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

QUESTION - Bill Russell, 3305 Enola Rd., Carlisle, wants to know if anyone has any old glass motorcycle candy containers and any children's series books from 1910-1916, which have pictures of motorcycles on the cover such as "The Motorcycle Chums," "The Big Five Motorcycle Boys," or any similar book to sell. Call (717) 249-9312.

QUESTION - Doris Wooleyhan misplaced that address for a fabric shop in Allentown that sells wool. The address, sent in by Irene Sticker, had been printed several months ago.

QUESTION - Melvin Martin, Martinsburg, wants to know where to purchase parts for a Harvest Maid food dryer, model FD101. If someone has a machine that is not in use, the Martins are interested in purchasing it at a reasonable price. Call (814) 793-4199.

QUESTION - Christ L. Zimmerman, 533 Wentzel Rd., East Earl, wants to know if anyone has or knows of someone who has a wooden puzzle made from mini logs that are six inches long and one-inch square.

QUESTION - A reader wants to know where to find parts for a three-point hitch log splitter, P.T.O. powered, called the Unicorn. It is a cone-shaped splitter manufactured by the Thackery Co. Inc. The reader doesn't have an address for the company but needs a replacement tip.

QUESTION - Lena Oberholtzer, Leola, needs a seal for a 6-quart Mirro-Matic pressure cooker, part number 396M, which she believes is no longer manufactured.

QUESTION - Walter Glatfelter, Glen Rock, wants to buy a runner 36-inches wide of the old-fashioned rainbow carpet. Call (717) 235-3585.

QUESTION - Mabel Hoover, 172 Black Creek Rd., East Earl, PA 17519 wants to buy the book "Fruit In His Season," by Helen Corse Barney.

QUESTION - A Lancaster County reader wants directions to make goat's milk soap.

QUESTION - Ben Kinsinger, Meyersdale, wants to know if anyone has parts or knows where to find a crankshaft and flywheel for an antique one-horsepower Mogul gas engine or engine parts in any condition. Also wants a Maytag gas engine for parts.

QUESTION - Elizabeth Weaver-Kreider is looking for a used spinning wheel. She is a beginning spinner and wants to purchase one for less than \$200. Contact her at 202 S. 8th St., Columbia, PA 17512.

QUESTION - Does anyone know anything about a darning ball? A reader writes that she had one years ago

but didn't know what it was. Now that she has seven children and lots of socks and stockings to mend, she needs it. It was a ball at the end of a tapered stick where she thinks a person held onto it with the ball right at the hole so that it could be stitched. It may be called by a different name.

QUESTION - Amos S. Kauffman has an Oster kitchen center mixer combo, which includes a chopper, grater, blender, ice cream maker, and recipe booklet. Those parts are in working condition, but the gears are worn on the arm which holds the dough hooks and beaters. Call (610) 273-2076 if interested.

QUESTION - A reader wants the words to an old poem her mother used to say from memory. The poem begins: "Little Jackie Jones

Now every little boy and girl

Is very well aware

That when you go outdoors to play

You have to think of air...."

The reader would also like the words to an old song: "Come Back to Erin Marouneen."

QUESTION - Lester Zimmerman, 2062 Kramer Mill Rd., Stevens, is interested in buying wooden tinker toys or possibly plastic ones at a reasonable price. Call (717) 336-4542.

QUESTION - Richard Millard, 1480 Easton Rd., Warrington, PA 18976 wants to buy 6-8 nice stone arrowheads to finish off a craft project.

QUESTION - David writes that his family has a problem with their dog barking in the morning. Starting at 6 a.m., he will bark for an hour. In the afternoon, the dog knows what time David will return home from school and starts barking a half hour before he gets home. Nothing the family has tried seems to work and David's mom is tired of it.

QUESTION - V. Nolt, Leola, wants to know where to buy an electric butter churn in a 1-2 gallon size. State price when calling (717) 656-8964.

QUESTION - Linda Martin is looking for a book, "White Mother," and some old readers: "Finding New Neighbors" by Russell Wulffing Ousley; "Friends Far and Near;" Good Times Today and Tomorrow" by Gates and Perdon. Call (717) 933-1416.

QUESTION - Betty Jane Weaver, Mertztown, is searching for a book "Peck's Bad Boy and His Pa." Call (610) 682-7075.

QUESTION - Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, is looking for a source to purchase pine butchering tar to scald hogs for butchering.

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asks if anyone knows of something similar to balsam of myrrh.

QUESTION - Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, is looking for a cough syrup similar to Kemps Balsam.

QUESTION - Does anyone know where a video showing fish swimming or snow scenes without sound can be purchased?

QUESTION - L. Nolt, 309 N. Hershey Ave., Leola, PA 17540, would like to exchange pollination seeds with other readers. She has lima beans and lettuce seeds to exchange.

QUESTION - Edwin Hoffman, 10 Woodcrest Way, Landenberg, Chester Co., has several hundred Mason canning jars, mainly quart sizes, and large pressure canners. He would like to dispose of them, but the auctions in his area say there is no market for them. Anyone have a recommendation for him?

QUESTION - S. R., New Providence, has an aluminum broiler fry pan. When a little water is added to the pan and the rack is used to warm things without drying them out, the water stains on the aluminum are practically black. Is there something to add to the water to keep the pan from turning black?

QUESTION - Dave is interested in installing a compost toilet inside a house. If any readers have tried this, Dave would like to hear about the pros and cons such as if it should be electric or hand cranked? Call (717) 721-4427.

QUESTION - Ona Martin, Mt. Airy, Md., would like a 1921 calendar plate. Phone (410) 875-5382.

QUESTION - A reader is searching for a circa early to mid 1900s' painting of a collie dog standing watch over a newborn lamb during a blizzard. The collie has apparently located the lamb and is barking for someone to come to the rescue. She believes it is in a circular or octagonal-shaped frame. Call (724) 397-8126.

QUESTION - Wilmer, 14, collects business cards and would appreciate people sending him cards. Send to Wilmer Stoltzfus, 182 Quarry Rd., Leola, PA 17540.

QUESTION - Susie Hoover, 440 Gristmill Rd., New Holland, PA 17557, wants to buy a used pitch pipe in fair condition at a reasonable price. She would also like a copy of the song that includes these words: "Oh take me back once more, back to the old homestead, back where the roses bloom, back to the old homestead...."

QUESTION - Donna Earls, R.3, Gillett, PA 16925, wants to know if anyone has cardboard or plastic covers for regular size milk bottles.

QUESTION - A reader would like to know how to find the value of metal dollhouses from the 1940s and for dollhouse furniture from the 1930s-1950s.

QUESTION - Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, wants to know where to purchase a 4- to 5-foot lawn jockey boy ornament before Christmas.

QUESTION - Ernest Nolt wants information on how to make a bow and arrow to hunt deer.

QUESTION - S. D. has a Conestoga wagon in need of wheel repair. The wheel has rotted away from the iron rim and needs to be replaced. Call (410) 374-6473.

QUESTION - Wade Monn, Fawn Grove, writes that The Maryland and Pennsylvania Rail Road Preservation Society of Muddy Creek Forks, York County, is looking for an old Wayne 1920 gas station pump, and one with a glove which fills up to measure the gas. The Society is also looking for a Maytag square tub washing machine with a meat grinder attachment, which is installed in place of the wringer assembly. These items are needed for the general store at the museum. Call (717) 382-9811.

QUESTION - A reader would appreciate if anyone has some Macomber rutabaga seeds to sell. Or is there a seed company that sells them or another variety that they have tried that taste sweeter and milder than Laurentian or American yellow or American purple-top (Golden Neckless).

ANSWER - For the person who wanted to know the history of the candy cane, here is an answer: "A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made a Christmas candy cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

"He began with a stick of pure white hard candy: White to symbolize the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the promises of God.

"The candy maker made the candy in the form of a 'J' to represent the precious name of Jesus who came to earth as savior. It could represent the staff of the Good Shepherd with which He reases down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs, who, like all sheep have gone astray.

"Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life."



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