



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 — A reader is looking for a magazine called "Closeout News" or "Closeout Letter." Scott writes that the publication lists odd lot and overrun merchandise available.

QUESTION — D. Weaver, 395 N. Railroad Ave., New Holland, PA 17557, wants to purchase a copy of the Golden Book, "The Huffin Puff Express," copyrighted in 1974.

QUESTION — Lorraine Nash, 192 S. Elk Run Rd., Mainesburg, PA 16932 wants a video on step-by-step instructions on crocheting for beginners.

QUESTION — William Dereaney, 128 Primrose Rd., McDonald, wants to know where he can get waterproof glue that can be used for bee boxes and that withstand weather conditions.

QUESTION — Henry B. Peight, 1953 Marlwood Dr., Somerset, is searching for a book called "A Mother's Legacy," by D.H. Wever.

QUESTION — Holley Moyer, 99 Noll Lane, Fleetwood, PA 19522, would like to know where to purchase a handcrafted Martin birdhouse for her husband in time for Christmas.

QUESTION — A reader wants a used 3 pt. PTO potato digger suitable for using with a 25-30 horsepower tractor or information on a new digger.

QUESTION — Eleanor Heavner, Flintstone, Md., wants to know how to rid an old farmhouse of flies. They covered the house with siding and installed new windows, but continue having a problem with flies.

QUESTION — A Lancaster County resident has a collection of old Ideals publications to sell. Call (717) 336-5696.

QUESTION — M. David Watts, Geigertown, wants to know of a supplier for Revival Hemorrhoid Salve.

QUESTION — Richard A Matz, Galetown, would like to know the recipe for whitewash.

QUESTION — John Beiler, Waveland, Ind., is interested in buying a used manual cream separator in working condition for goat milk.

QUESTION — N.W. Shirk wants to buy a good used or new fuel shut-off valve for a Ford 601 tractor. Regarding an answer, N.W. Shirk should write to 263 Bootjack Road, Narvon, PA 17555. N.W.S. also has a Sauder loader for sale to fit a Ford 601 tractor.

QUESTION — Fred Appel, Paradise, has about 70 paper patterns for dresses (mostly size 12), skirts, slacks, and night wear of the 1950-1970 period. Appel also has about 50 books of crochet patterns. To make an offer, call (717) 442-8160.

QUESTION — Stephen Miller, Honesdale, would like to know where he could purchase the book, "Roughing it in the Bush," by Susannah Moodie, at a reasonable price. Contact him at HC 62 Box 660, Honesdale, PA 18431.

QUESTION — Isaac Stoltzfus would like to

know where to get a copy of the coloring book called "Pennsylvania Deutsch Laese und Coloring Buch." It has a Dutch verse with every page and is very enjoyable for little children. Call (717) 933-5642 or write 751 Kutztown Road, Myerstown, PA 17067.

QUESTION — D. Gardiner, Troy, wants to know where to find parts for Bud-Air Pneumatic Pruning Equipment. Gardiner believes they went out of business at the same time as Friend Manufacturing sold out. They were both based in Pulaski, New York.

QUESTION — Rex Ringo, Nathalie, Va., would like to purchase a book for beginners to buy, raise and sell Black Angus cattle. Anyone have one to recommend?

QUESTION — A reader wants to know if anyone has had experience with operating a Hydra-drill to drill a well. And what were the results.

QUESTION — Kenton Lavy, 7432 DeLisle Fourman Rd., Arcanum, Ohio 45304, wants to know if anyone has a Ridgid Number 35 hex wrench to sell. He has been searching for one for several years and was told they are out of production.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know of a mailorder source for an Irish clothing catalog. Call Mike at (570) 544-6417.

QUESTION — B. Batterson, 416 Short Run Rd., Galeton, PA 16922 wants directions for roping an old rope bed. The pegs are on the top but slanted towards the right direction.

QUESTION — Steve Bucher, Harleysville, wants to hear from anyone who can provide information or literature pertaining to Bearcat garden tractors. Call (215)256-6239.

QUESTION — Helen Kalwasinski, 1479 Munster Rd., Portage, is searching for a small-sized Pitzer stove.

QUESTION — A new reader from Clarks Summit has eight bicycles (one junior and seven adult). She wants to know if there is a bicycle shop nearby that buys used bicycles.

QUESTION — A Williamsport, Md. reader has used postage stamps to sell and some mint sets from 1973-1990. Call (301) 223-9644.

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

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 — 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 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 — 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 — 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.

ANSWER — Kenton Lavy, Arcanum, Ohio, wanted to know where to purchase an out-of-print book, "Plow Peddler," by Walt Buescher. Thanks to Wendy Furie, Frederick, Md., who writes autographed copies of the book are available for \$22 by writing to P.O. Box 829, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868.

ANSWER — Barbara Degraw, Madison, N.J., wanted to know where to find a Squeez-O-Strainer model 400 T50180 manufactured by Bernarducci Brothers. Thanks to Mary Hoover, who writes that she has one that she no longer uses. Write to Mary at 215 N. Groffdale Rd., New Holland, PA 17557.

ANSWER — For the writer who wanted a pattern for a hooded parka, Emma Leid writes that she can help. Write to Emma at 11644 Tanyard Hill Rd., Orrstown, PA 17244.

ANSWER D. Weaver, New Holland, sent in an additional verse in response to the song requested by W.Haagen, Bellefonte, that was printed in last week's issue. The remainder for the song is as follows:

*As the streams of rain pour out of the sky,
And the sparkles of lightening go flashing by,
And the big, big wheels of thunder roll
He can snuggle back into the telephone pole.*

ANSWER — If you wondered what leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and the partridge in the pear tree have to do with Christmas, Richard Herring writes that he found out how the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," became a Christmas carol. According to his research, the song was written with a hidden meaning. I don't know if this is true, but he writes that from 1558-1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During this era, the carol was written as a catechism song for young Catholics. The song has two levels of meaning; the surface meaning, plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word to help children to remember its religious significance. According to the information, the words held the following meaning:

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ; two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments; three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love; four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The five golden rings recalled the law, which are the first five books of the Old Testament; the six geese a-laying stood for six days of creation; and seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit; prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership, and mercy. The eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. The 10 lords a-leaping were the 10 commandments; 11 pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples, and 12 drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.