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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 LG00-D.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 - Merrie Stauffer, Myerstown, wants the words to a poem she had learned in school. The first line is "Be on the square, always be fair."

QUESTION - J.Drago, Monmouth County, N.J., is interested in attracting Purple Martins. He has two large houses and 10 natural gourds painted white with 1 1/2-inch holes facing a large open field with no trees around. Drago would like to hear from someone who has had success or knows of a method that works.

QUESTION - Betty Duvall is looking for a dress form that has four metal legs with wheels at the bottom, and a metal pole going up the middle through the form to the top where there is a wooden knob. The form is covered with cloth down to about knee length and on top of that is metal mesh that goes to about ankle length. It is adjustable. Betty needs this form as soon as possible. Call (610) 827-7749.

QUESTION - Joe Bohnert, Morris, needs N.H. skid steer parts for L781-L783-L785. Does not need engine parts. Call (570) 353-7982 evenings.

QUESTION - B. Stoltzfus wants to know where to buy books for a son who enjoys tinkering with engines. Books should be easy to understand and have information on how to fix them.

QUESTION - Thomas Balthaser, Millerstown, has a collection of old books from the late 1800s to early 1900s. The books are mostly about naval history and subjects. Some are Naval Academy yearbooks from the 1920s-1930s. Admiral Faragut Academy yearbooks are from the 1930s-1940s, and many other older naval-related books make up part of his collection. Balthaser is interested in hearing how to determine the value of the books or who to contact for information. Call him at (717) 589-7253.

QUESTION - Joel Steigman, 1188 Mountain House Rd., Halifax, PA 17032, wants to buy a working antique flour mill called a Midget Marvel Flour Mill, about 4x10x10-feet.

QUESTION - A reader would like to find the words to a song that she remembers her mother had on a record. The only words she can recall are: "What will they say when they pass slowly by, when they take that last look at me."

QUESTION - Kelly Carter, Annapolis, Md., wants to visit craft stores in Lancaster County, and asks for names and addresses of craft stores.

QUESTION - Emma Sue Martin, New Holland, wants the name and address of an Amish man that sells butter churns that can be set inside a wringer washer to

churn. She makes butter in a blender but has lots of cream and would like to make a gallon of butter at a time.

QUESTION - E. Beller, Kinzers, wants to know where to get parts for a Ronson Foodmatic set (new or used).

QUESTION - Neil Hoshall, White Hall, Md., wants to know where to buy dark buckwheat flour.

QUESTION - Philip Majerich wants to purchase an old longrifle to hang on the wall. The condition is not important. He also wants an old powder horn. Call (610) 298-3180 or write to Majerich at P.O. Box 83, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

QUESTION - Myrt Sarge's senior club wants directions for making baskets out of old greeting cards. Since other readers would like to know how to do this also, we will print the directions if they are too long or difficult to understand. If the directions are complicated, send directly to Myrt at 266 Cedar Brook Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

QUESTION - John B. Zook, 5208 Peter's Rd., Kinzers, PA 17535, wants Hertzler and Zook calendars from 1901, 1914, and 1916, a one or two hole corn sheller and other Hertzler and Zook items.

QUESTION - The Beilers need the correct address for Westclox warranty repair. The address she has for General Time Corp., Norcross, GA has been changed and the company left no forwarding address.

QUESTION - John Herr, Avondale, wants to know where to purchase a service and parts bulletin for a Power Snow Remover Snow Bird S-241.

QUESTION - A reader wants to know where to buy a new or used Probe game. Call (814) 224-4508.

QUESTION - Lydia Nolt, 309 N. Hershey Ave., Leola, PA 17540 wants McGuffey's Readers, which she remembers from her school days and would like to read again.

QUESTION - Elton Horning, Middleburg, wants to know the value of a scythe with a cradle. Are there dealers to contact that might be interested in purchasing it?

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

ANSWER - Richard Mecionis, Fair Lawn, N.J., inquired about a nursery or garden outlet that sells many varieties of household garden herbs. Thanks to a reader for recommending Wishing Well Herbs. Request a mail-order catalog from them by writing to 2784 Murdock Rd., Medina, NY 14103 or call (585) 798-6198.

ANSWER - Marlene Hurst wanted the book "I Lift My Lamp." Anita Winder writes that when she checked online at ABE Books, several books with the same title but written by different authors were listed. One is about the Jesuits and another about the Statue of Liberty. To find the correct book, Marlene should specify the author and publisher if possible. If she does not have access to the Internet, Anita said she could send her the information by mail if she sends her address and specifies the exact book desired.

ANSWER - Several people sent in the poem requested by Charles Mason, which was printed in last week's edition of this paper. Thanks to Margaret Sharp, Glenmore, who sent another poem, with no title, about the same subject that she believes Mason would appreciate. Margaret said the poem was given to her family in 1956 when their daughter was born. They read it at her funeral when she passed away in 2000. "I'll lend you for a little while a child of Mine," He said, "For you to love the while she lives and mourn for when she's dead."

*It may be six or seven years, or 21 or three,
But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for Me?"
She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and shall her stay be brief,
You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief.
I cannot promise will stay since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over in my search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd life's lane I have selected you.
Now will you give her all your love, nor think the labor vain,
Nor hate Me when I come to call to take her home again?"
I fancied that I heard you say: "Dear Lord, Thy will be done,
For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we may
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay!
But shall the angel call to her much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the better grief that comes and try to understand.*

Author Unknown

ANSWER - Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, is looking for a source to purchase pine butchering tar to scald hogs for butchering. Thanks to George Auker for writing that pine butchering tar to scald pigs is available from Hissner's General Store, Port Treverton. The store is located on Rt. 11 and 15 just south of Port Treverton. Phone (570) 374-1550. Hours are Monday through Saturday 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Sunday.

ANSWER - Madeline Van Leuven, Mantua, N.J., wanted addresses for people or organizations that collect calendars, business cards, and greeting cards. Thanks to Mrs. Daniel Yoder, Lewistown, for supplying these names for those who collect calendars and the fronts of cards: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's, Boulder City, NV 89005.

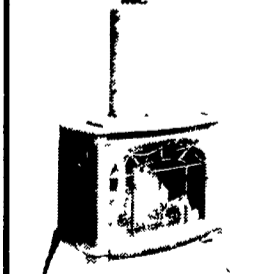
Send used calendars to Matthew Stephens, R.1, Box 1069, Starruca, PA 18462-9703. The calendars are used for handicapped persons and may have writing on them.

ANSWER - Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, asks if anyone knows of something similar to balsam of myrrh. Thanks to Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, for writing that myrrh was one of the gifts of the wisemen. In ancient times, essential oils were secreted from shrubs in the burseraceae family and used for embalming fluid, anointing oil, a pain killer, and for use on sores, wounds, coughs, and worm infestation. Myrrh is also a great bug killer. Any plant from the burseraceae family, when cut, will exude a smell similar to turpentine. Today myrrh is used as an incense and in perfume.

ANSWER - Isabel Dietrich, Mifflinsburg, wanted the complete list for the following poem. Thanks to Merrie Stauffer, Myerstown, and an anonymous person for sending poem that includes the following:

*January brings the snow,
Makes the feet and fingers glow.
February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lakes again.
March brings breezes sharp, loud and shrill,
To stir the dancing daffodil.
April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daisies at our feet.
May brings flocks of pretty lambs
Skipping by their fleecy dams.
June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.
Hot July brings cooling showers,
Apricots, and gillyflowers.
August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.
Warm September brings the fruit;
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.
Fresh October brings the pheasant;
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.
Dull November brings the blast;
Then the leaves are whirling fast.
Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.*

Sara Coleridge



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