



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** — Melvin Esch, Lykens, wants ideas on how to get rid of thistles with runner roots, which are taking over the asparagus and strawberry patches. Need an answer now!

**QUESTION** — Eugene Jauss, 701 New Galena Rd., Chalfont, PA 18914, wants help to locate old, six-compartment stainless steel dinner plates, the kind they used in the military.

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to know where to purchase a real slate blackboard, the heavy-duty kind.

**QUESTION** — Lavina Fisher wants a copy of the song "The world didn't give it and the world can't take it away." She also wants "No Bible Reading and Prayer Meetings in the Schools," I'm not sure if this is a song or written material. Send to Lavina at 231 Maple Shade Rd., Christiana, PA 17509.

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to know where to find "Country and Western Gospel Hymnal," a singspiration songbook, copyright 1972, and a "Living Praise" hymnal, compiled by John Peterson and printed by Singspiration Music of Grand Rapids, MI.

**QUESTION** — LaVonne Miller, 14375 Simmons Rd.,

Corry, PA 16407, wants to know where to purchase the original horehound candy. She lives in Erie County and found milder, smaller candy horehound drops, but it is not the same strong flavor her grandmother had. Many prefer the mild-flavored horehound candy, but she wants to taste the old-fashioned variety.

**QUESTION** — Gladys Stephens wants to know how to get the last "George" magazine, which printed the biography of John F. Kennedy Jr. She is willing to pay the cost of the magazine and the cost of sending it. She also wants to purchase the Guinness Book of World Records or know how to subscribe to it. Write to her at R.R. 1, Box 1069, Starrucca, PA 18462-9703.

**QUESTION** — A reader is looking for a set of fine china called "Annie" and a set of "Rena" cookware. Call her at (540) 828-3653.

**QUESTION** — Martha Horst, Gardners, wants to locate a Kurtz and Wanner brand pump, patent 1917. Kurtz was her grandfather. If anyone has one and is willing to sell, call her at (717) 528-4633.

**QUESTION** — Glenda Dayhoff, Gettysburg, wants to know where to obtain parts for repairing or purchasing a Columbian cookstove.

**QUESTION** — T.S., Gettysburg, wants to know where to purchase a wooden Humphrey's veterinary case and related bottles. The case and bottles are embossed with a horse head with a flowing mane.

**QUESTION** — Glenn Reeder, New Tripoli, wants to know where to get a new old-fashioned single-edge razor. Local drugstores sell replacement blades but not the razor handles.

**QUESTION** — Kim Wolfe has an unusual problem that she hopes readers can solve. She writes a Tom Taylor custom-made saddle, breast collar, and bridle were sold at an auction last November in South-eastern Pennsylvania. The auction had been advertised in this paper. She has the saddle to the set that was made to resemble the one sold. Parts of her saddle were on the saddle that sold. These are of great sentimental value to her and she would like to talk with someone who has information about the whereabouts of this equipment.

Call Kim at (570) 578-1662.

**QUESTION** — Joyce Burkholder wants directions to make old-fashioned hooked rugs or how to contact someone who makes them. Write to her at 1077 Twin Bridge Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

**QUESTION** — Carole Weiter, Lenhartsville, changes her request to purchase a pair of white swans to a mature, young, black swans, but will consider white swans. Prefers to pick them up within a 50-mile radius of Reading. Call (610) 756-6756.

**QUESTION** — Karen Shank, Bridgewater, Va., would be delighted to find a thermos to match a child's Holly Hobbi metal lunch box. Call (540) 828-4247.

**QUESTION** — David W. Martin, R.1, Box 541, Port Trevortan, PA 17864 wants to buy a 2-quart or 1 gallon butter churn. Please send price and condition.

**QUESTION** — Sharon Myers, Lancaster, wants to know where to buy fire brick and other parts for an old Columbian cookstove.

**QUESTION** — Patty Rutledge writes that she and her husband requested parts for an old Jacobson-Chief Lawn tractor. A man from Harrisburg called, but the Rutledges lost the phone number and are asking for that person to call again (410) 692-5940.

**QUESTION** — Patty wants to purchase a purple and gold banner with a dowel and gold cord for hanging like those awarded to cattle champions. Evidently she wants a used one because she writes no preference in breed, year, class or win. E-mail Patty at sagewood@ticon.net

**QUESTION** — Bernice Haas, 5854 Chestnut Hill Church Rd., Emmaus, PA 18049-5401 requests the words and music to the hymn "Beautiful Valley of Eden."

**QUESTION** — Doris Miller, 1636 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-8109, wants a White Mountain Junior ice cream freezer, new or in good condition, manufactured by White Mountain Freezer Co., P.O. Box 459, Lincoln Ave. Ext., Winchendon, MA 01475. Stock number 64300, pint size.

**QUESTION** — Tim Bowgeois is an intern at the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture and is conducting research on the use of steam power for agriculture in New Jersey during the 1800s and early 1900s. His research is focused on the how, when, where, to what extent, and possibly who used steam tractors or engines in agriculture and other related fields such as lumber harvesting. Does anyone know of steam en-

gine and tractor manufacturers or dealers that were based in New Jersey during that era. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Contact Tim at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, 18384 CPO Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8633 or phone (856) 447-5259.

**QUESTION** — D. Hatt, 402 Chapel Hill Rd., Sinking Spring, PA 19608, is looking for a manual or instructions on how to operate a Weldex Welder made by Welder Inc. of Detroit, Mich. Hatt wants to use the welder to weld band saw blades.

**QUESTION** — Louise Oberholtzer, Shippensburg, wants the music to the songs, "Home On the Range" and "Country Roads."

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to know if someone has a two-seater bike to sell. Phone (717) 445-5969.

**QUESTION** — The Yoder family is restoring an old spring wagon, with the name W&H Rowland — Philadelphia stamped on the springs. Does anyone know when this company was in business?

**QUESTION** — A Union County reader is interested in buying used, small-scale milk processing equipment such as a pasturizer, cheese making, bottling, etc. She is also interested in talking with people who process and market goat's milk and goat milk products. She did not include an address or phone number.

**QUESTION** — Mrs. Luke Hoover, Mifflinburg, wants to know where to buy flower bulb baskets, used to grow and store bulbs, at a low price.

**QUESTION** — Stephanie Luckenbaugh, Abbottstown, is looking for a recipe or instructions on making dandelion shampoo.

**QUESTION** — Thomas Lehman writes that his ancestor Peter Leisey (1802-1859) lived in Denver, Pa., and wove coverlets. Lehman has been told that the coverlets were beautiful and had Leisey's name or initials in the design. Does anyone know where Lehman could see one or where one might be for sale? The Lehmans can be contacted by phone at (717) 867-1246.

**QUESTION** — Diana Hansen, Turnersville, N.J., would like instructions for making with braided rugs from rags or the craft for painted floor mats.

**QUESTION** — Earl Brinton, Severn, Md., has a problem with crows nesting in his area. This resulted in no baby robins last year. What can be done to discourage crows from settling in residential neighborhoods?

**QUESTION** — Merlin Brenneman wants to purchase some parts for a Zemco Automotive Driving Computer 350/351. Call (717) 203-0128.

**QUESTION** — Cindy Esheleman, Jonestown, wants to buy a Halcraft small wooded alphabet decal set or at least the letters "L" and "R."

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to know of a homemade mixture to control or eliminate carpenter ants.

**QUESTION** — David Sensenig wants to know how other goat farmers handle kids that jump into the feeders.

**ANSWER** — Don Walters, Lockport, N.Y., wanted to know what to do about a year-round problem with lady bugs, which have taken over an upstairs window and curtain. Thanks to Mary Stover, Loganton, who writes her family had the same problem. This was their solution: Purchase blocks of camphor at a drug store. Break the blocks into squares and put one on each window where the bugs seem to enter. After a week and a half, the Stovers did not have a bug in the house.

**ANSWER** — A reader wanted an Oster Mixer that can be run with an air motor. Melvin Beller writes that Newport Repair Shop, 3818 E. Newport Rd., Gordonville, PA 17529, has a large selection of air motor supplies and related items.

## Convenience Can Save Money

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Did you know that convenience foods save time and effort — that's how they got their name. But some actually can save you money.

Instant mashed potatoes cost less because the water has been taken out and there's less bulk to ship. Others cost less starting with fresh ingredients because they have been canned or frozen so there isn't the spoilage that occurs with fresh foods.

Still others cost you less than starting with basic ingredients because the manufacturer buys in bulk and passes on some of the savings.

The following convenience foods save you money: Instant mashed potatoes; preshredded packaged coconut; canned cranberry sauce; frozen, canned, or powdered orange juice and drinks (fresh squeezed costs about 2½ times more); bottled lemon and lime juice (but not squeeze bottles); boxed lasagna skillet dinner; soy protein patties; canned chicken chow mein; boxed pizza mixes; canned Spanish rice; frozen fish sticks.

These convenience foods cost more than homemade (make them using basic ingredients): Frozen meat pot pies, canned stew, frozen chicken chow mein and chicken a la king, canned pork and beans, frozen battered deep-fried chicken and shrimp, canned salad sandwich spread, stroganoff skillet dinner, frozen haddock dinner, shrimp newburg and shrimp Creole, yeast roll mixes, frozen and ready-to-serve yeast rolls, frozen ready-to-serve brownies, and cheese spread in a pressure can.