

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. However, if your question requires someone to mail items to you, you must include your address or phone number for publishing.

QUESTION - Becky Marshall wants to know where to find saddle seat clothing at reasonable prices. Or the name and telephone number of a person who makes them.

QUESTION - A reader is interested in purchasing a large cream separator and a butter churn capable of making 40 pounds butter or more per batch. Any information on these would be appreciated.

QUESTION - Raymond Fisher, 531 Millheim Narrows, Rebersburg, PA 16872, wants to know where to purchase a 2-gallon glass butter churn jar only with the opening measuring approximately 5½-inches in diameter. Also wanted is a small scale milk jugger (bottler).

QUESTION - A Millersburg reader writes that he has a cream separator model 100LPS Delaval tin with a missing float. He will consider trading it for a stainless steel bowl and motor for another cream separating unit that has the two spouts and the separating discs. He has no idea what model it takes but writes that it is a good chance it might be a Delaval. Separating cone measures 6¼-inch in diameter. The number on the cone is 3518895. Can someone help or direct him to help?

Write to 319 Minnich Rd., Millersburg, PA 17061.

QUESTION - Michael Brennan Sr., Kingston, writes that for years he has been using pure ground black pepper that he purchased from the Commissary Exchange on a military base, but the commissary is no longer selling it. The pepper comes in one-pound gold cans and was packed by Gel Spice Co. Inc., Bayonne, NJ 07002. He wrote to the company, but they did not respond. Does anyone know where he can purchase it?

QUESTION - Virginia Conner, 246 Hartzler Dr., Belleville, PA 17004 is looking for a Woolly Bully Knitting Pattern of a child's pullover and beret cabled to elbow that was sold as a kit by Family Circle in 1990.

QUESTION - Maryanne Meehan is looking for an old kitchen cabinet that is white with two glass doors on top, a drawer, and two doors on the bottom. She sent no address.

QUESTION - Jean Ben-singer, 737 Summer Valley Rd., New Ringgold, PA 17960 wants information on how to make a kitchen angel with tea towels and the four to six-line poem that goes with it.

QUESTION - Anyone have Lone Ranger books written by Fran Striker to sell? A reader requests that you call (814) 349-5975 and leave a message.

QUESTION - Lois Bodine, 112 Oak Village Parkway, Mooresville, N.C. 28117 wants to buy a paper flour bag from about 1940-1950 with the inscription Ben Spence Flour, Bird-in-Hand. The bag may be printed with the name Edward Spence, who owned the mill before Benjamin took over.

QUESTION - Jene Maute, Elkins Park, has some old fruit trees, but is moving away. She wants to know what procedures follow in order to successfully grow pear trees from the fruit seeds.

QUESTION - Kitty Legge, R.2, Box 1351, Ulster, PA 18850, from West Burlington would like to know where to buy life-sized, realistic, fiberglass cows and calves. May be new or used.

QUESTION - Gretchen Ham, 247 Kinner Hill Rd., Pine City, N.Y., wants to know where to buy at a reasonable price a used Ashford Traveler spinning wheel.

QUESTION - Judith Miller, HC 62, Box 660, Honesdale, PA 18431, is searching for a detailed pattern to sew a cute, cloth

baby doll - but not Cabbage Patch types. She needs this for a school project in home economics.

QUESTION - A Myerstown reader would like to know where to obtain the plastic windshield and interior parts for a 509 Hubley Corvette toy car that measures about 12-inches in length. He is also interested in purchasing the model to restore or use for parts. Write to B.H. Dove, 41 Kreider Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067.

QUESTION - R.L. King, 319 Hammertown Rd., Narvon, PA 17555, wants to know if someone will sell her the book, "The Lake is on Fire." Author unknown.

QUESTION - Earl Thoman writes that several months ago, in this column a reader recommended using Juicy Fruit gum to get rid of moles. He wants to know how large a piece of gum should be used and how far apart the pieces should be placed.

QUESTION - Wilmer Stauffer, Millersville, wants to know if anyone has regular Puerto Rican sweet potatoes to sell. Phone (717) 872-2544.

QUESTION - Scott Troutman, Millerstown, wants to find a new valve or piece for Hudson drinking cups in the cow barn. Call (717) 589-3407.

QUESTION - R. Stoltzfus, 6039 Wannier Rd., Narvon, wants to know where to buy the following used books. She does not want Internet information for "The Robe," "The Greatest Story Ever Written," and "Jacob, Have I Loved."

QUESTION - A reader wants to know where to buy winter seed oats that can be sown in the fall.

QUESTION - A reader wants to know how to get raw milk in either Schuylkill or Columbia county and wants to try making cheeses with the milk.

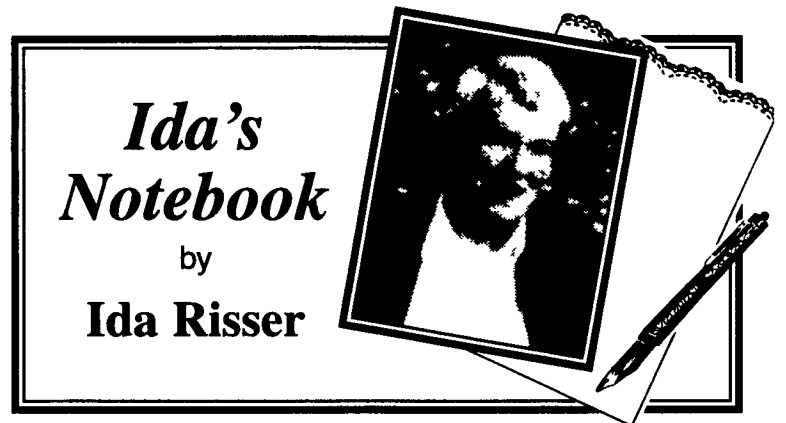
QUESTION - Irene Stricker, 350 Preston Rd. Wernersville, PA 19565 requests patterns for rug hooking with ¼-inch wide rug strips.

QUESTION - Mervin Stoltzfus, 12, collects business cards and would like if people would send him those they no longer use. Send to 272 Snake Hill Rd., Bird in Hand, PA 17505.

QUESTION - Dolores Caverly, Shavertown, has a Windsor chair with a brass plate that reads: The Derby Chair made by P. Derby and Co. Inc., Gardner, Mass. She wants to know if any information is available on this chair.

QUESTION - Amanda Fisher, Kinzer, wants to know how to get an instruction book for a 16-quart Peerless pressure canner.

QUESTION - David Lounsbury, Chester Springs, wants to know where to have old milk cans replated. What was the original coating? Was it food-grade tin plating or something else?



The other week I attended a banquet celebrating 65 years since the Rural Youth of Lancaster County was established. Only a few of the original members are still around. However, it was a very active group and they produced 37 plays and held square dances every month.

In 1945 membership grew from 80 to 140 young people. This social group also had an orchestra. Trips were taken to New York City and many places in Pennsylvania. They also published a small newspaper which was mailed to 250 members for one cent each.

My husband was not able to attend the recent banquet as he had just come home from the hospital. The operation did not accomplish the hoped for results, but he is able to walk around. Since then he has even helped to fill the silo on the farm. He has many ideas about things he wants to do outside.

QUESTION - Bob Fleckenstein, Woodstown, N.J., wants to know if anyone has a plastic wheel to fit a plastic truck named Blippo, which measures 9¼X18½-inches. The wheel is 3-inches wide and the axle is 8-inches long and square.

QUESTION - Michael Trombley Jr. has a Norm's Dairy "pyroglazed" milk bottle from Albany, N.Y. Trombley wants to know how much it is worth.

QUESTION - Helen Shaffer, Lansdale, wants to know how to get rid of sparrows nesting behind shutters. She tried chasing them out to no avail.

ANSWER - Stephen Lapp, Kirkwood, wanted to know where to find a part for an old Waltham 15-jewel watch that needs a new sleeve. Thanks to L. Nolt, Leola, who recommends Samuel Hurst Watch and Clock Repair, Terre Hill. Call (717) 445-5219.

Another reader recommends Mahlon Shetler, 12580 Smith Rd., S. Dayton, NY 14138. If the parts aren't available Mahlon manufacturers the pieces himself. According to the reader, Mahlon is a very gifted watch repairer.

ANSWER - Gary Van Horn, Snyder County, wanted the names of persons or companies that move houses. He has a farm house to move back from the main road. A Leola reader recommends Verling H. Wolfe Co., 115 Club Rd., Bethel, PA 19507 or call (610) 488-1020 or (717) 933-4246.

Barbara Ruork, Lionville, recommends Charles Mullen, Advanced House Moving Inc., R.R.3, Box 31641A,

Our oldest grandson, who lives in Maryland, surprised us with a visit a few weeks ago. He is teaching physics and English in a private school near Washington, D.C. He declared that the meal that I prepared for him was quite different than his usual meals. We had a pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked corn, asparagus, cole slaw, bread, jelly, and a cherry cobbler for dessert. We enjoyed hearing of his trip through Europe this past summer.

All through the dry summer I've been carrying one sprinkling can of water to a few plants every other day. One plant was a gift of a small butterfly bush. Another was a tiny azalea plant from Georgia. Still another that got watered was a large parsley plant. And, I've planted blue morning glory plants next to a crab apple tree so that they can climb up its trunk. I'm really hoping they will bloom before too cold weather comes our way.

Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Call 1-800-446-2168

Another reader recommends Dale Aungst House Movers. Phone (814) 784-3600.

ANSWER - A reader from the central part of the state is looking for two pieces of discontinued Tupperware. Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, writes that replacements can be ordered through Cathy Brown, 30 Little Britain Rd., Nottingham, PA 19362 or call (717) 529-2572.

ANSWER - A reader requested instructions on how to dry flowers in the microwave. Thanks to Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, for sending in instructions, but she writes that of the 5 or 6 drying methods she uses, the microwave is her least favorite but it's fast. Perhaps Shirley could send instructions for her favorite methods. Here is the microwave instructions: Cover the turntable with kitchen paper and arrange flowers in a single layer making sure no two items touch. Process on low about 3 minutes. Time will depend on type of flowers and micro wattage. Check ever 30 seconds near end of time. Remove when crisp. A few seconds too long will make them too brittle. Best to experiment with your least favorites.

ANSWER - R. Stoltzfus, 6039 Wannier Rd., Narvon, wanted to know where to buy "The Greatest Story Ever Written." Claudia Myers, P.O. Box 35, Mattawana, PA 17054 writes that she has a paperback copy of "The Greatest Book Ever Written," by Fulton Oursler. If Stoltzfus wants the book, he can have it at no charge except compensation for postage to mail the book.