

You Ask You 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@LNPNEW-S.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 - Donald Harnish, 31 Rawlinsville Rd., Willow Street, PA 17584, wants to know where to obtain a copy of Roy Wiggins Steel Guitar Course or any other instruction and song book for the Hawaiian steel guitar.

QUESTION - Inez Ware, Waynesboro, wants to know how to clean a pizza stone. Soap and water is not allowed to be used on it, but the stone smells bad and looks terrible. Inez writes that she has too much Scotch-Irish and German in her to give up on the stone. She is trying cornmeal to see if the stone will absorb some of the greasy odor.

QUESTION - A.L. Weaver, 618 N. Railroad Ave., New Holland, PA 17557, is looking for an original Candyland game, not with Disney characters, but with the picture of an angel guarding the children, crossing the bridge (not the newer style). Does anyone have one to sell or information for where she can purchase it? Also, she'd like to purchase older versions of Golden Books.

QUESTION - Gladys Hassinger, McClure, wants to keep birds out of the barn. She has tried balloons with faces and mothballs to deter them, but neither works. Anyone have a solution?

QUESTION - Doris Vanderbly, 120 Oak Grove Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942, wants to know where to find house dresses for her mother. She wants the style that has a zipper or buttons down the front.

QUESTION - Emanuel S. Glick, 2409 Horsehoe Rd., Lancaster, Pa. 17601, is looking for a cabbage shredder ran with an engine.

QUESTION - Reynold Burke, Felton, would like to know what can be placed in a pond to seal if from leaking water.

QUESTION - An Ephrata reader wants to buy Lois Lenski books, "Cotton in My Sack," "Judy's Journey," "Boom Town Boy," "Flood Friday," "Strawberry Girl," and "Shoo Fly Girl." The reader doesn't want any internet information, and she did not give an address or phone number.

QUESTION A reader has an old reed baby carriage, about 65 years old. She wants to know where to get new rubber on the spoke wheels of the carriage.

QUESTION - Robert Finke, 4333 Green Valley

Rd., Seven Valleys, PA 17360, is trying to locate plans for a playhouse caboose available years ago. The caboose measured about 14-feet long, 6-feet wide, and 9-feet high.

QUESTION - D. Dempsey, Schwenksville, writes that a few weeks ago an article on keeping deer out of the garden mentioned using soap being placed on the perimeter. Dempsey wants to know what kind of soap and how should it be placed and other details.

QUESTION - Henry Stoltzfus, Mechanicsville, Md., wants to know where to buy kerosene incubators and brooders.

QUESTION Lydia Beller, Drumore, is looking for a used set of Bible stories by Arthur S. Maxwell in good condition. Call (717) 284-4583.

QUESTION - Mervin Stoltzfus, 12, collects business cards. he would like people to send a few from their own business or a collection they no longer want. Send to him at 272 Snake Hill Rd., Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505.

QUESTION - Harold Stoudt, 1241 Hex Hwy., Hamburg, PA 19526-8808 writes that many years ago, he had a solar domestic hot water system installed. It is a drainback system that uses distilled water as the heat exchange fluid. Stoudt is unable to locate any rust inhibitor needed to prevent corrosion. The inhibitor must be water emulsive and non-toxic due to possible cross-contamination into domestic water. Stoudt wants help—not guesses. He has had to replace heat exchanger water due to loss. He writes that he desperately needs a rust inhibitor, and can't use a heating system inhibitor.

QUESTION - Daniel B. King, 905 May Post Office Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579, wants to purchase an old dinner bell clapper.

QUESTION - Ben Kinsinger, 686 Kinsinger Rd., Meyersdale, PA 15552, purchased a top for a Gould water ram but needs bottom parts for it. Contact him if you have parts.

QUESTION - Lloyd Ziegler Jr., 34 Springford Rd., Limerick, PA 19468, wants information about Wilmer Dairies of Conshohocken, Pa. The dairy is no longer in existence. Ziegler only knows that it operated from the 1920s-1950s. Milk was processed and sold in the Norristown-Conshohocken area. Any information, advertising items, or pictures would be appreciated. Call (610) 948-1090.

QUESTION - Sue Stoner, P.O. Box 16, Cornwall, PA 17016-0016, wants patterns for penny rugs. (Editor is not familiar with this term but persons who make them would understand this request).

QUESTION - In what year do the 17-year cicadas appear again?

QUESTION - A reader would like a book of plans for a wooden rocking cradle for dolls 8-12-inches. Send to Richard Millard, 1480 Easton Rd., Warrington, PA 18976.

QUESTION - Timothy Martin, Mt. Pleasant Mills, wants to know if a token he has is of any value. The token is slightly larger than a penny. On one side is a picture of a railroad car with the words Pittsburgh Railways C.O. 1922. The other side says it is good for one fare. In the center is a three-cornered hole.

QUESTION - Paul Chermiski, Unionville, wants to purchase an aluminum carport from a manufacturer and assemble it himself. The carports he sees for sale cost about \$1,000, but the salespeople do not manufacture them. They order them, sell them, and install them to make a profit. He wants the name and phone number of the manufacturer.

ANSWER - Joan Wisner, Frederick, Md., requested a source for Touch-Me-Not seeds or plants. Thanks to Janet Spangler, 1033 Carlisle Pike, York Springs, PA 17372, for writing that she has seed pods for red and pink Lady Slippers that spread easily and multiply. Contact Janet if you want them.

Also, thanks to Robert Wilson, Frederick, Md., who writes the name for the plant is also Balsam or 'impatiens balsamina,' which grow 8- to 30-inches tall and receive their name because ripe seed capsules burst open when touched lightly and scatter seeds explosively. The flowers are an annual and the seed

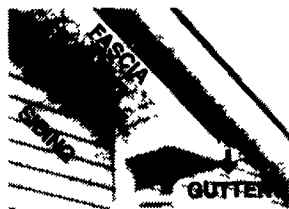
needs to left on the surface of the soil as they need light to germinate. Comstock, Ferre & Co. in Wethersfield, Conn. have seeds. Phone (860) 571-6590 or www.comstockferre.com.

Duane Diefenbach, Bellefonte, writes that Touch-me-not or Jewelweed is a native species that can often be found near streams and other wet areas. The flowers are either orange or yellow and the seed pod, when ripe, will eject the seeds several feet. Although Duane has never tried to propagate jewelweed, he thinks if planted in a shaded, wet area with soil containing a lot of organic matter will work.

ANSWER - Emanuel Lantz, 871 Hoover Rd., Kinzers, PA 17535, wanted to know if anyone is willing to sell a set of 33-cent postage stamps featuring "Nature of America Sonorum Desert," and the 34-cent stamp featuring "Nature of America Great Plains Prairie." Thanks to Charles Strouse, Perkasio, and S. Shirk for writing that these are still available from the Postal Service. Call 1-800-782-6724. Or write for a catalog to Stamp Fulfillment Services, P.O. Box 7247, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7097. There is a \$1 shipping charge for each order but you can order as many stamps as desired.

ANSWER - Shirley Orfanella, 1125 Slate Hill Rd., Quarryville, thanks the readers who helped her locate old wooden "spools" like PP&L used for wire.

ANSWER - Ella Ebersol, 311 Newport Rd., Leola, PA 17540, offered to pay for the following used books in good condition: "Easy Growth in Reading, Looking Forward," 5th reader, Winston by Gertrude Hildreth (can't determine where the book was printed), and "Around the Corner," a Ginn Basic Reader by Ginn and Company, copyrighted 1948-1953-1957-1961, Philippines copyright 1949. Thanks to Duane Diefenbach, Bellefonte, who e-mails that these books are available at www.abebooks.com. He suggests that people who want books should check the Internet because odds are that they will find what they are looking for. We do remind readers of this from time to time, but some write that they do not have access to e-mail and Websites, so direct addresses are appreciated.



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