

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 — Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, is looking for any good ideas on keeping flies away while dining on the porch and would also like to know where to buy easels to display wide bowls or other wide objects.

QUESTION — Mrs. Simeon Stoltzfus, Millersburg, wants to know if anyone has a copy of "How Great Thou Art" in a German translation. She has read that the hymn was written by a Swedish pastor and later translated into Ger-

man, Russian, and ultimately English by missionaries to the people of the Ukraine. Please send the German translation to her at 193 Harman Lane, Millersburg, PA 17061.

QUESTION — Valerie Miller, Honesdale, wants to purchase a pair of wool carders in good condition for a reasonable price. As an inexperience carder, she also would appreciate tips on carding and spinning wool.

QUESTION — A reader writes that she has eight oak trees approximately 75-feet high. She would like a professional to remove them. Anyone recommend a professional who works in the 610 area code vicinity.

QUESTION — Edna Weaver, Kutztown, writes that when she attended a one-room public school in the 1940s, she read the book, "The Open Gate," which she has never forgotten. If anyone has a copy of the book, Edna would like to buy it. Write to her at 375 Bowers Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530-9726.

QUESTION — Walt Grove, Red Lion, lives in a log house for 25 years. Every year he has black bumble bees or carpenter bees that bore into the logs and eaves of the house. He has tried plugging the holes, but the bees bore into another spot. Does anyone know how to get rid of the bees permanently?

QUESTION — D. Peters, Red Lion, asks where he can find five-volt G.E. light bulbs. These bulbs were used in an antique hand-held Delta Powerlite lantern. They are GE 502 and GE 425 and are screw-in type bulbs used with a square six-volt battery with spring terminals. The number 425s are .5 amps/2.5

watts and the 502s are .15 amps/.765 watts. Peters needs only 2 or 3 bulbs.

QUESTION — Lucy Nolt, Mifflinburg, wants to know if there is a way to get rid of termites without using exterminator services. It would cost \$2,500 to have an exterminator do it, so the Nolts prefer to do it themselves if possible.

QUESTION — Last summer Cindy Eshleman recalls seeing a magazine page that listed different types of mint plants. She doesn't know the name or the magazine, but if anyone has a copy of an article about mint plants, she would appreciate if they would send it to her at R.D. 3, Box 7957, Jonestown, PA 17038.

QUESTION — Martin Heffner Jr., Wernersville, is looking for someone to repair a DC battery driven 14-volt motor that drives a handicapped scooter.

QUESTION — Alma Stauffer, 27990 Pt Lookout Rd., Loveville, MD 20656, wants to know if there is a buyer for blue glass Vicks Vaporub jars that are full and in boxes with the papers. She also has various blue Noxema jars without the lids.

QUESTION — Wilma Zimmerman wants to know where a slicer-shredder attachment and instruction booklet could be found for a Cuisinart food processor DLC-7.

QUESTION — Ruth Nolt is looking for some Calvary songbooks in good condition. Write to Robert Brougher, 200 Beaver Run Rd., New Oxford, PA 17350 or call (717) 334-8203 with prices or information.

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 pur-

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

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.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a size 6 cast iron skillet, used, in good condition that they are willing to sell.

ANSWER — Kermit Laub asked where to buy Lifebuoy toilet soap. Thanks to several readers for answering. Ralph Eyster, Hummelstown; Henry Carey, Erwinna; and Doris Johnson, Lyons, N.Y., write that Lifebuoy is listed in a catalog from The Vermont Country

Store, P.O. Box 6999, Rutland, VT 05702-6999, (802) 362-8470.

ANSWER — Julia Delp, Needmore requested information on diatomaceous earth (DE). She asked: 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? Thanks to Mrs. Simeon Stoltzfus, Millersburg, who writes that these questions can be answered by Diatomaceous Earth, Universal Diatoms, Inc., Albuquerque, N.M. 87102. Phone number is (505) 881-6933.

ANSWER — D. Peters, Bethlehem, asked where to find curly maple veneer. Thanks to several readers who provided different sources. For other readers who are interested, the curly maple veneer is available from Van Dyke's Restorers (800)558-1234 and from Rockber Woodworking and Hardware, Media, Minn. (800) 260-9663.

ANSWER — Janet Spangler wanted to know if anyone knows how to make angels using beads and safety pins. She wanted instructions. Thanks to a reader who offers to send the instructions. Janet can request the instructions from Mary Jane Waybright, 146 Mason-Dixon Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325. For others who are interested, Beatrice Baalbit, Andreas, writes that angel kits with instructions are available from Bolek's Craft Supplies, Inc., 330 N. Tuscarawas Ave., P.O. Box 465, Dover, Ohio 44622-0465.

ANSWER — Reuben Stoltzfus, 298 S. Kinzer Rd., Paradise, PA 17562, answers Amos Beiler's request for the story "Five Men Against the Sea." Stoltzfus writes that he has a large-print Reader's Digest magazine from 1988 that Beiler can have.

'Liquid Fence' Keeps Wildlife From Foraging Gardens, Shrubs

BRODHEADSVILLE (Monroe Co.) — When 85-year-old Clark Kaskie is faced with a problem, he does not get mad, he gets inventive.

His most recent endeavor involved protecting something that is very dear to him: his flowers. At his home in the Pocono Mountains, herds of deer and rabbits were constantly eating his shrubs and gardens.

He spent a small fortune trying to find a deterrent that worked, but to no avail. "I tried a four-foot fence. It was ugly," he said.

Before retirement, Kaskie was a technical assistant to the president of Allied Chemical Corporation. He is both a chemist and a chemical engineer and started an information department at Stauffer's Chemical.

His first 23 years of work were

spent at Monsanto Chemical. He then worked in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on the Manhattan Project, the global effort to split the atom. "We shipped the basics to Los Alamos," he said. Following the war Kaskie worked on peacetime applications for nuclear power and extracted radioactive isotopes for medical use.

Kaskie admits that retirement never really occurred, but after the formality he designed a self-contained mobile medical clinic, complete with chest x-rays, blood sampling, visual and hearing tests, and hands-on examination by doctors. The unit now visit industrial plants and provides on-site physicals.

When he moved to Pennsylvania, he sold that business and faced a new challenge: hungry deer and rabbits eating his valu-

able gardens and shrubs. After being disappointed by the many animal deterrents on the market, Kaskie had no other choice but to find his own formula.

It took Kaskie three years at a small workbench in his basement, but when he emerged, he had an animal repellent that satisfied his goals: all-natural, biodegradable, inexpensive, easy to apply, and 100 percent effective. For two years, he shared the product and gave it away to people in the area.

Kaskie's friends and neighbors found it worked so well, that they urged him to sell it. In July 1997, Clark and his wife Rosemary began selling his product: Liquid Fence. Business boomed and the telephone began ringing off the hook. The formula works on smell rather than taste, therefore

the animal does not have to bite the plant and cause damage, yet once dry the odor is not detectable by humans.

Three years into development and testing, Liquid Fence, an easy to apply spray made from natural fermented ingredients has proven to be the most effective way of repelling deer and rabbits. It is available as a ready-to-use spray and as a concentrate to mix with water for application with popular pump-action garden sprayers. The spray is an all-natural product, harmless to people and pets. It does not harm the plants, is biodegradable and safe for the environment.

Award-winning garden writer Derek Fell has reported 100 percent effectiveness in protecting plants in his Pennsylvania garden. "We have deer in the garden

almost every night" said Fell, "And we couldn't have ornamental plantings without using Liquid Fence. An application in spring when leaves are breaking dormancy, and booster applications at monthly intervals, controls the deer, rabbits, and other foraging animals."

It takes just a few minutes to spray the entire yard full of plants. Even birds, butterflies, and honeybees do not mind it, but the deer and rabbits are repelled. Repeated at monthly intervals, the spray continues to protect plants, even through winter when evergreens such as arborvitae, azaleas, and hollies need it the most.

To find out more about Liquid Fence Deer and Rabbit Repellent, call toll free (800) 92-FENCE or log onto www.liquidfence.com.