

You Ask We 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.

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 — Thomas Stackhouse, Severn, Md., wants the name of a person or business that deals in antique cookstoves and parlor heaters. He also wants to know where to have items nickel plated in the Pennsylvania and Maryland area.

QUESTION — Garth Horlacher, Drums, wants to know where to find replacement parts for long wooden handled farm tools such as a three-prong hay fork and walk behind plows and cultivators. He also needs wood parts to repair a cradle-type scythe.

QUESTION — Anna Bryan, Oxford, N.J., wants to know where to find four No. 12 two-pointed knitting needles to knit socks. She was told no one knits socks anymore. Can anyone offer ideas or another way to knit the socks without using four two-pointed needles?

QUESTION — Raymond Fisher, 531 Millheim Narrows, Rebersburg, PA 16872, needs a coarse cutting plate for a New Triumph meat grinder. Plate size is 1/4x3-inches.

QUESTION A Manheim reader needs a lid to the large green Tupperware canister set. Will buy the whole set of just the large green lid. Call (717) 665-4198.

QUESTION — L. Fisher, 7622 N. Moscow Rd., Parkesburg, PA 19365 wants to buy a copy of National Geographic Aug. 1965.

QUESTION — Jake Derstine, Mapleton Depot, wants to purchase a used tabletop cream separator in good working condition for a reasonable price. It can be either a manual or electric model.

QUESTION — If anyone is interested getting together with a group of people to share information on loom weaving, knitting, and quilting, send your name and address to Lisa Weaver, 529 W. Siddonsburg Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019.

QUESTION — Kenton Lavy, Arcanum, Ohio, would like to purchase an out-of-print book, "Plow Peddler," by Walt Buescher. The book includes stories by Walt when he worked for Allis-Chalmers Corp. Call Lavy at (937) 692-8215.

QUESTION — Roberta Goldsbough, York, is looking for an old type of mountain pie maker used in camping. The type wanted is round and the pies look tier shaped when cooked, not the smooth round ones. Call her at (717) 755-8865.

QUESTION — Roberta Goldsbough, York, has old Golden books to sell. Call (717) 755-8865.

QUESTION — A reader wants a set of Flexi blocks to complete a set for her son. The blocks are similar to Lego bricks. Call (717) 656-8549.

QUESTION — Gregory Badger, 3835 Hallam

Ave. Collegeville, PA, wants to buy a large size T-shirt with the graphics and cartoons depicting River Rats, a good-natured group of people who enjoy water sports in the Harrisburg area. He writes that the shirts are colorful and fun to look at.

QUESTION — A Kutztown reader wants to buy a good gas tank for a 1969 VW Camper bus. Contact Tim Cherrington, 5 Deer Run Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530.

QUESTION — Mary Ann Martin, Denver, writes that a school needs 12 copies of "New Songs of Inspiration," Vol. 11 Song Books. The book is deep red with gold lettering.

QUESTION — Mrs. Amos S. Kauffman wants to know if anyone has the pattern "Abundance" in Correlle dishes to sell. She would like to have four to eight cups and saucers plus some other pieces. Contact her at 1860 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344.

QUESTION — Cathy Strine, Dover, wants information and history on a Cambridge 4-harness loom made by Reed Loom Co., Springfield, Ohio. When the loom was purchased, it was not fully assembled.

QUESTION — A reader would like to buy used 2-quart canning jars. Call (717) 859-2802.

QUESTION — Art Burt wants a manual for a Mighty Mac tiller with a 7 horsepower engine.

QUESTION — Diane Morris wants to know if anyone has a quern or a hand-powered corn mill. Please call her at (610) 498-2271.

QUESTION — Bruce Middlekauff, Bel Aire, Md., is looking for a 1920s' or 1930s' cast iron bird bath approximately 3 or 5 feet in diameter. Bruce is willing to pay a good price. Call him collect at (410) 879-8039.

QUESTION — A lady from Blain would like to know where she could buy a pulpit Bible cover 10x13x3-inch.

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

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

QUESTION — I. 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 Sydney Taylor; and "The Four-Story Mistake" by Elizabeth Enright.

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 — 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 — 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 — 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 reader wrote that she and many other seamstresses often have difficulty discerning the right and wrong sides of fabric. She wanted to know if the holes along the edge of the fabric are punched from the right or wrong side or if that varies and is not a clear indicator. An anonymous reader wrote that she was told the fabric on the bolt is folded with the right side inside for protection. If you buy fabric by the yard, it is usually easy to see which way the fabric was folded on the bolt.

ANSWER — Ruth Novinger, Millersburg, has been searching for lids to fit pickle jars purchased at grocery stores. Thanks to L. Reichert, New Park, and Fred Appel, Paradise, for writing the the lids can be purchased from Singing Spring Foods, 810 Vintage Rd., Christiana, PA 17509. The Amish-owned store can be reached by phone (610) 593-6577 between 8-8:30 a.m. only.

ANSWER — Eldon Nash, Mainesburg, has a 3/8-inch drive socket and wrench manufactured by Husky Tools with several broken sockets and rachets that need replacing. George Wojnar, Mufreesboro, N.C.; Alton Graf; Henry Arnold, Dillsburg; Fred Appel, Paradise, and several other people wrote that Home Depot, a chain store, handles Husky Tools and will replace those with a lifetime guarantee.

ANSWER — Ruth Novinger, Millersburg, writes that she has been searching for a metal jar filler that has two strainers and funnel that can be attached and exchanged on the bottom of the filler with a metal screw band. Thanks to Fred Appel, Paradise, for writing that the item can be purchased from Valley Hardware, 958 Vintage Rd., Christiana, PA 17509. Because it is an Amish-owned, you can only reach them by phone (610) 593-7285 between 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

ANSWER — Stan Szczepanek, Boyertown, wanted 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. Thanks to Fred Appel, Paradise, for writing that he has a 180-page book published many years ago by Kasco Mills that is geared toward helping the small poultry grower. For help, call Fred at (717) 442-8160.

ANSWER — Jonas Beiler, New Holland, wanted information on raising night crawlers. Thanks to Deborah Rowland who e-mailed that Beiler should ask for bus bedding at a local sporting goods store. This can be made from pulverized unprinted newsprint, available at most newspaper companies. Run through blender for small quantities. Mix with aged manure. Add good quality worms. It works best to raise earthworms in a 4x4x12-inch box in a basement or cool, moist place. Keep slightly damp. Feed nightly, stale bread spread lightly with peanut butter and lay spread side down on beds, about six pieces per bed.

ANSWER — For Jonathan Esch who needed lamp parts, Deborah Rowland writes parts are available from B&P Lamp Parts, McMinnville, Tenn. Phone (931) 473-3016.

ANSWER — Yvonne Groff, 644 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602, writes that she has a copy of the Lancaster Level Flo Cookbook wanted by Charles Cramer, New Market, Md. It is in excellent condition and she will send it to him for \$10 if he sends his complete address.

ANSWER — Douglas Runkle wanted to know how to get rust off the inside and outside of an iron kettle and keep it off. Thanks to Harry Mullan, Jarrettsville, Md., for e-mailing that the rust can be removed with vinegar, a mild acid. Let the item soak in vinegar a while before rinsing with water.

ANSWER — For the reader who wanted to know how to remove the odor of mothballs from an old trunk, a reader wrote that the odor can be removed by placing a bowl of fresh, dry coffee grounds in the trunk. Close the lid for 2-3 days. She writes this method also works well to remove unwanted odors in cars.