

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 — Francis Klingler, Gettysburg, is building a new home and would like to use sawdust for insulation like the old timers did. What are the pros and cons?

QUESTION — Fred Frantz, R.D. #4, Box 511, DuBois, PA 15801, would like a small calliope or band organ, such as a Tangley C A 53, Stinson 27, Wurlitzer 105 or Ragtime model D 42 R, or similar one, to be used for parades and displays at antique machinery associations.

QUESTION — Terry Shane, Boyertown, would like to know how to get the smell of mothballs out of an old poplar blanket chest.

QUESTION — V&C growers, Rocky Ridge, Md., would like to know where to purchase smooth bottom rubber boots that slip over shoes.

QUESTION — Beulah Dueck, 16140 Tricking Spring Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740, is willing to pay a reasonable price for several out-of-print hymnals "Spiritual Songs and Hymns." She grew up using that hymnal and still enjoys singing those songs.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Newville, wants to know where he could obtain a small cheese vat to make cheese.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to buy wicking to use to make candles.

QUESTION — Florence Myers, Stewartstown, would like to know where to buy a copy, in good condition, of the first-grade reader book, "Dick and Jane," and their dog named Spot.

QUESTION — Gregory Badger wants to know where to order western shirts made from feed sacks with the colorful artwork Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show.

QUESTION — W.W.W., Pitman, would like to know if interlocking roof shingles are still manufactured and if so where can they be purchased.

QUESTION — Durwood Tuttle, Knoxville, would like to know how people hand dug wells so deep and perfectly round and lay the stone without it caving in.

QUESTION — Levi Stoltzfus, 450 Hollow Rd., Quarryville, writes that he has a Franklin sewing machine that he would like to sell. The Franklin, similar to the Singer, has an electric motor and is in a cabinet, which he also wants to sell. The cabinet does not have a treadle on it. The machine can be used with a treadle if preferred.

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 — A reader would like to know who applied the Lancaster Rose quilt tops that were sold at the Dffenback quilt and craft sale in New Holland a few years ago.

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 — E. Nolt, Leola, would like to know where to purchase a good, used set or a new one at a reasonable price of "My Bible Friends," by Arthur S. Maxwell.

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

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 — 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 — 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 — 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.

ANSWER — Windy Knoll Produce, Nottingham, wanted to know why so many sweet potatoes are black or dark skinned this year and how to obtain a better quality sweet potato. Thanks to Norman Knopp, Jarrettsville, Md., for sending detailed information, which is too long to reprint in its entirety. He is willing to answer questions if you call him at (410) 692-6788. In essence, he writes that spots are symptoms of scurf infection. Only scurf-free sweet potatoes should be used as seed roots, which should be treated with an effective fungicide such as Mertect 340. Plant in fields free of fungus (rotate sweet potatoes every 3 to 4 years).

ANSWER — Durwood Tuttle, Knoxville, wanted the words to a song sung by Lee Moore on a Nashville record called "The Cat Came Back." Thanks to Mary Rook, Newville, for sending the words. She writes that she uses the song as a novelty number for her senior chorus, "Happy Tones." Audiences enjoy it, she writes. We also received several different versions, but the lyrics are offensive to cat lovers and would not be considered "politically correct" in this day and age.

The Cat Came Back

Freddie Wilson had a cat that he didn't want to keep. He offered him for free and he tried to sell him cheap. He called upon the preacher on Sunday for advice. The preacher said, "Yes, leave him here, it would be so nice.

Refrain: *But the cat came back, he wouldn't stay away. He was sitting on the porch the very next day. The cat came back, he didn't want to roam. The very next day it was "Home, Sweet Home."*

Freddie put him on a ship and they headed for Ceylon. The ship was overloaded more than 20,000 ton. Not far away from shore the cargo ship went down. There wasn't any doubt about it, everybody drowned.

Refrain

Then he put the cat aboard with a man in a balloon, who would give the cat away to the man in the moon. The balloon it didn't rise, it burst in bits instead, and 10 miles from the spot, they found the man dead.

Refrain.

ANSWER — L. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand, wanted to know when and how short puzzy willows should be trimmed. Thanks to Fran Westfall, New Oxford, who writes that she and her husband had a beautiful tree. They gave numerous bunches away and remembers trimming all the real tall limbs from the top some years, but mostly nothing. The garden books don't mention the need for pruning but do mention the need to give the tree lots of water.

ANSWER — Robert Stephens wanted to know who showed the appleyard ducks at the Bloomsburg Fair. Rev. Roland Romig wrote that he did. For more information, write to him at 221 N. Elmer Ave., Sayre, PA 18840.