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

QUESTION — Nancy Stoltzfus, Lewisburg, wants to know where to find knobs for Vita-Craft stainless steel kettles.

QUESTION — Nina Purvin wants information about a Purvin Dairy Company, which operated in Lancaster during the 1940s-1950s. She has found some interesting bottles, a calendar, and a poster from the company. The latest item is from 1952. She'd like any information someone might have about the farm and dairy.

QUESTION — Marnita Stoltzfus, Parkesburg, wants to buy an old Scrabble game. It does not need a board. Call her at (610) 857-1303.

QUESTION — John Shank, Smithsburg, Md., needs a pair of handles for his horse drawn cultivators. The handles should be 58-inches in length. He thinks perhaps someone in Lancaster County may handcraft the handles but needs a contact.

QUESTION — Cathy Heagy, Narvon, is looking for a children's book, "The Little Boy From Shickshinny," which is about a boy who got mad at a cow lying down in the dark and kicked it only to find out it was really a bear. Her

grandmother had a copy when Cathy was a child.

QUESTION — Lena Oberholtzer, 202 E. Eby Rd., Leola, PA 17540, writes that a few months ago a reader requested an instruction and recipe book available for a 6-quart Mirro-matic pressure cooker. The reader mentioned that she received the answer, but the source wasn't mention. Lena needs one. She had contacted Cooks Corner in Wisconsin, but they no longer have the books. Does anyone have one to send to Lena?

QUESTION — Gerry Noecker, 2830 Irish Creek Rd., Bernville, PA 19506 requests the books, "The Lion Hound," and "The Desert Dog," by Jim Kjellaard.

QUESTION — D. B., Wapwallopen, wants to know how to clean cast-iron frypans and griddles with accumulated baked film on them. He also wants to know how to restore a cast-iron Dutch oven pot that cooked dry and scorched.

QUESTION — Erica Bowers writes that Recycling Services Inc., 365 Elm St., Pottstown, is a multipurpose recycling collection center, which takes almost any item including plastics, metal, and clothing. Recently the center lost its market for used clothing and fabric they collected. The center wants to know if anyone is interested in starting their own used clothing or consignment business? The person must be willing to take and use everything. No throwaways. Contact Jim Crater (610) 323-8545 or at the Website www.recyclingservices.org.

QUESTION — The Kemerer family, Latrobe, want to know the price of used barn siding measuring 10-12-foot lengths and 8-10 inches in width. The wood is about 150 years old.

QUESTION — Kay Cree, 75 Pine Hill Rd., Marysville, PA 17053, needs an owner's or repair manual for a Necchi Supernova Ultra Mark 2 sewing machine. She is willing to pay a reasonable price.

QUESTION — Wilmer and Luella Reiff, 200 Sheaffer's School Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522, would like worthwhile reading literature for school children to enjoy. They would like it to be donated to their parochial school's library, but are willing to pay shipping. Call (717) 656-2431.

QUESTION — Joanna Martin, Abbottstown, is interested in purchasing

books about "A First Look" at birds, fish, etc. written by Millicent E. Selsam and Joyce Hunt. Also wants Ranger Rick magazines written between 1981-1991, large National Geographic children's books. Call her evenings at (717) 632-8718.

QUESTION — Janet Spangler wants to know if anyone knows how to make angels using beads and safety pins. She'd like the instructions.

QUESTION — Lyndon Martin, Elizabethtown, wants to know how much money he could make, and where to buy and sell guinea pigs. Call him at (717) 361-8351.

QUESTION — Paul has 122 special light bulbs that are 5-inch clear glass globes: 100 are 60W, and the remainder are 25W. The bulbs are new and in their original cartons. The bulbs are used for unique interior decorating and make-up mirror lights. Paul believes they would make brilliant lights for a barn. The bulbs sell for \$4 a piece at Home Depot. Call Paul to reach an agreement on price. Depending on distance, delivery could be arranged. Call (610) 827-7561.

QUESTION — Anita Moyer, Bernville, would like to borrow the book, "The Way She Chose," published briefly by Rod and Staff. Call Anita at (610) 488-7971.

QUESTION — Susan Evans, Lewisburg, would like to find a wooden Chinese checker board. Call (570) 523-7751.

QUESTION — Julia Delp, 962 Martin Road, Needmore PA 17238, is looking for information on diatomaceous earth (DE). Does DE work well enough to be used as the sole wormer in sheep, beef, cattle and dogs? How often should it be used? Does DE irritate animals' digestive tracts? Is any age to young to treat with DE? Can DE be fed free-choice or mixed with loose minerals? If so, at what rate? How can one ensure that all the animals are eating it? If DE kills worms and eggs, will pastures eventually become worm-free?

QUESTION — R.W. Hain is searching for a book title "Slim" by William Haines. The book is about the electrification of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the early 1930s. You can call Hain at (717) 776-7929.

QUESTION — Bill Rapp, 6 Rosedale Terrace, Holmdel, NJ, is looking for a place to buy a strong, wooden replacement handle for an old coal shovel. The handle is about 43 inches long and 1½ inches in diameter.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know how to get a skunk out from under an enclosed porch. Also interested in learning how to be rid of skunks in general.

QUESTION — Mrs. Henry King is looking for an old book titled "Ishmael" about a young boy who grew up in poverty and was raised by an aunt. You may contact Mrs. King at 1061 Osceola Rd., Drumore PA 17518.

QUESTION — Rachel Fisher, 44 Furnace Rd., Quarryville PA 17566, asks where she can find plates for her Keen Kutter hand grinder, number 22.

QUESTION — Henry King wonders if anyone knows the rest of the words to the song that goes: "If I could see the world through the eyes of a child, what a wonderful world it would be." Contact him at 1061 Osceola Rd., Drumore PA 17518.

QUESTION — D. Peters, Bethlehem, asks where he can find curly maple veneer. He needs two 3x10-inch pieces. Call (610) 866-3399.

QUESTION — Richard Laughman, Chambersburg, wants to know where a Sony Superscope reel to reel tape player can be fixed.

QUESTION — Bill Dennies, Hamburg, N.Y., wants the address of Karin Bucan who does heirloom gardening. He and his wife are newcomers to heirloom gardening and would like to talk with Karin.

QUESTION — A reader wants the words to a song she heard years ago. She remembers these words: "The cyclone appeared, it darkened the air, the lightning flashed dark ore the foam. The children all cried, don't send us away. But let us stay here with you...."

Also, she wants the words to another song: A small boy asked the storekeeper about calling his mamma in heaven. "My child the merchant murmured as he stroked his anxious brow. Go call Him up and ask Him where your mother lives right now...."

QUESTION — Pat Hartman, Ligonier, wants to know where to find balsam. She remembers seeing the answer in this paper but lost the address. She wants the answer repeated for what balsam is and where to get it.

QUESTION — A. Mary Nolt, New Holland, wants to know the value of a Zenith egg grader scale and what antique dealers are interested in items such as these.

ANSWER — A reader from Kirkwood requested a whitewash formula to whitewash an old board fence. Thanks to Anna Zimmerman, Newville, for sending the following information:

Whitewash

A good whitewash solution begins with lime putty made by mixing 50 pounds of fresh hydrated lime (more durable than lump lime) with 7 gallons water. Let stand 2-3 days. For shed or fences, dissolve 15 pounds common salt in 5

gallons water and slowly stir into lime putty. Apply whitewash on wet fence. It is transparent when wet and opaque when dry.

This whitewash mixture lasts several months if not used immediately.

ANSWER — Anna Byler thanks many readers for answering her request for a poem about a young girl who, after being told by her mother to dress warmly, goes out wearing only a thin shawl and freezes.

Young Farmer, Rancher Award Application Deadline Approaches

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher (YFR) Committee has announced the application deadlines for upcoming award programs. The three awards Achievement Award, Excellence in Agriculture Award, and Discussion Meet are open to all Young Farmers 18-35 years of age.

Dodge is sponsoring these contests on the state level by providing a \$500 cash award for the top prize winner of each contest. The New York Farm Bureau YFR Committee also provides cash awards for the winners and finalists for each contest.

The Achievement Award recognizes young farmers for their farming pursuits and participation/leadership within agriculture and their own community. The judging of this award is based on Farm Bureau and community involvement, leadership and accomplishments, progress of the farm enterprise, and management ability and role.

A new prize has been added for the NYFB winner of the Achievement Award Kubota Tractor Corporation has agreed to donate use of a Kubota M Series Tractor (44-98 horsepower) with loader for one year (not to exceed 400 hours).

The Excellence in Agriculture Award is an award designed to recognize Young Farmers, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Three finalists, singles or couples, will be selected for both the Achievement Award and Excellence in Agriculture Award. These finalists will compete at the New York Farm Bureau Summer Spectacular Event on Wednesday, July 30 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse.

The application deadline for the Achievement Award and the Excellence in Agriculture Award is May 1.

The winners of each award in New York State will continue on to compete at the national level during American Farm Bureau Federation's 85th annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 11-14, 2004. All national contestants in these programs will receive an inscribed plaque, and winners will receive a selected 2004 Dodge pickup truck.

For more information on the New York Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher program and awards, contact Patti Dugan, deputy director, at 1-800-342-4143.