

You ask we answer

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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 Patpend, 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 — 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, Gettysburg, 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 — Clarence Rhorback, Mertztown, wants to know where to get information on a miniature baler that makes 2x2x4-inch bales.

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

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 — 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 — 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 — 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 — 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 Wincroft #B8882R cookstove, made in Middletown.

QUESTION — Grace Pierce, Palmyra, would like to know where to get the words and music to "Abide With Me 'tis eventide."

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 — 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.

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

ANSWER — A Pennsylvania reader has had a Christmas cactus plant for three years and it has never bloomed, she wanted to know how to get it to bloom. Thanks to Pat Elligson, Millers, Md., who gives the following instructions:

- Have plant in a clay pot with good potting soil.
- Place potted plant outside for the summer in a spot protected from hot sun and wind, but good light. Water as usual.
- Before frost in October, bring plant indoors and place in a cool room where it will get no light at night. It should have only natural daylight. An unused bedroom is good. If you must place it in a lamp-lighted room, cover plant with a paper grocery bag. (No unnatural light is a key to blooms). Do NOT water for several weeks. Dirt will go dry and leaves will go limp. (The plant is resting).
- Around the first of November, place plant in a bright sunny south window and begin watering again as needed.
- You should see tiny buds forming at the ends of the leaves. If buds drop, lessen the water and move. It may not bloom exactly at Christmas, but hopefully close to that date.

Thanks also to Laurie Donaldson for writing that she has a Christmas cactus that has been in her family for more than 50 years. They do not like artificial light because they depend on the shorter days to know when to bloom. Her cactus is in a room with eastern and norther exposure that barely gets above 70 degrees. The plant prefers temperatures between 50-70 degrees. It blooms great every year and is almost 3-foot wide and is covered with blooms at Christmas.

ANSWER — Helen Cox wanted to know how to start or root forsythia from a clipping. Thanks to Laurie Donaldson for writing that the best time to take cuttings is in early spring. Cut about an 18-inch sprig. Put bottom six-inches in water. Place in sunny location. Roots will soon sprout. Keep newly planted sprigs very wet until well established.

ANSWER — For the person who wanted egg cartons, Cookie Rhodes writes that she has dozens of egg cartons that she will sell for \$10. Write to her at R.1, Box 364, Elysburg, PA 17824.

ANSWER — Rosemary Mattiuz, Kersey, is looking for handles for 3-ply stainless Flavor Seal cookware by Cory. Anna Martin, Denver, writes that she also purchased a set of cookware from the same company 34 years ago. Both she and Margaret Kaltreider of Brodbeck's order replacement parts from New Era, Inc., 1255 Paradise Hill Rd., P.O. Box F, Clarksville, TN 37041-0360.

ANSWER — A reader wanted to buy used pressure canners in good condition at a reasonable price. Thanks to Cookie Rhodes, who writes that she has an 8-quart Maid of Honor pressure cookier for \$25. Write to her at R.1, Box 364, Elysburg, PA 17824.

ANSWER — A reader from Upper Dauphin wanted to know how to remove black soot from the outside of copper kettle and how to restore it. Thanks to Margaret Kaltreider, Brodbeck's, writes that her sister cleaned hers with ketchup and it looks very nice. It takes time and lots of elbow grease but really works.

ANSWER — For Anna Mae Dukert who wanted to know where to purchase seeds for long neck dipper gourds, write to The American Gourd Society Inc., P.O. Box 274, Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338-0274. They have seeds for many types of gourds and a 1998 seed list for members to advertise dried gourds and seeds for sale. Thanks to Doris Hellerick, Dublin, for sending this information.

ADADC Maximizes News From Studies

SYRACUSE, NY—Consumers rely on information provided by their healthcare providers. That's why the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. (ADADC), nutritionists keep key professionals like doctors, university professors, and other nutritionists updated on all the latest calcium research, so that they will make favorable recommendations on dairy product consumption to their patients and students. In addition, ADADC uses these healthcare professionals to deliver positive information on dairy products to consumers by arranging for them to be interviewed by television news reporters.

Recent medical studies found

that risk of high blood pressure can be reduced by eating lowfat dairy products, fruits, and vegetables. In March, ADADC brought Dr. David McCarron to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City to review this information with 150 doctors, nutritionists, and other health professionals who council are residents on what they should eat.

Another medical study released in January found that when postmenopausal women receiving Estrogen Replacement Therapy consumed more calcium, the effects of the therapy produced greater results.

To make sure women were aware of the need for extra calci-

um, ADADC got news about the study on ABC and FOX in New York City and set up an interview with Dr. Gloria Bachmann of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital on New Jersey's new 12 NJ. Newspapers throughout ADADC's marketing area featured stories on the study—including the Rockland Journal News, Clifton Dateline Journal, Westfield Republican, Lewisburg Daily Journal, Milton Daily Standard, and the new Age Examiner in Tunkhannock. In addition, two chains of weekly newspapers covering New York City and the five boroughs, reaching more than 100,000 consumers, featured stories on the study.