

# Y ask OU 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** — A reader wants to know what to use on kitchen formica countertops to preserve or seal the formica to keep it from wearing down, keeping stains out and adding shine?

**QUESTION** — A reader wants to know where the strong rubber elastic (like rubber bands) can be purchased to make fitted bed sheets.

**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) 57-1303.

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

**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 too 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 Pennsy 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** — 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** — 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** — John Shank, Smithsburg, Md., needed a pair of handles for his horse drawn cultivators. Thanks for Christian Weaver Jr. for answering that the handles are made by John's Wood Bending, 4000 E. Newport Rd., Gordonville. Phone (717) 768-8183.

**ANSWER** — 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. Thanks to Joyce Grim, Bucks County, and Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, who write you need to beat skunks at their own game — smell. Put mothballs under the porch or spray insect repellent into their openings. They'll soon leave. Joyce said this method also works to get rid of ground hogs.

**ANSWER** — Nancy Stoltzfus, Lewisburg, wanted to know where to find knobs for Vita-Craft stainless steel kettles. Thanks to Joanne Gehman, Newburg, for answering. Write to "Der Kessel Mann," Box 5181, Lancaster, PA 17606. Phone (717) 392-4356 or (717) 569-9388, and leave a message for Ken Buch.

**ANSWER** — D.B. of Wapwallopen wanted to know how to clean cast-iron frypans and griddles. Thanks to Joyce Stuff, Mercersburg, who writes: Put them in the oven when self-cleaning the oven. They will come out looking like new, but will need to be seasoned again. The same cleaning method would work for the cast-iron Dutch oven pot if it is without hardware; otherwise the handles would melt.

**ANSWER** — Lena Oberholzer, 202 E. Eby Rd., Leola, PA 17540, requested an instruction and recipe book available for a 6-quart Mirromatic pressure cooker. Thanks to Joyce Stuff, Mercersburg, who promises she will answer this request.

**ANSWER** — A reader requested the words to two songs. Thanks to a reader who sent in the words. She writes both songs were on an old record album by the Debusk/Weaver family.

### Cyclone Of Rycove

*O listen today to the story I tell  
of a saddened and tear-dimmed eye;  
Of a dreadful cyclone that came this way  
and blew our schoolhouse away.*

Chorus:

*Rycove, Rycove, Rycove, Rycove,  
A place of my childhood and home.  
Where in life's early morn I once loved to roam  
but now it's so silent and lone.*

*When the cyclone appeared it darkened the air,  
there was lightening flashed over the sky.*

*The children all cried, "Don't take us away  
but spare us to go back home.*

*There were mother's so dear and father's the same  
that came to this horrible scene;*

*Searching and crying each found their own child  
dying on a pillow of stone.*

*Oh give us a home far beyond the blue sky  
where storms and cyclones are unknown,*

*And there will I stand and clasp the glad hand  
with children in a heavenly home.*

### No Telephone In Heaven

*"Now I can't wait on babies," the smiling merchant said,*

*As he stooped and softly played with his golden,  
curly head.*

*"I want to call up Momma," Kenny answered full and free,*

*"Won't you telephone and ask her when she's coming  
back to me?"*

*"My child," the merchant murmured as he stroked the  
anxious brow,*

*"No telephone connection where your mother lives  
at now."*

*No telephone in heaven as the tear sprang in his eye,*

*"I thought God had everything with Him up in the  
sky!"*

*"And then I get so lonesome that I don't know what to  
do*

*And Poppa cries so much, I guess, he must be lone-  
some too.*

*Tell her to come to baby 'cause at night I get so  
afraid.*

*With no one there to kiss me when the lights begin  
to fade."*