



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 — Pat Chance, Clayton, De., writes that several years ago she recalls attending Creative Circle home parties, which sold all kinds of needlework supplies. She would like to know if the company is still in business and how to contact the company.

QUESTION — Albert Klinger, Elliptsburg, would like information on where to buy repair parts, especially "spring clips" for a Simpson 260, Series 8, volt-OHM Milliammeter. The phone number listed in the manual is no longer in service.

QUESTION — At the Bloomsburg Fair, Robert Stephens, saw some standard spotted ducks with Apple in their breed name and some pomeranian geese. He'd like to know where these can be obtained.

QUESTION — Windy Knoll Produce, Nottingham, would like to know why so many sweet potatoes are black or dark skinned this year. It is only skin deep but doesn't look attractive to sell and they tend to wilt and not keep as long. Some have ridges on the outside that are stringy. How can a better quality sweet potato be obtained?

QUESTION — Rachel Rudolph, New Oxford, wants to know where she could buy a new or used 18-quart Farberware kettle.

QUESTION — Mrs. R. Strauss, Ephrata, wants to know who repairs Monarch Coal Kitchen Ranges. Hers has some rust damage on the back part of the stove.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Newville, would like to know where to get a boor or whatever its called to shell dried beans.

QUESTION — L. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand would like to know when and how short puzzy willows should be trimmed.

QUESTION — M.W. Hamilton, Thornton, is looking for a source to purchase full-size models of plastic swans.

QUESTION — A reader has psoriasis and wants to know what remedies have helped other readers.

QUESTION — Julia Johnson, 8098 N. Eagle Valley Rd., Havard, PA 16841, is looking for three books written by Martha Barnhart, Harper Publishers: "Bitter Sweet," "Winter Wedding," and "Red Silk Pantalotts."

QUESTION — Robert Fleckenstein, 28 Bailey St., Woodstown, N.J. 08098, would like to locate a "Time" magazine dated May 15, 1950. Contact him at his address.

QUESTION — Sara Kinsinger, Stuarts Draft, Va., has a lot of old windows with bubbles in the glass. Somebody told her there is a place where they want the glass to use it in new windows. Where?

QUESTION — While at a steam show near Lancaster, Daniel Fleming of 38250 Stevens Rd., Lovettsville, VA 20180, saw children riding a type of "tricycle" that was propelled using the hands and arms instead of the feet. He believe the toys were called a whirlygig. He would like plans or instructions for building the hand-propelled toy.

QUESTION — Fran Pierman, Stockton, N.J., would like to purchase tops for the radiators in their house but can't find them anywhere. Does anyone know where they can be purchased?

QUESTION — Elam Ebersol would like the following books: "The Beautiful Story Golden Gems of Religious Thought," written and edited by J.W. Buehl. Also, "Service for Peace," by a Hostettler who writes about C.P.S. Camp, and "Uncle Arthur's Bible Story Books. Send prices and condition of books to him at 558 Gibbons Rd., Bird-in-Hand.

QUESTION — A reader from Leola area would like to know where to get flails for an Agri-Tech model #GS20120 finish mower, new or used.

QUESTION — Mike from Pottsville wants the name of a company that sells egg cartons and will print the farm logo on the cartons.

QUESTION — A reader would like to locate a John Deere 435 corn head for a J.D. 105 Combine or a J.D. 105 Combine with 435 cow head. Head must be in good condition.

QUESTION — Susan Forry, 25 Woodward Court, Annapolis, MD 21403, is searching for information on how old a two-story house located on Burma Road in Columbia (West Hempfield Township is. A barn and tobacco shed once stood on the 80-acre property that is approximately 3/10 mile off the road.

Prior to its present owner (Daniel Forry) it was owned by the following people: Robert Garber, Elmer Garber, Paris H. Garber, Aaron Herr, Rudolph Herr. It was possibly owned by Henry S. Eshleman (1851), Henry Neff (1853) Henry Hogendobber (1856), Abraham Metzger, Andrew Bowers (both 1856), Jacob Reitzell (1823), and or John Reitzell.

QUESTION — J. Hesson, Perkasio, would like to know how to keep weeds out of raspberry brambles. Is there anything on the market that would control thistle without harming the brambles?

QUESTION — A New Tripoli reader would like to purchase barley straw to control algae in the pond. She wants to purchase the straw in the New Tripoli area.

QUESTION — Marilyn Patterson, 153 Brick Church Rd., Newville, PA 17241, would like an old book, "Donkey John of Toy Valley," written by Margaret Warner Morley and published in 1909 by McClurg Publishing Co. Her dad, who remembers hearing the story when in school and is now a woodcarver, would like the book because it is about a woodcarver's family.

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. Call (717) 724-3482.

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

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

QUESTION — Charles Hoffman, Coopersburg, would like to know how to make an all wooden, three or four fingered hay fork from a single piece of wood. What kind of wood is used, how are the fingers bent, is the wood soaked, and if so, in what and for how long? Hoffman is also interested in purchasing a new or used wooden hay fork.

QUESTION — Doris Hellerick, Dublin, is interested in purchasing a life-sized plywood black and white cow for lawn display.

QUESTION — Herman Kinsinger, Stuarts Draft, Va., wants to know where to find new parts for the Zero milkers. He heard the milkers are no longer manufactured.

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

ANSWER — Fannie Beiler, Lancaster, wanted to know where to purchase a Bio-Snacky sprouter or someone who is willing to sell theirs. Barbara Beiler, Lancaster writes that the sprouter can be purchased at Millers Health Food Store, Monterey Rd., Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505.

ANSWER — Alex Horneman, Forest Hill, Md., sent in this poem requested by Barbara Fair, Mohrsville.

The Housewife's Lament

*One day I was walking, I heard a complaining,
And saw an old woman the picture of gloom.
She gazed at the mud on her doorstep ('twas raining)
And this was her song as she wielded her broom.*

Chorus:

*Oh, life is a toil and love is a trouble,
Beauty will fade and riches will flee,
Pleasures they dwindle and prices they double,
And nothing is as I would wish it to be.*

*There's too much of worriment goes to a bonnet,
There's too much of ironing goes to a shirt,
There's nothing that pays for the time you waste on it,
There's nothing that lasts us but trouble and dirt.*

*In March it is mud, it is slush in December,
The midsummer breezes are loaded with dust,
In fall the leaves litter, in muddy September
The wallpaper rots and the candlesticks rust.*

*There are worms on the cherries and slugs on the roses,
And ants in the sugar and mice in the pies,
The rubbish of spiders no mortal supposes
And ravaging roaches and damaging flies.*

*With grease and with grime from corner to centre,
Forever at war and forever alert,
No rest for a day lest the enemy enter,
I spend my whole life in a struggle with dirt.*

*Last night in my dreams I was stationed forever
On a far little rock in the midst of the sea,
My one chance of life was a ceaseless endeavor
To sweep off the waves as they swept over me.*

*Alas! 'Twas no dream; ahead I behold it,
I see I am helpless my fate to avert.—
She lay down her broom, her apron she folded,
She lay down and died and was buried in dirt.*

ANSWER — Floy Eberly, Stevens, wanted complete words to the following poem sent in by Eleanor Osborne of Bel Air, Md.,

Recessional

*God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

*The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.*

*Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!
Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire:*

*Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

*If drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

*For heathen heart that put her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word—
Thy Mercy on They People, Lord!*