

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 — Barbara Fair, Mohrsville, remembers a poem from her childhood, which is about a woman who spent her whole life fighting dirt. The final lines are something about "she lay down and died, and was buried in dirt." Does anyone have the complete poem?

QUESTION — Paul Charles wants antlerless deer licenses for Montgomery County issued for the years 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1955. Willing to pay a very good price.

QUESTION — Alice Zimmerman would like used 2-quart canning jars and a water bath canner for 2-quart jars. She also has a Tupperware hamburger patty kit she would like to sell. Call (717) 445-7842.

QUESTION — Richard Laughman is interested in purchasing a history of the "Nussli, Nissley, Nessly Family 1717-1985," compiled by Karl Nissley Haines. First edition 1986. Write to Richard at 984 Edenville Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

QUESTION — Anna Nolt, Peach Bottom, would like to know how to control red spider mite in flowers.

QUESTION — Kathy Hampford, Pottsville, would like to instructions on basket making.

QUESTION — Harold Stoudt, Hamburg, would like to know where to buy stick belt dressing, which is like an asphalt or tar-like material to put on belts.

QUESTION — Kenneth Hixon, Warfordsburg, would like to know where to purchase 3/16 or 1/4 -inch stainless-steel cable.

QUESTION — Rosalyn Miller, Honesdale, would like to know where to get the book "The Practical Stock Doctor," in good condition and for a reasonable price. It was written about 1914 and included good remedies for animal sicknesses.

QUESTION — Donald Ryman, Woodstock, Va., would like information on finding parts for a Hooshier cabinet. He'd also like the address of a company that makes the cabinets.

QUESTION — Henry Stoltzfus, Christiana, is looking for a flashlight to crank to recharge or a Russian-made continuous pump flashlight.

QUESTION — Barbara Moser, Reading, needs remedies for athlete's food and for warts on hands. Commercial products aren't working.

QUESTION — Shirley Runk, Mount Union, would like to know where to purchase plastic lids with a spout that are used on one-gallon Sun-tea jars.

QUESTION — Cindy Welsh, Lansdale, would appreciate suggestions controlling algae on an old spring fed farm pond with fish. The pond has a trickle tube with continuous outflow.

QUESTION — Peter Juerss writes that in the late 1970s or early 1980s, J.C. Whitey had a book, which he thinks was titled "How To Convert Your Car, Van, or Pickup to Diesel." Also Diesel Engineering Service in Oregon had a book detailing how to install Perkins 4/6 cylinder diesels into pickups. These books are no longer available. He'd like if someone would sell him these book or tell him where to find other books detailing gasoline to diesel engine swaps. Call him at (914) 266-8239.

QUESTION — Pat Elligson, Millers, Md., would like to know where to purchase a square metal cake pan 8x8x2-inches that comes with a matching lid. She needs to find this in the York, Hanover, or North Central Md. areas.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Neville, would like to know when the Ronks Fire Company in Ronks has its annual chicken corn soup sale. He'd also like the address.

QUESTION — Amos Stoltzfus, 37510 Westham Lane, Mechanicsville, Md., would like to find tracks and motor for a TD6 International tractor in good condition or a Farmall M diesel motor in good shape.

QUESTION — Joelle Fisher would like to know how to get scratches out of marble.

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

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 — 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 cruit.

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 — Jean Nestler, Halifax, would like the name of a company that makes towels and washcloths and does embroidery work on them.

QUESTION — Joelle Fischer would like to know where Swiss cheese with a touch of ham can be purchased. Her brother used to get it at market. She checked at different places but no one has ever heard of it. Joelle said the cheese is extremely delicious and has a taste all its own. It is not sharp and is quite different from any flavor she ever tasted in cheese.

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.

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

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.

ANSWER — Esther Lefever, Lititz, wanted the biblical description of the flowers on the passion vine. Thanks to Ruth Sauder, Manheim, for sending the following information.

"According to legend, early missionaries named the 10 colored petals to represent the 10 apostles present at the crucifixion. Inside the flower, colored filaments form a showy crown, which was thought to represent the crown of thorns, the five pollen-bearing anthers suggest Christ's wounds. The division of the kistal, the nails of the cross, the bladlike leaf symbolized the spear that pierced his side, the coling tendrils suggested whips and cords.

The familiar passion flower of the southern U.S. is a trailing or climbing woody vine. It bears an edible yellow fruit called maypop, which has a distinct acid flavor.

"We have a large bush of them, they open for one day only. We give many away, they cut off the stem and put them in a saucer of water. They are beautiful blooms."

ANSWER — The correct address for Joel Z. Zook, who makes miniature balers is 994 A. Gap Road, Kinzer, PA 17535.

ANSWER — Wayne Urffer, Maple Shade, N.J., sent source for white oat splits, which had been requested by Theodore Bailiff of Rising Sun, Md. Urffer writes that the Connecticut Cane and Reed Co., P.O. Box 762, Manchester, CT 06045; phone 860-646-6586, offers a full line of reed, cane, rush, rattan, splint, cord, and seagrass materials as well as tools, books, and accessories. Plus the catalog is jam-packed with great information.