles of York, Lancaster, or Fredrick, Md. Call him after 6 p.m. at (410) 877-7015.

QUESTION — Rick Altland, 960 Green Spring Road, York, PA 17402, is looking for pictures and information regarding Boeckel's Landing, located about 2 miles south of Holtwood Dam on the west shore of the Susquehanna River. It was destroyed in 1972 Hurricane Agnes. Rick is trying to gather enough information to have a picture painted of the area, where there was a boat rental, bait and tackle shop, and small store built on pilings against the hillside and rowboats tied to big trees along the waters edge. The name may have been spelled differently or even been known by another name.

QUESTION — Doyle Whitney wants information on farm areas, where a small farm and a farm equipment dealership or repair shop would prosper. He doesn't want real estate agents, but perhaps county extension agents or someone from the Dept. of Ag could help with the information. Call him collect at (860) 423-8218.

QUESTION — A reader would like information on keeping a pair of swans in their pond in order to keep a Canada goose population under control. Which breed of swans works the best? Do you need to clip the wings to keep them in the pond? What kind of care do swans require?

QUESTION — Harold Wolf, New Cumberland, is looking for copies of "Flying" magazine published from the mid 1950s to 1962 only.

QUESTION — Bill Kelley, Purcellville, wants to know where to have a meat grinder recoated or refinished. He writes that maybe the correct wording is "hot dipped."

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

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

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

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

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

ANSWER — Mrs. Amos Hoover, Denver, wants to know who to contact about recycling plastic milk jugs into a picnic table. Thanks to Moses Zimmerman, Kutztown, for sending the address: Cougles Recycling Inc., Hamburg, PA 19526. Phone (610) 562-8336.

ANSWER — To the person who wanted water troughs for under outdoor faucets, Leon Stoltzfus writes that metal troughs in the form of old cast iron troughs are made by Groffdale Machine Co., 194 S. Groffdale Rd., Leola, PA 17540.

ANSWER — A. Wenger, Manheim, needs a replacement for a glass lid that fits an oblong slow-cooker made by West Bend. Wendy Furie, Frederick, Md., writes that the replacement lids are available by writing to West Bend at 400 Washington St., P.O. Box 2780, West Bend, WI 53095-0278. Joan Miller, Intercourse, writes that she ordered a clear lid #P253-2 for \$15.35. Amber-colored and other replacements are available.

ANSWER — Bill Freed, Souderton, wanted to know where to buy white egg plant plants. Thanks to Kermit Laub, Coopersburg, for writing the plants can be purchased from Rohrer's Seeds in Smoketown and at Kauffman's Dept. Store in New Holland, and at Stokes Seed Co., Box 548, Buffalo, NY 14240.

ANSWER — Shirley Smith, Linden, wanted a pattern for an oval crocheted pineapple tablecloth. Mary Stamm, Jonestown, sent us directions for the tablecloth. Shirley send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522, to have it forwarded. Readers, NEVER send us information to forward. We do not have the time to do so.

ANSWER — Shirley Kline, R.D.7, Box 7392, Spring Grove, PA 17362, writes that she has several Denim Days figurines in excellent condition for the reader who asked. She also has the "Old Country Couple," which is about 25 years old and purchased from Home Interiors, for sale.

ANSWER — For the East Earl reader who wanted an industrial floor polisher/buffer, Ronald J. Wible writes that he has three 16-inch Hild floor buffers. Write to him at 9301 Gap Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268.

ANSWER — A reader answers E. Beaver's request for red beet planting. She writes that plant red beets several times throughout the season to have the beets. Plant in early May, late June, and early August. Light frost will not hurt them, but be sure to dig before ground freezes. Store in cool, dark place (cellar ideal). Some people store root crops in damp sand, but this does not work well in temperatures above 40-45 degrees. By the way, she writes, did you know small baby beets are delicious baked like potatoes? Poke with a fork before baking.