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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.

Or, you may e-mail questions and answers to lgood.eph@lnpnews.com

Please clarify what question you are answering when responding.

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 — Evelyn Reinfeld, Halifax, would like to know what causes rhubarb to grow into seed. She put plants out two years ago and last year, they turned into seed pods. Any information would be beneficial.

QUESTION — Ada B. Zook, Quarryville, wants the book "Shoofly Girl," by Lois Lensky. Ada would also like the words to the song "Git Along Little Doggie."

QUESTION — E. Sheetz, Fleetwood, wants to know how to repair a burn mark on a leather table top or the name of a professional service that can fix it.

QUESTION — C. Grodman, New Hampton, N.Y., wants to know of organizations that donate flower bulbs or cuttings of outdoor plants that will be used to make a community garden at a senior citizen's center.

QUESTION — Mark Byers, 68 Church St., Apt. 2, Spring City, PA 19475-1816, wants to know where to find a trailer wheel stud for the axle of an old camper trailer. The stud is 1/2-inch corase with reverse thread.

QUESTION — M. Ritzman, P.O. Box 233, McAlisterville, PA 17049-0233, has misplaced her instruction booklet for an Elna sewing machine model 390B, purchased about 1976. Could someone send her a copy, she will pay the costs.

QUESTION — Doris Stahl wants the words to the nursery rhyme, "Come Into my Parlor Said the Spider to the Fly," and to the song, "Don't Go Out in the Woods Tonight."

QUESTION — George Wojnar, Cream Ridge, NJ, is desperately searching for Ramapo tomato seeds. Anyone able to help?

QUESTION — Brenda Kensinger, Martinsburg, wants to know where purchase macadamia nuts in the area of Martinsburg, Pa.

QUESTION — Horst Schaper, Moosup, CT., owns a horsedrawn machine gun cart model 1917, which needs some tender, loving care. Does anyone know of some books or pictures that would help him know how to repair the cart?

QUESTION M. High wants to know if there's anything that will remove black spots off an iron spatula, which accidentally burned in a trash fire. The spatula was her mother's wedding present.

QUESTION — Annie Kauffman is looking for someone who has a set of Uncle Arthur Bible Story books to sell. The books should be in good used condition and be reasonably priced. Write to Annie at 1624 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344.

QUESTION — David Rutledge, Jarrettsville, MD 21084, is trying to find parts for a Jacobsen chief lawn and garden tractor or an old one that he could salvage for parts.

QUESTION — K.K. writes that when she was a child, her grandmother Emily Sauerland Duvalois made the most wonderful marbled Easter eggs using regular tablets of egg coloring from a box and salad oil. The eggs were works of art and the one she remembers best was marbled predominately green with red, white, and yellow splashes. Can a reader send directions for du-

plicating marbled eggs?

QUESTION — Nancy Landes, R.1, Box 286, Montrose, PA 18801 is looking for someone who can make a braided rug using four strands of material and a crochet hook.

QUESTION — Robin Baummer needs someone to repair a braided rug with a 10x10-inch section missing. She prefers someone from the York or Adams County area.

QUESTION — Harold Wolf, New Cumberland, wants the music to "The Wild Colonial Boy." However, he did not include his complete address.

QUESTION — G. Switzer wants a source for old-fashioned baby food jars with real glass threads on the jar and matching metal threads on the lids.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a store that sells Hi-Yield products, hopefully in the Lebanon County area. They need them for this year's growing season.

QUESTION — A faithful reader wants to know if someone knows about a polish for laminated tables that produces a real good shine.

QUESTION — G. Switzer wants to know what chemicals to use for treating wood damaged/infested by Eastern Subterranean Termites. Also, what chemicals are used outside the house and where can they be purchased?

QUESTION — Alice Faust from Kutztown is looking for an old barn beam loom. Does anyone know where to find one or have one to buy? If so, please contact her at (610) 756-6488.

QUESTION — Anna Byler is looking for a small children's book about kangaroos. The mother sings to her baby: "Sleep, Joey mine, cuddle close up to me." Anna wants to buy a copy of the book or at least have the words. Write to her at 92 Sunnyhill Lane, Belleville, PA 17004.

QUESTION — Frank Totten needs an operation's manual for a Favorite Incubator built by Leahy Manufacturing Co., Higginsville, MS. No model number is listed and the company is out of business. Could someone help him locate a manual, a copy of one, or a possible source for obtaining one.

QUESTION — Anna Byler, 92 Sunnyhill Lane, Belleville, PA 17004, is looking for a Roko vegetable shredder from Boerner Inc. She had an orange plastic one with metal shredders, which shreds rather than grates.

QUESTION — A Pennsylvania reader wants the words to the poem "When the Honeymoon in the Barn is Over."

QUESTION — A reader wants to buy a tent shaped like a teepee. Call (717) 336-7949.

QUESTION — A while ago this column included the name and location of a bike shop that buys used bicycles in good condition. Does anyone have that information for a reader who misplaced the information?

QUESTION — Mabel Nolt, East Earl, has a National Pressure Cooker, no. 7, for quart cans. She needs the black knob to close the pressure. She has the pressure regulator, but she needs the black wing nut that screws in.

QUESTION Mrs. Horst would like an address to send for music boxes that attach to a crib mobile and make the mobile go around. Could someone help her?

QUESTION — Rosalyn Miller is looking for the book called "Stocking Up." It was by the editors of Organic Gardening and Farming. The book was edited by Carol Hopping Stoner. It is a thick book with 532 pages. She asks that all replies are sent to her at HC62, Box 660, Honesdale, PA 18431.

QUESTION — Robert Finke, Seven Valleys, would like to know if anyone has a fig tree of the bronze skin variety that is mature enough to bear fruit this year.

QUESTION — Maureen Smith, Egg Harbor City, N.J., wants to know the best way to clean marble. She has an antique marble mantel that has some spots that she wants to remove.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know if Lawrence Organ Mfg. Co. from Easton is still in business. Or, is anyone interested in a 1918 organ in working condition and original finish. Anyone know what it is worth?

QUESTION — A Schuylkill County reader wants to know where to find instructions on making baskets from birch bark.

QUESTION — E. Rantonizy, Glassport, wants

to know how to eliminate wild chrysanthemums from gardens and lawns.

QUESTION — Ralph Nissley wants to know where to get an Uncle Wiggly game.

ANSWER — Eugene VanHorn, R.4, Box 188, Middleburg, PA 17842, wanted to know who to contact for information concerning an article about "Rockaway" attachment for a skid loader. Nissley thanks readers for sending the article, "Soil Preparation Device is Versatile," from Johnstown, Cambria County.

ANSWER — A reader from Annville wanted to know where to purchase a sundial or directions for making one. Thanks to Mahlon Horning, East Earl, who writes an ornamental sundial can be purchased from J.B. Zimmerman Hardware, Blue Ball. Phone (717) 354-4955. However, if you expect it to be accurate, it should be built for your exact latitude; also for sun time, not standard time. You need a chart to convert the reading. M.H. said he will be happy to discuss this by phone. Call him at (717) 445-5911.

ANSWER — A Muncy reader wrote that in an old Bible with the marriage listing of John Lehman and Esther Rohrer, Nov. 14, 1837, he found a 1906 tax receipt made out to Henry Knause by C.S. Miller tax collector for Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County. The reader wanted to know if the tax receipt has any value and who would want to buy something like that. Thanks to Richard Knouse, Liverpool, for writing that he does not know if the receipt has monetary value, but he has information on the family descendants of Henry. If no one wants to buy it, Knouse would like to place the receipt with other information he has on the family. Knause was born in 2/4/1867 in Upper Milford Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was a coach maker and married Alice Diefenderfer. In 1893, they moved to Emaus and opened a store. In 1908, he built a new store and dwelling. He was also director of Emaus National Bank. They had two children, Vermont and Roy Aldon.

ANSWER — Gladys Stephens wants to thank the many readers who sent calendars, postcards, pencils, vehicle license plates, and odds and ends that kids enjoy. The response was overwhelming and the outpouring of love for these children from so many is unbelievable. She appreciates all the efforts.

ANSWER — Miriam Kessler wanted someone who collects old greeting cards and cancelled stamps to use in projects for nursing homes, schools, scouts or 4-H. Thanks to Ada Zook, who writes that her aunt collects them for a needy lady who can exchange them for food. Send to Ada B. Zook, 8 Green Tree Rd., Quarryville, PA 17566.

ANSWER — Robert Fleckenstein of Bob's Radiator Repair wanted a ceramic soap dish for a tile wall. Thanks to Pat Sweetman for recommending a source: Architectural Warehouse, York.

ANSWER — A reader wanted to know how to get rid of silver fish that have invaded a reader's whole house including closets and drawers? Thanks to Pat Sweetman for writing that silver fish can be eliminated without chemicals by using the herb patchouli. Silver fish, she writes, hate the smell of patchouli, which can be put into potpourri packets and placed in strategic places.

ANSWER — Miriam Kessler wanted to know the process for making fragrant and essential oils for potpourri using fresh flowers such as roses, lavenders, and fruit rinds. Pat Sweetman, Stone Haus Herbs, writes that she seriously doubts that fragrant and essential oils can be created at home without expensive equipment. Fragrance oils are chemically created to smell like fruits or flowers or a combination. They do not hold their scent as long as essential oils, which are very concentrated oils pressed from plants and flowers. Sweetman writes that the only essential oil that is not pressed is lavender oil, which is created by combining water and lavender flowers, distilling the flowers and collecting the oil floating on the top of the distilled water. Pat doubts if Ms. Kessler grows enough flowers required for this method. Pat recommends growing Provence or Grosso. Although the flowers do not dry as pretty as lavenders, the oil content is very good.

For personal scented oil to use on skin, infuse highly scented flower petals in almond or jojoba oil. This method is not as concentrated enough for potpourri use as it would create a sticky mess to attain the aromatic scent.

ANSWER — A South Carolina reader writes that she has the book "Aunt Nan and the Miller Five," which had been requested. Call her at (803) 564-5775.