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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** — Robert Shaub, 350 W. Railroad Ave., Shrewsbury, PA 17361, needs a top to an old parlor organ, style 100, which was manufactured in York by the Everhart Organ and Piano Co. The organ was purchased by Shaub's grandfather in 1906 for \$60 on a note payable in two years at no interest. After being around the country for 94 years, the top was lost, but the bottom part is back in the family. Shaub would like to restore it with a top to match the original one.

**QUESTION** — Samuel Skokut, Ruffs Dale, writes that an article stated that red clover tea can boost immunity and ward off hay fever attacks. He wants to know if he can make his own tea by clipping the red clover from the stems, drying it, and boiling in water.

**QUESTION** — Mike Kramer, Quakertown, needs parts for a Van Wert model VA1500 coal stoker. The company was from Peckville, and he understands it went out of business in the late 1900s. Does anyone know a source for parts or if the company's parts stock was bought by another company?

**QUESTION** — Rebecca Kreider, 821 Airport Rd., Bethel, PA 19507, has old calendars with photographs from the early 1900s advertising several businesses in the Ephrata and Lancaster areas. Write to her if interested in purchasing the calendars and if you know how to determine the calendars' worth.

**QUESTION** — Naomi Blank, Kinzers, would like to know how to care for cyclamen. She received one for Christmas and would like to know how to have it bloom again next year.

**QUESTION** — Lena Oberholtzer, Leola, wants to know where to get a rubber seal for a No. 7 National pressure cooker. The company had been located in Eau Claire, Wis.

**QUESTION** — Mrs. Robert Lowe, Shermans Dale, wants the music and words to the song: "Eleven more months and 10 more days, I'll be out of this calaboose." She writes that this is a very old song that an older gentleman used to sing.

**QUESTION** — Jonas Beiler Jr., New Holland, would like information on raising nightcrawlers for fishing bait.

**QUESTION** — A Gordonville reader is looking for a timecard clock that runs off a 12-volt battery or electric. Send information to Elmer Ebersol, Colonial Rd. Woodworks, 139-A Colonial Rd., Gordonville, PA 17529.

**QUESTION** — Robert Fleckenstein, Woodstown, N.J., would like to know where to buy a Time magazine dated May 15, 1950.

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to find a copy of Larry Benoit's book, "How To Bag The Biggest Buck of Your Life." He also would like to find wooden molding planes made by E.W. Carpenter, Lancaster.

**QUESTION** — Mrs. John David Zimmerman, East Earl, wants to know if someone has a Model 47 Royal sweeper or Tristar they wish to sell.

**QUESTION** — Elam Lapp, Brookside Bookstore, wants to know if anyone has Valentine cards from the early 1900s.

**QUESTION** — Sylvan Ressler, Bart, wants to know where to find a small blue, softcover men's quartet book called "Vaughn's Sons for Men." He also would like to find 78 LP records by the Kings Herald Quartet, The Good News Gospel Singers (a Brethren mixed chorus from York County), and a record of a Brethren men's quartet also from York that included the song, "Stilling the Tempest."

**QUESTION** — Tom Hill, Boyertown, wants to know where to buy an air alarm, used at some gas stations to signal the attendant when a car pulls up to the pumps.

**QUESTION** — Stan Szczepanek, Boyertown, wants information about brooding chickens using a coal-fired brooder. He wants to know what time of the year to do this, how often the fire needs to be fed, etc. He's also looking for a pamphlet describing the use of a Eureka Colony Brooder.

**QUESTION** — Merryleigh Berger wants to propagate some roses from her mother's rosebush before the homestead is sold. She tried grafting and the glass jar method over clipings in the fall, but has not been successful. Any help someone could give her would be appreciated.

**QUESTION** — Linda Boyer is an organic produce farmer in Lancaster County, and writes, "sometimes I feel like we are all alone out here." She would like to hear from other organic farmers from Lancaster and surrounding counties. Send correspondence to 505 Lambert Rd., Narvon, PA 17555.

**QUESTION** — Audrey Lohr, R.1, Box 153, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666-9706 has a calendar collection that she will give to the person who, several months ago, had requested calendars for school projects. Contact her to make arrangements for delivery.

**QUESTION** — A Shippensburg reader wants a pattern and instructions to sew a winter hooded parka in either men's small or ladies' medium.

**QUESTION** — Mary Stoltzfus, Kirkwood, is in need of used greeting cards (all-occasion). Send to her at 331 Bartville Rd., Kirkwood, PA 17536.

**QUESTION** — Mrs. J. Burkholder is looking for a reasonably priced Big Oskar (Sunbeam) food processor in like-new condition. Call her at (717) 694-3796.

**QUESTION** — Michael Hopkins Jr. would like to know where he could purchase styrofoam egg cartons in jumbo and super jumbo sizes. He prefers a Pennsylvania source.

**QUESTION** — Charlotte Lippincott, Pilesgrove, N.J., would like to know how to start Royal Paulowina trees with purple flowers. She picked up some seed pods last winter. Inside are two large seeds and a lot of little seeds like fuzzes in each pod. She would like to start some trees. What should she do?

**QUESTION** — Dale Burkhart is looking for a lard can lid with the printing: Henry Burkhart Packing Co. Pure Lard 50 lb. Dayton, Ohio. Anyone have one they'd like to sell?

**QUESTION** — Susan Lingeris wants information on hatching and raising all types of poultry. She and her husband also want a used brooder for sale that is in good shape. They also would like to purchase some fertile eggs in order to incubate eggs on a small scale. Write to the Lingeris at 2 Fats Hollow Rd., Galeton, PA 16922.

**QUESTION** — Susan High recalls reading an article that appeared in this paper about a year ago regarding the history of Hershey Farms and Hershey chocolate. The article mentioned a contact person for anyone who had information concerning Hershey Farms or Hershey Chocolate. She wants the name and address. Does anyone know to which article she is referring? If so, please send the information requested.

**QUESTION** — A Schuylkill County reader wants to know if anyone knows the value of an antique dress form from the early 1900s. It is a press-and-shape to the form you want to fit. Any idea of a fair price?

**QUESTION** — J. Wenger wants to purchase the following three books, but he sent no address. The books are "More All-Of-A-Kind Family" and "All-Of-A-Kind Family Uptown" by Syd-

ney Taylor; and "The Four-Story Mistake" by Elizabeth Enright.

**QUESTION** — Stephen A. Lapp, 69 Long Lane, Kirkwood, wants to know how to dehull oats and spelts. He has a mill to crimp them for oatmeal but doesn't know how to get rid of the hulls.

**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** — Doris Stahl wants the words to the song, "Don't Go Out in the Woods Tonight."

**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** — 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** — 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** — G. Sweitzer 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?

**ANSWER** — A Schuylkill County reader wanted to know where to find a heavy duty, air-tire tricycle. Thanks to a Cumberland County reader who writes that the tricycles are available from Paul B. Zimmerman, Inc., 50 Woodcorner Rd., Lititz, PA 17543.

Another writer wrote that the tricycles are available from L. Eugene Wenger near Ephrata, call (717) 733-8658; Weaver's Store, Fivepointville, (717) 445-6791; and Wenger's Discount Grocery, Mifflinburg, (570) 966-5084.

**ANSWER** — A man from Lititz wanted to know of a person who could knit a sweater for him. Thanks to a reader for suggesting he contact West Earl Woolen Mill, 130 Cocalico Creek Rd., Ephrata. They make and sell knitted woolen sweaters that do not become fuzzy and balled.

**ANSWER** — Horst Schaper, Moosup, Ct., has a horsedrawn machine gun cart model 1917, which needs some tender, loving care. He wanted to know of sources that would help him know how to repair the cart? Thanks to Vic Fiori, Morrisville, former Pa. National Guard Armorer, for writing that the latest issue of "Small Arms Review" magazine features a very informative article on 1917 machine gun carts. Contact Small Arms Review, published by Moose Lake Publishing, 223 Sugar Hill Rd., Harmony, ME 04942.

Fiori also writes that he believes the cart was designed to be pulled by soldiers, and had extra storage room for wooden ammunition boxes and accouterments. For more information, send a photo or contact Springfield Armory National Historic site in Springfield, Mass.

**ANSWER** — Brenda Kensinger, Martinsburg, wants to know where purchase macadamia nuts in the area of Martinsburg, Pa. Thanks to Dorothy LeGeyt, East Hartland, Conn., for writing that the nuts are available mail order from Walnut Acres Organic Farms in Penns Creek, PA 17862-0800. She has always found the company's products to be wholesome. However, do not store nutmeats without refrigeration, especially in the summertime.

**ANSWER** — A. H. requested instructions for success in growing melons, cantaloupes, zucchini, and other vine crops. In the past, healthy-looking plants with fruit suddenly wilted in the center and died off. Thanks to Karen Kinnaine for writing that these plants are often attacked by squash borers that eat into the parts of the vine that touch the ground near the roots. Dust the bottoms of plants, especially underneath with a powdered insect repellent available from a garden supply store. Kinnaine recommends a pyrethrum-based dust, which is environmentally better than others. She also recommends reading the article about vine plants published in the June 3 issue of this paper on page B7.