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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 — R.D. from Bloomsburg wants to know where to buy ruffled grouse game birds to raise.

QUESTION — Ruth Ann Zeiset wants to know what to do to keep potatoes from sprouting in the cellar.

QUESTION — Ruth Ann Zeiset has no use for a White Mountain 6-quart ice cream freezer can (the part that holds the ice cream mixture). If you'd like it, call Ruth Ann at (717) 665-6460.

QUESTION — Raymond Shirk needs supplies for a 3M Tartan copier, which had been given to him. He is unable to locate supplies and asks if it is an obsolete model. The instruction book says to place a pink paper (which is light sensitive) on top of the original to be copied. Where can the pink paper be found?

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to buy rug braiding material, not cotton, but wool or knit goods pieces left over from factories cutting garments. She thinks the pieces can be purchased by the pound, but where?

QUESTION — David Sempler, Elkton, Md., wants written information on scenting in regards to hunting. He writes that some days his beagles run as if they are tied to the rabbit and work very hard to keep it going. Sempler

has heard that the ground breathes in and out and sometimes it does not. He knows that barometric pressure changes affect scenting conditions and that extremely dry weather produces bad scenting conditions. Sempler wants factual information on the relationship between high and low pressures, dry and wet ground, and high and low humidity.

QUESTION — A reader wants information on the Lancaster County race track at the Buck. She saw a truck pull on a television show and wants to know the schedule and directions for finding the Buck.

QUESTION — Dave Ruble, West Chester, is looking for cylinder records (Columbia, Edison, Indestructible, and others) and phonograph-related items. He also wants old trains and toys. Call (610) 793-4249.

QUESTION — Marian Leffever, Quarryville, wants to know where to find a parts and cutting blade for an electric Oster food grinder model 996.

QUESTION — Bev Middleton, P.O. Box 49, Morganza, MD 20660, wants to know where to obtain instructions for operating a Sears & Roebuck incubator model number 213,57. It's a round table top type, about 100 egg size. Any help would be appreciated.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a pattern to sew men's work jeans that are similar to the Wrangler brand. Does anyone know where she can find one in a size 31x32?

QUESTION — We have a problem with peas and sugar pea plants getting brown specks and turning yellow and dying before maturing, a reader writes. What spray or dust should we use to prevent this? We put them in a different spot every year but continue to have the same problem.

QUESTION — Does anyone know how to dehull Brazil nuts so they remain intact. Clarence Sheaffer writes that he tried soaking some in warm water. The hulls softened; however, the meat also softened and was stained, which may not harm it.

QUESTION — Daryl Sempster, 2645 Old Field Park, Elkton, Md., recently purchased a lovely old Sunbeam Mix-Master at a flea market. The owner's manual shows attachments such as a knife sharpener, meat grinder, silver polisher, cof-

fee grinder, can opener, potato peeler, etc. She would like to purchase some of the attachments. She also wants to buy a 1897 16-gauge.

QUESTION — Joyce Deitrich, 153 Dotterer Rd., Lenhartsville, PA 19534-9585, lost a glass or the large fryer cover for her Guardian Service. How can she have it replaced?

QUESTION — Ben Kinsinger, 686 Kensinger Rd., Meyersdale, wants to know where to find two old gas engines in any condition for an old Maytag washing machine motor that used a glass jar turned upside down for the gas. He also wants a very small ½ horsepower New Holland gas engine made in New Holland.

QUESTION — Louise Hannum, Wagontown, wants to know if there is any interest in a complete 1968 Franklin Mint Antique Car Coin Collection Series I. It includes 25 bronze coins dated from 1901-1925 with descriptive booklet.

QUESTION — M.P., Kinnersville, wants to know where an umbrella with broken metal pieces can be fixed.

QUESTION — A reader has a problem with their rabbits not pulling fur to prepare a nest to have their young. Anyone know what causes this "unmotherly" behavior?

QUESTION — Kenneth Wirz, White Hall, Md., is looking for a piece of Guardian Service cookware to complete his mother's set. The piece is called the kettle oven, which has many uses such as baking and as a water bath canner. The piece is large with a glass lid, wire racks for baking and lifting jars when canning. The cookware was made during the 1940s and 1950s.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for the words to "Black Mountain Light," a ballad about a slave owner who sees a strange light on the mountain while looking for a slave.

QUESTION — Carl Detwiler, Zionsville, wants to know if any owner of a 3226 QT Bush Hog front end loader has trouble with the mounting arms breaking at the welds.

QUESTION — Leroy Serventi, Croydon, would like to know of any vegetable gardening clubs or groups in Bucks County, Pa., or in Burlington County, N.J.

ANSWER — Thanks to Irene Burkholder, Bowers, for sending the answer to two requests. One reader wanted to know where to find parts for a Rival

Ida's Notebook by Ida Risser



Almost the end of January! What a month this has been. Too many days filled with doctor appointments.

My husband has been troubled with aches and pains for months. These have finally been analyzed as a major back problem. So, 10 days ago he had a five-hour operation.

Our daughter, who lives near Atlanta, flew to Lancaster County. It is a comfort to know that our children care enough to come and be with us.

My husband has been fitted for a brace, which he must wear for several months. Recently, he was at a loss for words and called the brace a "cage." In a way I guess that is what it will be. He must learn to walk miles everyday — so the doctors tell him.

While he is in the hospital, my daughter and I hope to visit some relatives that she has not seen for

a while. And, then there is shopping to occupy our time as there are always a few things that we need.

On occasions like this there is always a lot of adjusting to do. No longer can we get in the car and just go somewhere. One must remember what we are capable of doing. At least, winter is one of the best times to be housebound.

I'm hoping that we can find enough things to keep him interested and reasonably active. There are many books on many subjects in our bookcase and on our shelves. They cover subjects like clocks, trolleys, mills, quilts, antique furniture, etc.

As most of our families live far away, we cannot expect too many visitors. Today neighbors have very different occupations and do not even know of other people's situations.

grinder/chopper, and Evan Weidman, Newville, needs a lock nut for a small sausage stuffer made by Enterprise Mfg. Co., Philadelphia. Burkholder recommends the following two sources: Chop-Rite Two Inc., 531 Old Skippack Rd., Harleyville, PA 19438. Or the Sausage Maker, Inc., 1500 Clinton St., Bldg. 12, Buffalo, NY 14206. Phone (716) 824-5814. Order free 1-888-490-8525.

ANSWER — Rebecca D. Zook, Gap, wanted to know where to find books and literature about horse dentistry, horse teeth filing, and related subjects. Thanks to Irene Burkholder, Bowers, for recommending Zook contact Centaur Forge Ltd., P.O. Box 340, 117 N. Spring St., Burlington, WI 53105-0340. The Forge has horse-related items, books, and catalogs.

ANSWER — A reader wanted to know how to start poinsettias from slips of the plant. Also, some readers asked how to care for poinsettias in order to have the plants bloom for the upcoming Christmas. Thanks to Penn State Extension for supplying the following information.

Place plants in a warm sunny window and apply ample water to prevent the soil from drying. Temperatures below 60 degrees or above 75 degrees have adverse effects on the plant, which are sensitive to sudden changes in temperature, improper watering, and low light intensities.

Modern cultivars may require an application of a

complete soluble fertilizer to keep the plant in top condition.

The plants can be carried over a second year by drying them off in March, and storing in a cool, well-ventilated place until May. Keep them growing until March, then gradually reduce the water supply. Do not let them dry out in storage. In May cut the plant back to 3-5 inches in height, and start them back into growth by starting to water and moving them back into a warm, sunny window. As soon as the temperature stays above 50 degrees at night, move them outside into light shade. Pinch back each shoot once during the summer to get a well shaped plant.

When cool nights start in late August, bring the poinsettia inside to a warm, sunny window. Day temperatures should be 70-75 degrees and night temperatures no higher than 60-62 degrees. Fertilize plants every 7-10 days with a solution made by dissolving one-half teaspoon of a completed soluble fertilizer such as 15-15-15 to one quart water.

Poinsettias form flower buds under cool, long nights. If plants are to flower again for Christmas, the plants must be kept in an unlighted room at night. The same effect can be achieved by covering plants with a light-tight box between 5 p.m.-8 a.m. from Oct. 1 until Thanksgiving. After this period flower buds will be well formed, and plants will suffer no adverse effect from light during this period.

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