

You Ask We 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 — Mike Hartman, 962 Martin Rd., Needmore, PA 17238, would like an owner's manual for an Owatonna 595 roll baler. He would be willing to receive a photocopy, or make a copy himself and return the original.

QUESTION — Gladys Stephens, R.R. 1 Box 1069 Starrucca, PA 18462, is interested in the 1968 Franklin Mint antique car/coin collection. She also collects a variety of things for disabled children.

QUESTION — Winona Homko, P.O. Box 308, 22 N. Spruce Street, Oxford, e-mail winonamjo@aol.com, is looking for information on an old iron bike mounted on a plank marked Everlast Sporting Goods Mfg. Co. in NY, No. G530-3, made in USA. It was purchased at an Army Depot many years ago.

QUESTION — Shirley Orfanella, 1125 Slate Hill Rd., Quarryville, PA 17566, is looking for "horse ointment" for arthritis.

QUESTION — Ron Smith, 325 N. High St., Duncannon, PA 17020, wonders if there was a dairy named KOPF and Henry in Lancaster County or elsewhere.

QUESTION — A reader from 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 — 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 Sempler, Elkton, Md., writes that he used a product in 1972 call Purge-O-Matic from Stewatt 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 — 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 1/4-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 — 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 — Frank Rice, Blain, wanted to know how the term "pork bellies" came into use for reporting on agricultural commodities. Millie Bunting, Lancaster Farming market staff, writes: Pork bellies, as the name suggests, is the cut from the underside of the hog carcass from which bacon is obtained. It refers to unsliced bacon. According to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Since pork bellies were considered to be a factor influencing hog prices and followed the seasonal marketings and price swings of live hogs, frozen pork bellies futures contracts were first offered in 1962 to provide hedging opportunities for meat packers. They quickly became one of the most active futures traded, mostly by speculators who probably found the name "pork bellies" intriguing.

ANSWER — Joyce Wenz wanted to know where to find an old-time sock knitting machine. John Rinker, R.R. 1 Box 17, Scotrun, PA 18355, phone (570) 629-0556 has two hand-crank machines he is willing to sell. One is a Griswold. He also has extra needles and weights.