

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 — Jacob Harnish, Willow Street, wants to know how to get rid of crickets in the house. Do crickets chew on carpet, wood, or clothing?

QUESTION — Austin Knowles, Auburn, writes that he lives in an old log house that is mostly surrounded by wooded area. He knows how to deal with most problems from nature, but is baffled by the daddy long leg spider problem. How do you discourage or eliminate these critters?

QUESTION — Pat Elligson, Millers, Md., writes that she has a genuine native deerskin jacket that she wants to clean herself since professional cleaning is ultra expensive. The deerskin finish is a firm and smooth, not a furry suede. There are dark soiled areas on the elbows and cuff edges. Does anyone have any experience with cleaning deerskin.

QUESTION — H. Stauffer, 27990 Point Lookout Rd., Loveville, MD 20656-0115, would like to buy Madonna Lily bulbs. He will pay shipping.

QUESTION — Mahlon Horning, 1694 Turkey Hill Rd., East Earl, PA 17519, wants copies of Lancaster Baers Almanacs, years 1990-1993 to fill out a 100-year collection.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer, Airville, wants to know what types of fruit trees will produce the best fruit when planted in clay soil partially shaded beneath old oak trees.

QUESTION — A reader from Ephrata wants to know where to purchase rubber or plastic ends for croquet mallets. She has two good sets but the plastic ends are broken.

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 — 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 — Dorothy Starr, 480 Stover Shop Rd., Churchville, Va. 24421, would like to buy milk bottles of all sizes from Indian Run Dairy and from Fishers Golden Guernsey Dairy of Danville.

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, "Lucinda," 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 Manufacturing 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?

QUESTION — Tom Salvadore, Newtown, wants to know where to purchase wood chisel handles for Stanley Wood Chisels #750 for several sizes ranging from ½ - to 1½ -inches.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer, Airville, would like to know the chemical recipe for the solution in which apples were dipped prior to cold storage over the winter. What else can be done to improve the texture of York Imperial apples stored at 32 degrees?

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?

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