

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 — A reader inherited a "cigar silk throw pillow" made with horse or pig hair. The pillow was sewn by "Nannie's older sister" using her husband's favorite brands: Vesper, Cinco, Oxus, Opera, Soboroso, American Pearl. She wants information anyone may have about cigar silks.

QUESTION — Thomas Hicswa writes that in his barn, he has two wicker containers shaped like coffins with brass tags that read "manufactured by Frigid Fluid Co., Chicago, IL. One container is about 4-feet long and the other is about 6-feet long. Hicswa would like to know what these wicker containers are called, the approximate date when used, and if they have any value.

QUESTION — Janet Lawton, Wellsboro, is searching for the address and phone number for Tom Schell, who wrote "An Introduction to the Dried Floral and Woody Ornamental Business." She believes Schell lives in Illinois or Indiana.

QUESTION — Mabel Harnish, Willow Street, would like the words to the poem "Rip Van Winkle."

QUESTION — Karen Wampole, Perkasio, wants to know where in the Lancaster County area are cribs and changing tables handcrafted?

QUESTION — A Hamburg reader asks why people are buying generators to use for home electric. Is the electric company going to turn off the electric whenever they want to get higher prices or will it be another man-made crisis like the gasoline shortage in the late '70s? He wants to hear comments and reasoning behind the action.

QUESTION — Wilmer and Luella Reiff, Ephrata, are searching for an old book, possibly titled "Golden Rock" or "Black Rock." They do not know the author's name, but the book is about Indians, a man called Black Sam, a boy called Dick and their horse Screamer. They want to buy the book even if it is in poor condition. Write to the Reiffs at 200 Sheaffer's School Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522.

QUESTION — Amos S. Fisher, Box 342, R.3, Mill Hall, PA 17601, wants to buy gold leaf glass tumblers that are frosted with a gold rim and 5½ -inches tall.

QUESTION — Scott Strosnider of Stephens City, Va. would like a wholesale source to purchase marbles by 50-pound lots. He also wants a supplier for cast iron bells and doorstops to sell at his shop. Call (540) 868-1323 and leave a message.

QUESTION — A Union County reader is interested in starting a goat dairy. Can anyone provide information or equipment? Marketing and cheese-making information? Government regulations? Is there a company that buys goat milk?

QUESTION — Ruth Zimmerman, 225 Conestoga Rd., New Holland, PA 17557-9777, would like to buy a good used or new 4 or 5 thread serger sewing machine.

QUESTION — Lizzie Ann, Honey Brook, wants to know if it's possible to find little girl bobby pins. Previously, she could find them in three sizes. The size she wants is a little longer than 1½ -inches. She does have a size that is 1¼ -inch inch in length but that is too small for her use.

QUESTION — To trace her roots, Naomi Goche-
naur, Willow Street, is looking for a book "Eberly
Family History 1700-1974." Call her at (717)
464-4369.

QUESTION — Walter Zimmerman, 245 Cabin
Road, Ephrata, is interested in a 1006 Bernina sew-
ing machine or any sewing machien that includes an
overlock.

QUESTION — A reader wants the words to the
poem "A City," which includes the lines: A city that is
set on a hill. A city where there is no night. . .

QUESTION — Bruce Wise, Middletown, wanted
information and the value of a wooden airplane prop-
eller: Sensenich, 84-inches long, one end damaged.
Serial #64583 H.P. 185, 3-inch hole RPM 2550.

QUESTION — A reader wants exact directions to
make sachet mixes from dried flowers, pine cones,
etc.

QUESTION — Sharyn Ziegler-Maier, York, writes
that she purchased two blacksmith prints and one mill
print by artist Paul Dettelsen. She would like any type
of information a reader has about this artist.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to
find replacement paddles for a 2-quart Sears and
Roebuck ice cream freezer, Model No: 238 1968.

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

QUESTION — Mary Leiber of Dalton asks a ques-
tion 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 off-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 — 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 Sin-
ger treadle sewing machine 128-3. It has a long bob-
bin 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 adver-
tized 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. Freed writes that he has a pro-
fessional 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
cabinete 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 — 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 bettes or worms.

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

QUESTION — Karen Kinnane is trying to com-
plete 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 any-
one knows of a used bookstore that has them, let her
know.

QUESTION — Daniel Armbrustey, 112 W. 33rd.
St., Reading, PA 19606, wants parts for a Diston
D0101 chain saw, piston, fuel meter, fuel pump, fuel
system, and also Stanley electric tool parts, router
H13B-8B base plates, depth adjustment belt sanders
.02-31 3x23¼ -inch pinion gears, James Slugger, 100
Mag drill, gears, output shaft, skill parts, Model 13
sander polisher, armature shaft gear nut, output shaft
end bells, and output gears of shaft.

QUESTION — Esther Martin, Latham, wants one
or two copies "The Backward Picnic," and "The Ging-
ham Girls," which were printed by Golden Books in
the mid to late 1970s. Books should be in good condi-
tion. Write to Esther at 39437 Excelsior Dr., Latham,
MO 65050.

QUESTION — A Snyder County reader would like
to know if anyone has Hassinger Dairy milk bottles
from Middleburg. Wants, quarts, pints, half pints, and
bottle caps. Write to R.2, Box 828, Port Trevorton, PA
17864.

QUESTION — Christine Brubaker, Womelsodorf,
would like to know where to find American Plastic
Building bricks. She had these as a child and now
wishes to have some for her children.

QUESTION — Debrah Giambalvo would like to
purchase a machine made by Colebrookdale Co.,
Boyertown. Her mother-in-law uses it as a cookie
machine and has had the machine for more than 40
years. Dough is added to the machine and cranked
through one of three cut-outs on its removable blade.
It also has a tip that looks somewhat like those used
to decorate cakes and one that has many small holes
as if to make spaghetti. It looks somewhat like the old
meat and nut grinders. The machine has a Pennsyl-
vania keystone logo on it with a "50" in the center.

QUESTION — Ralph Glass, Roaring Spring,
needs an operator's manual for a Miller transport
disc, model #2HK-5201.

QUESTION — A reader from Annville wants
paperback books from the White Indian Series by
Donald Clayton Porter. There are 30 books in the set,
the reader needs from 21-30 in the series.

QUESTION — Jim McKelvey, Slatington, would
like to find a place to purchase oil of Citronella at a
reasonable price. He uses it to make a flyspray to pro-
tect his horse. Be can buy the citronella at drugstores
and health food stores but it is pharmacy grade and
expensive. He prefers commercial grade if available

QUESTION — Lois K. Martin, Bridgewater, VA,
wants to purchase the following books written by
Anne Colver: "Bread and Butter Indian," "Bread and
Butter Journey." She would also like the book, "Lucin-
da," written by Vesta-Nadine Severs.

QUESTION — Suzy Almony wants a set of red and
white "Currier and Ives" plates made in the U.S.A. by
Homer Laughlin.

QUESTION — Karen Mull, Elizabethtown, would
like to know where to purchase an agitator for an
electric butter churn manufactured by Alabama Man-
ufacturing Co. The agitator is plastic. The motor sets
on top of a barrel shaped 3-gallon jar. The agitator fits
on the lid inside the jar. The company must have
gone out of business because letters addressed to
the address on the motor are returned. Anyone know
where to find an agitator?