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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 — Charlie Gallagher wants to know where to get a throat chuck and screw on head for a Toledo Chopper 32 electric meat grinder. The threads on his are worn and keep popping off.

QUESTION — Bill Angert, Manheim, wants a Stanley 77 handcranked dowel and rod turning machine. The hand crank attached to a speed gear, turns a cutter and a round dowel is created as you push a square stick of wood into it. It has 8 or 9 different cutter heads. Call him at (717) 665-5152.

QUESTION — Jean Patches would like information on who designed the Hershey quilt and the story behind the quilt pattern.

QUESTION — Susan Tranchidi writes that they recently moved into a brand new home in New York State and are being overrun by cluster flies and bugs called country roaches, which stink when killed. Please, they need a quick and effective remedy to get rid of the flies and bugs. (Notice the answer for Eleanor Heavner at the end of this article.)

QUESTION — A family wants to buy a used scooter. Write to them at 766 Bartville Rd., Christiana, PA 17509.

QUESTION — A reader wants books on horse training written by "Beery" and in good condition.

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 — 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 — 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 — 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 — A reader wants to know of a mail-order 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 — 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.

ANSWER — D. Gardiner, Troy, wanted 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. Thanks to Bob Snyder, Akron, Ohio, who writes that any company familiar with pneumatic equipment should be able to repair the pruner. If you can't find anyone, call Snyder at (330) 733-7044

FFA Discover *the* Power

Area Leadership Training Conference

Recently, the Lebanon-Schuylkill FFA joined to conduct a leadership training conference at Elco High School.

The Lebanon County Officers started off the evening with ice breaker games that helped members get to know one another better.

The club was honored to have the Pennsylvania State FFA Officers attend the conference. State officers also helped with the icebreakers and provided greetings from the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

After the icebreakers, Javier Moreno, a student from Puerto Rico, spoke about agriculture in Puerto Rico. He inspired members to take part in the FFA, to promote

Ida's Notebook

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Every now and then I find something that I have not seen for years. Maybe it is a piece of jewelry that one of my daughters gave me. Or, maybe it is a book that was a gift some 20 years ago. It does jog my memory to find them.

Since I am good at forgetting who gave some gifts, I try to mark them with a name and date. Too many do not get used and are put in the back of a drawer. The useful gifts are the ones that wear out from usage. As folks get older, their lives become cluttered with an accumulation of items.

Therefore, we are told to give things such as stationery, stamps, and food that will be used. Many knickknacks clutter our houses and must be put away when the grandchildren come to visit.

I have a hand blown paperweight from France, a small crystal ball from New Orleans, and a tiny antique music box that intrigues the children and they cannot leave them alone. The music box has a key to wind it and that especially interests them.

Another thing that is the worse for wear or rather from being upset are my dried arrangements. I grow straw flowers and dry other flowers and make small arrangements. But these bouquets break easily when toppled over by little hands.

Yesterday, a Christmas cactus arrived in the mail for me. You see, as a special birthday gift, my children gave me a floral gift. Each month for a year, another plant arrives. So far I have received a gardenia, a lily, a jasmine, a mum, an amaryllis, and a mini pink rose bush. These are things that I will not forget who gave them to me.

Home Buyers' Guide Available

ITHACA, N.Y. — Buying a home is one of the biggest and most important purchases consumers make. Buyers can reach much better decisions if they have accurate information available to them up-front. A publication from the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service, "Home Buyers' Guide: Financing and Evaluating Prospective Homes," NRAES-50, provides valuable information on each step in the home-buying process.

The 72-page publication covers six major topics: information-gathering, financing, location, floor plans, inspections, and environmental safety. Also included is a home inspection checklist, which neatly summarizes room by room what a buyer should be looking for when inspecting a home. A glossary of home-buying terms is also included, as well as a list of references used in writing the book. The 72-page guide is supplemented by 19 figures and 13 tables.

The guide was written by Phyllis F. Adams, associate professor at the Pennsylvania State University; Marjorie E. Jensen, cooperative extension housing specialist at the University of Rhode Island; and former faculty and staff from the Cornell University College of Human Ecology: Jeanne M. Hogarth, former associate professor; Joseph Laquatra, former associate professor; James A. McCarty, former extension associate and housing specialist; and Linda P. Wagenet, former extension associate and water quality specialist.

Home Buyers' Guide: Financing and Evaluating Prospective Homes, NRAES-50, is available for \$8 each plus postage and handling from NRAES, Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701. Quantity discounts are available. Shipping and handling for single copies is \$3.75 within the continental United States. Checks should be made payable to NRAES. All major credit cards are accepted. For information about quantity discounts or for a free publications catalog, contact NRAES by phone at (607) 255-7654, by fax at (607) 254-8770, or by e-mail at nraes@cornell.edu.

FFA to the best of their abilities, and to be an active member. The Elco cafeteria staff provided the evening meal.

The Greenhand quiz contest took place after the meal. The quiz contest is a spelling bee-style contest where first-year FFA members are asked questions about the FFA. Cedar Crest members in the contest were Kyle Seyfert, Samantha Shepler, and Joel Heinaman. Prizes were given out throughout the evening.

Club members eventually split into four groups and participated in sessions with FFA county officers and the state FFA officers. Sessions included information on public speaking, official dress, teamwork, and positive attitudes. Members went home with a new understanding of the FFA.