

# 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** — Kenneth Hixon, Warfordsburg, wants a sure method to keep birds from picking cherries.

**QUESTION** — Paul Dowie writes that his father's LeCoultre watch has lost the back and watch repair people in his area can't fix it. Is there a watchmaker who has parts for a watch Model 481 automatic? It needs cleaning and lubrication also. Call him at (610) 827-7561.

**QUESTION** — Levi Taylor, Meshoppen, wants to know what breed of swans will keep wild geese from overtaking their pond.

**QUESTION** — A reader from Quarryville would like books written by Theodore Epp. If you have extra copies, answer through this column.

**QUESTION** — A reader writes that the neighbor's cat claims the flower bed at their front entrance as its own. How do you get rid of the strong urine odor or discourage the cat from claiming this territory?

**QUESTION** — Leona Belles, R.1, Box 20, Orangeville, is looking for a hard cover Betty Crocker picture cookbook, second edition 1956.

**QUESTION** — M. Hoover, New Holland, would like a mail order source to purchase music boxes to place inside teddy bears. The box will be placed in the body part and the switch in the arm.

**QUESTION** — Mary Leiber of Dalton asks a question often answered in this column: How can she get rid of scum or algae on a pond. At one time it was a cow pond. Now it's been dug out more and seeded around the edges. The Leibers have tried copper-sulfate, aqua shade, and 5-10-10 fertilizer without results. According to the oft-time discussions in this column, barley straw seems to be one of the easiest and most effective solutions. However, as I recall, it must be used in early spring. What is most effective at this time of the year?

**QUESTION** — Jim from Perkasio wants to know where to have a spoked rim from a John Deere trailer plow fixed or where he can find a used one.

**QUESTION** — E.J. Beaver, Ringtown, bought a drill press at a auction. The item looks like a two-person press. It is about 42½-inches long with a wheel on top that measures 15½-inches in diameter. It has a smaller wheel below it. On the side it has stamped Boynton & Plummer makers Worcester, Mass. Patented Feb. 4, 1873.

It is very heavy weighing about 100 pounds. Does anyone know anything about it or the company? Any source such as a person, book, or website that could offer information about the press?

**QUESTION** — Dixie Fix, 5847 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Harrisonville, PA 17228, recently acquired a Singer treadle sewing machine 128-3. It has a long bobbin and she would like to know if any readers would sell her long bobbins.

**QUESTION** — A reader writes that after seeing a sandstone water trough sold at a farm sale, she has some questions: Is sandstone still mined? Do people still buy and sell sandstones and are they used for anything in particular?

**QUESTION** — John Zehner farms in Somerset County. He previously purchased a Perma-Flex leg band, but can no longer find them in locally, or advertised in farm magazines and catalogs. Perma-Flex is similar to other bands but has a black band over the end to hold in place.

**QUESTION** — J. Melvin Koser, Narvon, would like to know where to find The Lennon Sisters Paper Dolls, made in the 1960s.

**QUESTION** — Geneveile Reese, Newburg, wants to know how to rid infested antique furniture of post-hole beetles or worms.

**QUESTION** — J. Freed writes that he has a professional quality Singer treadle sewing machine complete in its cabinet and wrought iron stand. It belonged to his grandfather who earned his living as a professional tailor. J. Freed also learned to sew on it and used it until about six years ago. Although the cabinet is not as ornate as some home models that were manufactured, it is heavier and more a more durable machine made for commercial use. He would like to sell it to someone who will use it for sewing and not as a lawn ornament or a fish tank stand. Send an offer to J. Freed, P.O. Box 224, Wallingford, PA.

**QUESTION** — Violet Cassner, Newburg, would like information on how tomatoes are grown in water.

**QUESTION** — Karen Kinnane is trying to complete a set of annual Ball Blue Books (for canning) which are put out every year by the company that makes canning jars. She needs every book from 1968 back to the beginning except 1960, 1947, 1943, 1941, and 1934. She has extra 1947 and 1960 books to trade or will pay for books plus shipping. Books must be in good condition, although she doesn't mind a few spatters from a long ago canning session. Send list of what you have to Karen Kinnane, Box 212, Shartlesville, PA 19554 or call (610) 488-7792. If anyone knows of a used bookstore that has them, let her know.

**QUESTION** — Karen Weiler, Ephrata, would like information on the value of the following clear glass jars and how to locate a person interested in buying them: A bottle with an orange logo "Hires," made with Roots, barks, herbs. 1 Pt. 10 Fl. Oz. On the back, it reads Finer Flavor because of real Root Juices bottled under the authority of Charles E. Hires Co. Philadelphia, PA.

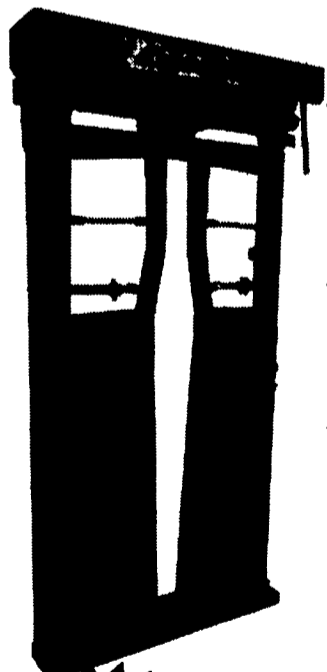
Another jar has a red and green logo Wyandotte Antibac-bactericide-Germicide-Disinfectant-Deodorant. Wyandotte Chemicals Corp. Wyandotte Mich. Los Vietas. On the back, it reads made to clean dairy beverage-food processing equipment. dairy farm holding tanks, rails, strainers, milking equipment. It also has a lot more information on the jar.

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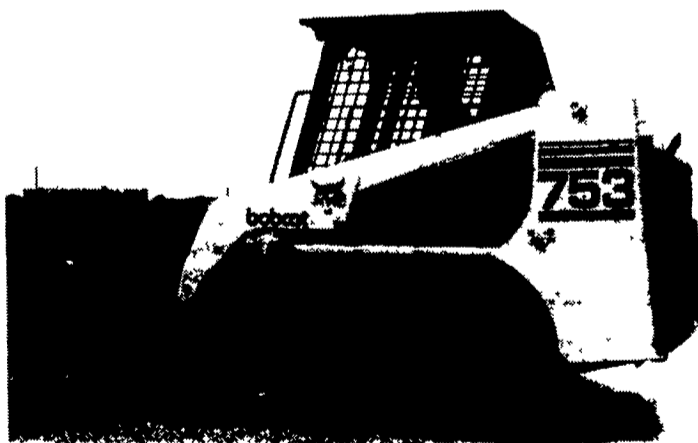
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