

You Ask I'll 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 — Cindy Eshleman, Jonestown, wants to know if anyone is willing to sell an unopened tin — a 2000 tin from Target that pictures a snowman on front with the words, "minty chocolate." Call her at (717) 865-2589.

QUESTION — Rose Diehl, Bloomsburg, is looking for 8¼-inch cookstove lids. She also needs parts for a Welcome Glode Cookstove made in Pa. Call her at (570) 356-2511.

QUESTION — Evelyn Goss, Conestoga, wants the ingredients and instructions for making the mothball centerpiece in which the mothballs bounce. In the past, we printed some of these instructions. Some old recipes no longer work because the ingredients in mothballs have been changed to comply with FDA standards. I believe it is necessary to buy a chemical from the drug store to make the mothballs bounce, but I don't recall the name of the ingredient. If anyone has complete instructions for making one that works, please send it.

QUESTION — Kermit Laub, Coopersburg, would like to know where he can purchase seed for the old-fashioned big pole lima beans.

QUESTION — Samuel Stoltzfus, Christiana, writes that a barn built in Millersville in 1830, has a stone among other stones that is laid rather flat and sticks out 12-15-inches and is approximately 5 feet off the ground. Stoltzfus wants to know the purpose of this stone.

QUESTION — Amos S. Kauffman, 1860 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, wants an old-fashioned carom board to use in a school. Should be in good shape.

QUESTION — Agnes Skeba, Monroe Township, N.J., wants to know where to purchase an old French Provincial love seat that has a wooden frame that shows. Is interested, no matter what the condition. Call her at (609) 448-0800.

QUESTION — Tom Clowney, 361 Barlow Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325, wants to purchase an antique wooden cow stanchion.

QUESTION — Sharyn Marier, York, wants to know where she can purchase welders' beanie caps at a reasonable price.

QUESTION — Ben Kimsinger, Meyersdale, inquires if anyone remembers that some Farm-all Cubs had a one-arm high lift in the 1950s. Where could he find one? Anyone know of an upcoming sale for his collection?

QUESTION — Scott Bordner has a two-wheel standard Monarch walk behind cultivator. He would like sales literature, operating manual, original colors, and other information that will assist him in restoring the cultivator.

QUESTION — Bea Minamot, 10141 River Landing Rd., Denton, MD 21629, has a ¾-inch solid maple rope bed for sale at \$800. The bed features spiral-turned sides and a pretty headboard. All pegs are intact.

QUESTION — Shiel Mason, 11704 Eigenbrode Lane, Waynesboro, PA 17268-9272, is willing to pay a reasonable price for a set of

"Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories," and "My Bible Friends." Set should be in good condition.

QUESTION — Marion Capp, Mechanicsburg, wants to know where to locate an erector set for her grandson.

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 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 — 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 — 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 — 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 — Mrs. J.W., Ashland, wants to know how to make pine cones that have a coating, which burn blue and green when placed in a camp fire. Thanks to P. Thompson, Huntingdon, for sending a recipe that she writes is fun to try.

Scented Fire Starters

Pinecones
Paraffin
Red crayons
Cinnamon oil

Remove paper from crayons. Caution: Do not melt paraffin over an open flame or directly on burner. Melt paraffin in double boiler over hot water. Add pieces of crayon to paraffin until desired color is obtained. Add cinnamon oil (1 teaspoon per 1½ pounds paraffin). Holding pine cones with tongs, dip in paraffin, allowing it to dry between coats. Continue dipping until cones are well coated. Allow paraffin to harden completely.

To use as fire starters, place several pinecones under logs and light cones. These make wonderful gifts for friends with fireplaces, fun to use outdoors, or pretty displayed in a basket in your living room. If used for ornamental purposes, glitter can be lightly sprinkled on final layer of paraffin before it hardens completely.

ANSWER — A reader requested books on horse training written by "Beery." How fortunate that several readers wrote to say they have complete sets. Mahlon Sauder, 15 Hinterleiter Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530 has several sets. Robert Funk, 130 River Corner Rd., Conestoga, PA 17516, has a complete set. Ada Zook, Quarryville, writes that sets are available from Beery School of Horsemanship, 5150 township Rd., 606 Fredericksburg, OH 44627.

ANSWER — Both Jake Derstine, Mapleton Depot, and John Beiler, Waveland, Ind., wanted to purchase a used cream separator in working condition for a reasonable price. From Days Gone By, an antique store in Middletown, the owner writes that he has a De Laval Junior manual type that looks in good shape. He will sell for \$75. Call (717) 944-4934 for more details.

ANSWER — Here are the words to the poem requested by Abe Gingerich, Free Union, Va. Thanks to Noah Yoder, Meyersdale, for sending the poem.

When Ma Is Sick

*When Ma is sick, she pegs away
She's quiet though, not much to say.
She goes right on a-doing things,
An' sometimes laughs or even sings.
She says she don't feel extra well,
But then it's just a kind o' spell.
She'll be all right tomorrow sure,
A good old sleep will be the cure.
An' Pa he sniffs an' makes no kick,
For women folks is always sick.
An' Ma, she smiles, lets on she's glad
When Ma is sick, it ain't so bad.*

When Pa Is Sick

*When Pa is sick, he's scared to death
An' Ma and us just 'lds our breath.
He crawls in bed, an' puffs an' grunts,
An' does all kinds of crazy stunts.
he wants Doc Brown and mighty quick,
For when Pa's ill, he's awful sick.
He gasps and moans, an' sort o' sighs,
He talks so queer and rolls his eyes,
Ma jumps an' runs, an' all of us,
An' all the house is such a fuss.
An' peace and joy is mighty scarce,
When Pa is sick, it's something fierce.*

Author Unknown