

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 — Mrs. Gross wants to know who can appraise excavating equipment such as dump trucks and trailers. Call and leave a message at (717) 292-5620.

QUESTION — A faithful reader wants to know where he can buy small casings to make beef sticks (Slim Jims).

QUESTION — A Christian inmate wants a Strong's Concordance and/or a good study Bible with references and notes. Write or send to Donald K. Love, AX8459, 1600 Walters Mill Rd., Somerset, PA 15510.

QUESTION — Larry Dimmig, Slatington, needs a water pump and other parts for a six-cylinder continental engine for a 1952 Clark Forklift. Call (610) 767-4735.

QUESTION — Ed Parent, 358 Fisher Dam Rd., Hamburg, PA 19526-8822, is looking for a service manual and an operator's manual for a "Pug," 4-wheel drive all-terrain utility vehicle. A sales brochure indicates it was made by Bruce Manufacturing Corp. of Minneapolis, MN. Sources there said the corporation there is no longer registered.

This vehicle has a 12hp tecumseh motor, topless fiber-glass body, floatation-type lug tires, steel frame with articulated steering. It was made in 1970. There are many accessories available adapting it for farm, commercial, or recreational use, 1500 lb payload. Parent will pay to have the manual copied. Write to him at the above address.

QUESTION — Gary Farmer would like information on the Slaymaker Lock Company in Lancaster. What years did the company operate, approximate annual production, and who made the keys for the locks?

QUESTION — Esther Lefever, Lititz, would like the verse for the biblical description of the flowers on the passion vine.

QUESTION — Matthew L. Stephens, Starrucca, would like the address of the man who collects postcard with covered bridges.

QUESTION — Earl Thoman, Southern York Co., writes that suddenly the moles have arrived and are chewing up the lawn. What can he do?

QUESTION — Donna Robinette, 6751 Bluebird Lane, Dover, PA 17315 would like a pattern for an afghan that starts at a corner and increased to desired size and then decreased to the next corner.

QUESTION — Theodore Bailiff, Rising Sun, Md., would like to find a source for buying white oak splits, used for weaving chair seats. He has several short ladder back kitchen chairs from the mountains of Virginia. The chairs need new seats, which were originally woven from white oak splits.

QUESTION — Kristina Kreider, Robeson, would like to purchase a used game "Five Straight," copyrighted 1968 by Straigh Line Products. Cards should be complete and in good condition. Write to her at 281 Texter Mission Rd., Robeson, PA 19551-9206.

QUESTION — Leon Stoltzfus, Leola, would like to know where to purchase the round juicing disk for an Atlas Juicer made by Juice Master Mfg., Co., Model 36. No. D12041.

QUESTION — Leona Leiby, Kutztown, would like instructions for making homemade soap in an iron kettle.

QUESTION — Pat Elligson, Millers, Md., wants to know where to get a replacement stopper for a crystal vinegar cruet.

QUESTION — Deanna Cunfer, Lehighton, is looking for a source to buy wooden lids for six-sided candy jars (the kind often used as canister sets in stores that sell hard candy). She has four different sizes and wants to replace the metal lids that are tarnishing with new ones—with or without plastic seals. She recalls seeing the lids advertised in catalogs, but now that she needs them, she can't find them offered. Anyone know of a catalog or store that sells these lids?

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman would like an iron or metal horse sleigh. She saw one at the rodeo in Harrisburg in November. She also would like to purchase a buckstitched (white leather through brown leather) reins or bridle with reins in good condition. Willing to pay reasonable prices for these two items.

QUESTION — Anyone looking for a hand cranked machine that puts lids on tin cans of different sizes? If so, contact R.G.H. of Layton, N.J. Fax (973) 948-5458 or phone (973) 948-4565.

QUESTION — Walter Breen, Lancaster, would like to know where to purchase the type of Japanese beetle trap where a mason jar screws on to the bottom part of the yellow plastic vanes, which eliminates the use of bugs.

QUESTION — Kathy Jenkins is looking for an old book, "Thee Hannah," written by Marguerite DiAngeli, copyrighted 1940. Kathy, who read the book in 1947 when she was in elementary school, has a granddaughter Hannah and would like to give it to her. If you have a copy, write to Kathy at 791 N. Reeds Rd., Downingtown, PA 19335.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know where to get pages for a merry-go-round photo album.

QUESTION — Barbara Jennings, R. 1, Box 83, Canton, PA 17724, would like information on the Apple Butter Inn Bed and Breakfast in Slippery Rock. She heard they have a Christley Room. Barbara believes the inn is the homestead of her ancestors.

QUESTION — Lorraine Nash, 192 S. Elk Run Rd., Mainesburg, PA 16932 is looking for books in good condition that are written by Earl Murray, "Thunder in the Dawn," "Spirit of the Moon," "Song of the Wovoka," and "Free Flows the River."

QUESTION — Where can A.M.H. of Narvon purchase glass canister milk cans. They are heavy glass, not ceramic. She has one but did not purchase it through a store. The milk can is about 7 1/4 inches tall.

QUESTION — Mildred Anderson, Dover, wants to know what makes lotion made from goat's milk separate from the other ingredients. She used beeswax, coconut oil, sweet almond oil, glycerine, and goat's milk. She had combined the beeswax and oils in a pan of water until melted, added warm milk and glycerine and beat with a mixer until cool. After it sat for awhile, the milk separated from the other ingredients. She would appreciate a recipe that works or ideas on how to make the recipe she has work.

QUESTION — Shirley Schwoerer, Wysox, has a Plett Pan, which is a cast iron with seven shallow indentations and no lid. A recipe is attached that appears to be a thin pancake recipe, but no other instructions. Do any readers have more information about Plett?

QUESTION — Patty Clouser wants to know the value of old Briggs and Stratton engines and of a Snapping Turtle lawn mower with turtle head Model #2 1/2 ST19 Serial # 7820.

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 — Doyle Whitney wants information on where employment in an area of ag dealerships or repair shops might be had where his experience of 25 years could be used. He also wants to know about rural communities where a farm could be purchased. Perhaps real estate agents, county extension agents or someone from the Dept. of Ag could help with the information. Call him collect at (860) 423-8218 or write to 331 Bass Rd., Windham, CT 06280.

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 — 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 4 1/2 inch wide and 3 1/4 inch deep, and 2 1/2 inches high.

QUESTION — Elmer C. Smith is trying to find the book, "Song of the Susquehanna," by Herbert Stover. If anyone has a copy to sell, write to Elmer at P.O. Box 176, Linden, PA 17744.

QUESTION — Ben Kinsinger, Meyersdale, would like to know where to get a Farmall pedal tractor like the Farmall M Tractor. Doesn't matter if the pedal tractor needs repair. He would also like to know where if anyone has parts for a Farmall Cub for sale. Also needed is a one gallon glass butter churn.

QUESTION — Previously an answer in this column said that Joel Z. Zook makes miniature balers that make 2x2x4-inch bales. The address given for him is insufficient. If you know it, please send the complete address or the name and address of someone else who provides this product.

QUESTION — Margaret Grieff, Sidman, would like to know where to buy a disinfectant called Creolin, similar to Lysol, which they had used for years in chicken coups and to bathe dogs.

QUESTION — Don Miller, Summit Hill, wants to know who can appraise the value of an antique goat cart. Call him at (717) 645-9693.

QUESTION — R. Himmelberger, 129 Poplar Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522, would like poems with the word thimble in them.

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

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

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

ANSWER — Connie Salvadore, Newtown, wanted to know where to purchase the discontinued Tupperware Reheatables Line. L. Burkholder, a Tupperware dealer writes that she has some of the reheatables line that she would be glad to share. Contact her at 52 Burkholder Lane, Fredericksburg, PA 17026.

ANSWER — Mabel Diller wanted to know how to remove brown discoloration from antique china. Thanks to Marian Mosemann, Summit Hill, who writes that sometimes old dishes absorb food stains. If this is the problem, simply soak the dishes in raw milk or acidopholis milk overnight.

If the stains remain, they are not caused by food. The browning of the china was caused by putting the china in the oven.

For many years this was a practice of wood stove owners. The food needed to be kept warm, so the wife usually placed the dishes in the oven until food was to be served. There is nothing to do to reverse the damage. Usually the china beneath the glaze (which is cracked) absorbs the heat of the oven and causes the brown discoloration.

Brown spots on antique china such as Flo Blue or other china valued for its age does not take away from its resell value. The discoloration gives us its time frame and a history of its use.

