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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 — Charleskey, Carlisle, wants to know where to purchase parts for a Hercules, Montgomery Ward & Co. 16-gauge gun.

QUESTION — Russ Brezler, 314 W. Seventh St., Waynesboro, wants to know of a supplier for axe and axe handles. He will supply patterns.

QUESTION — Richard Millard, Bucks County, wants to know where to find plans or a book about making a 18-36-inch doll cradle from wood that rocks.

QUESTION — A reader, who sent no address, wants to know where to find old cards manufactured by Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio. The seven-day cards have messages written as if the animal wrote the message. The reader has cards numbered 4, 5, 6, and 7. An example of the writing is the number 4 cards with the message: "Betsy Bear is at your door/With get-well #4 wish." Anyone able to help her locate numbers 1, 2, and 3?

QUESTION — A reader needs a set of good beaters to fit a Spatula Smart Black & Decker hand mixer. It is a heavy duty power boost mixer. If you have a set, call (301) 791-9586.

QUESTION — Kathleen Salotti writes that she recently moved to Ohio and is

plagued with moles digging up the yard and tunnels and mounds everywhere. What is a solution to the problem?

QUESTION — Joyce Wenz wants to know where to find an old-time sock knitting machine, which is turned by hand and makes a tube. She believes the sole is finished by hand.

QUESTION — Valerie Miller, Honesdale, wants to know where to get a replacement wire for a swiveling weight on an old, German-made, spring wound anniversary clock. She tried a banjo string and it did not work. The original wire is paper thin about one mm wide, but it tore and is not long enough.

QUESTION — Kathryn Wistuk, Bangor, writes that earlier she had requested information on a massage oil used during W.W.II called dog oil. A reader wrote that it was dogbane or wandering milk weed, which are cathartic herbs. Wistuk wants to know how to use the oil. She knows that she did not take the oil orally and doesn't want to take anything by mouth.

QUESTION — David Simpler, Elkton, Md., writes that he used a product in 1972 called Purge-O-Matic from Stewart Chemicals to clean soot from oil burners. It worked great, but he doesn't know where to get it now. He doesn't want to use soot sticks, he writes, because it will eat the furnace.

QUESTION — Maggie Keeler and her husband are responsible for obtaining heirloom seeds for a living history farm, The Burr House and Farm in West Virginia. Keeler writes that the 1751 house is the oldest frame structure in the state. The committee has purchased seeds from Landis Valley Farm Museum, but would like to expand the varieties grown through donation, purchase, and seed swapping. They especially would like bean varieties and seeds for other favorite vegetables that have been passed down through the generations. Send to Burr House and Farm Agriculture Committee, Jefferson Co. Landmarks Commission, c/o Irvan M. Groff, 324 E. First Ave., Charles-town, WV 25414. Or, phone (304) 724-1279.

QUESTION — Gideon King, Jr., 5469 Elam Rd., Kinzers, PA 17535, writes that he has some windows with windowpanes that have bubbles and streaks in them. Someone told him

it is called Depression glass. He wants to know if the windows are of any value or any other information about the glass.

QUESTION — Meredith Ludwig, 2160 Bollinger Mill Rd., Finksburg, MD 21048, writes that her great grandfather, who lived in Shenandoah County, Va., received patent number 227, 174 for a manure grain drill, which was a four hoe drill that spread dry manure as fertilizer along with the grain. Ludwig wants to know where she could see the drill or get photographs of it. Any information you have for her would be appreciated.

QUESTION — Elsie Martin, 21170 Millers Church Rd., Hagerstown, Md. 21742, writes that when she was young, she remembers eating a hollow tomato similar to a bell pepper. She would like to know where to find this old-time tomato seed so that she can plant them and save seed each year for replanting.

QUESTION — Cathy Stehman, 228 Doe Run Rd., Manheim, PA 17545, is looking for words and music to the children's song that starts with "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, Jesus died for you and me..."

QUESTION — Donna Truesdell, S. Deerfield, Mass., wants to identify a source for replacement rubber caps for the ends of tension curtain rods. The rods are fine, but the rubber caps have become fragile from sun exposure.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to find a 3-inch porcelain light socket.

QUESTION — Mildred Hess wants the original diet book, "Beverly Hills Diet," by Judy Mazel and published about 1990. Call Hess at (717) 933-8134.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for the words to the song that includes these lines: "How do you talk to a little baby goat? You can't say hello like a man. You have to say baa to a little baby goat. That's all he'll understand."

QUESTION — Holly Eshbach, Dover, wants to know where to purchase "baby doll sheep," which are miniature sheep that grow between 18-24 inches in height. She also wants information on the breed and diet and care that is required.

QUESTION — Glen would like to know where to find mower parts for a Yanmar diesel YM146. Call (717) 626-5700.

QUESTION — John Kotulich, Flemington, N.J., wants to know where to buy a glass jar for a hand butter churn. The top opening with outside thread diameter is about 5/8-inches and is 11- to 12-inches deep for a 2 or a 2 1/2 gallon round or square size. Call (908) 782-5774.

QUESTION — A reader (717) 898-7085 needs a source for plastic dibbles used for planting small seedlings.

QUESTION — John W. Lowery Jr., 7 Old Sharptown Rd., Auburn, NJ 08085, was born and raised in Rowes Run, Fayette County. Lowery is researching coal mines in that area and is looking for pictures of the following coal mines: Colonial #1 Smock, Colonial #2 Royal also known as Chestnut Ridge, Colonial #3 Rowes Run, and Colonial #4 Grindstone.

QUESTION — Frank Rice, Blain, wants to know how the term "pork bellies" came into use for reporting on agricultural commodities.

QUESTION — Bob Fleckstein, Woodstown, N.J., has an old string of Christmas lights. He wants to know where he can buy small clear replacement bulbs for it. The bulbs are one-inch long and have threads on the end. No marking is on them.

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 — 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 — 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 1/2 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 — 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?

ANSWER — Josephine Long, Sidman, wanted to know where to get Westminster pot handles and knobs fixed. Thanks to Reuben Esh, 3746 E. Newport Rd., Gordonville, PA 17529, who writes that he fixes pot handles and knobs for many different kinds of stainless steel kettles.

ANSWER — Thomas Burrell, Glen Gardner, N.J., wanted the name and address of someone in the Lancaster area who makes and sells life-size cows and calves for display in barnyards, lawns, and other places. Thanks to Robert Shaub, Shrewsbury, who writes that fiberglass cows are manufactured in Wisconsin and are available through NASCO, 901 Janesville Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0901. Call (800) 558-9595 for catalog. Cost of the cow is \$3,075, and the calf is \$1,660.

ANSWER — Betty Jakum, Littlestown, wanted the name of a group or organization that uses old Christmas cards. Thanks to Mary Ann Reich for recommending cards be sent to St. Judes Ranch for Children, 150 St. Judes St., Boulder City, N.V. 89005.

ANSWER — Kenneth Wertz, White Hall, Md., wanted Starline stalls. John Yoders, 3414 Springs Hill Rd., Salisbury, PA 15558, writes that he has 20 good, used Starline stalls with adjustable neck yokes for \$15 a piece. Respond as soon as possible because the stalls are ready to go.

ANSWER — Ruth Ann Zeiset wanted to know what to do to keep potatoes from sprouting in the cellar. Thanks to a reader who writes that potatoes should be stored in a dark area with temperatures about 40 degrees. Although she never tried it, she read in a magazine that to keep potatoes from sprouting, place apples on top of the potato bin. Another reader writes that apples should not be placed near potatoes or they will sprout faster. Sprouting is a natural process, according to Heidi, even potatoes in the grocery store will sprout if left in the refrigerator too long.

ANSWER — Tim O'Rourke, York, requested the formula to make mortar for an old barn. Thanks to Robert Hollister for writing that the Conestoga Area Historical Society recently restored a stone house in the method that O'Rourke had inquired. The Society worked with a mason who specialized in restoration and historic mortars. The project is completed and may be seen on site in Conestoga. If interested in talking to a local expert, call Jim Heistand at (717) 872-4298 or write to 3645 Main St., Conestoga, PA 17516.