

You ask You answer

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ANSWER — Margaret Grieff, 458 Seesetown Rd., Sidman, PA 15955, wanted a copy of the poem "Somebody's Mother." Thanks to Pollyanna Eby, Belleville, and numerous others for sending the words.

Somebody's Mother

The woman was old, and ragged, and gray
And bent with the chill of a winter's day;
The streets were white with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet with age were slow.
At the crowded crossing she waited long,
Jostled aside by the careless throng
Of human beings who passed her by,
Unheeding the glance of her anxious eye.
Down the street with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let out,"
Come happy boys, like a flock of sheep,
Hailing the snow piled white and deep;
Past the womans, so old and gray
Hastened the children on their way.
None offered a helping hand to her,
So weak and timid, afraid to stir,
lest the carriage wheels of the horses feet
Should trample her down in the slippery street.
At last came out of the merry troop
The gayest boy of all the group,
He paused beside her and whispered low,
"I'll help you across, if you wish to go."
Her aged hand on his strong young arm
She placed and so without hurt or harm,
he guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were young and strong:
Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.
"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged, and poor, and slow;
And some one, some time, may lend a hand
To help my mother — you understand?—
If ever she's poor, and old, and gray,
And her own dear boy is far away."
"Somebody's mother" bowed low her head,
In her home that night, and the prayer she said
Was: "God, be kind to that noble boy,
Who is somebody's son, and pride, and joy."
Faint was the voice, and worn, and weak,
But the Father hears when his children speak;
Angels caught the faltering word,
And "Somebody's Mother's prayer was heard."
Mary Dow Brine

ANSWER — Ron Lieberman wanted information on generating electricity with water power. Isaac Stoltzfus writes that Elvin Hoover, 222 Conestoga Creed Rd., Ephrata, generates his own electric for his welding shop and can give a lot of information. In addition, Isaac would like to meet Ron again. Isaac lives on Hensel Rd., first place south of the mill. He asks that Ron stops by the next time he comes to the mill.

Also, Wayne Urffer, Maple Shade, N.J., recommends Ron contact Real Goods Trading Co., 966 Mazzoni St., Ukiah, CA 95482-3471. Their catalog, "The Alternative Energy Sourcebook," lists four hydro-electric turbines, ranging in price from \$875 to \$1,250. They also have a lot of alternative energy books for sale.

ANSWER — Gary Farmer wanted information on the Slaymaker Lock Company in Lancaster. Thanks to a reader who clipped an extensive article on the company and who can answer these questions if Gary calls (717) 569-0126.

ANSWER — For the reader who wanted to know how to control ants, here is an answer from Elizabeth Beaver, Ringtown.

Long-Term Ant Control Bait

Start by making a one percent boric acid and 20 percent sugar solution by thoroughly dissolving 1 teaspoon boric acid and 6 tablespoons sugar in 2 cups water. Do this in a clear jar so you can see when all the boric acid crystals are dissolved. Soak some cotton balls in this bait solution.

Make bait dispensers out of some old plastic margarine tugs with lids. Punch holes in them so the ants can get inside; then put the cotton balls into the containers and cover them with the lids so the bait won't dry out.

Place the bait containers wherever you see the ants.

Clean the containers and freshen up the bait solution at least once a week.

Be patient! Let those worker ants continually carry boric acid back to feed that ants in the nest.

After a few weeks, reduce the boric acid content to one half percent and use that for long-term control. Using a very low dose makes it more likely that servicing ants will continue eating the bait and taking it back to the nest.

Adams County Kicks Off Campaign

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.)

—The kick-off for the new Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center's Capital Campaign is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2-5 p.m.

The \$400,000 Capital Campaign money will be used to purchase furnishings and amenities for the new center. The event is being held at the site location for the new building; just off the Old Harrisburg Road (Cumberland Township), across from the Adams County National Bank Branch office and North Gettysburg Shopping Center.

The afternoon program begins at 3 p.m. It will include remarks from Penn State Cooperative Extension, Adams County Conservation District representatives and the County Commissioners.

Team-leaders and others involved in the Capital Campaign will also be recognized. Entertainment is being provided by the Littlestown Area Municipal Band. Refreshments to be provided by various commodity groups from the county.

Registration and children's games and activities are being organized by the Adams County 4-H Senate.

For more information about the Kick-Off event contact the Adams County Conservation District at (717) 334-0636. For more information on the Capital Campaign contact Faith Peterson (717) 259-0250 or Ken Reinhart (717) 334-1963, both serving as co-chairpersons for the Capital Campaign.

This event is free to the public. No rain date is scheduled.



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