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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 — A reader would like to buy a copy of the book, "A Corporate Tragedy" by Barbara Marsh. Call (610) 286-7093.

QUESTION — Eugene Maute, Elkins Park is looking for a source to purchase thick, clear, plastic sheeting like that used to make seat covers.

QUESTION — Ronald Bennett, 1870 Strong Rd., Victor, NY 14564, collects 1800's farm tools and wants to know where to find barn hay cars and trollies that run on wood or metal rails.

QUESTION — Daniel Yonosh, Slatington, writes that he would like to consult with a person who has the knowledge and experience to make proper settings on a John Deere Model 246, 3 pt, 2-row corn planter to plant corn. His problem is knowing how to maintain a consistent planting depth over rolling land. Call (610) 799-2536, leave a message, and Yonosh will return the call.

QUESTION — C. Gutshall, Carlisle, is looking for proper cleaning instructions for printed cotton seed sacks made in the 1940s. She also would like a Web site address that offers information on older cotton and burlap feed sacks.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know of a place to take small material scraps for recycling. Fabrics of many colors in fabrics such as knits and dacron are included. She also wants to know of uses for old wooden curtain shade rods.

QUESTION — Doris Rissmiller, Elverson, wants to know where she can have the pothandles replaced on her pan set made by Prudential ware. The set was purchased 30-35 years ago. It is stainless steel and waterless cookware set sold by a traveling salesman. The set is in good condition except for the handles that broke off where the screws connect them. She needs three handles, which are the same size regardless of the pan size.

QUESTION — Eric Sortore, Allentown, New Jersey, has an old hand saw filer, model 1200, made by Belsaw. He is missing the saw clamps and clamp bars, and Foley-Belsaw no longer stocks parts for it. If one of our readers has these parts, please write to let him know where to get them, or allow him to get measurements so that he can fabricate them himself.

QUESTION — Alta Weaver, Fredericksburg, bought a used food dehydrator that did not have an owner's manual with it. She wonders if anyone knows where she can get one. Also she wonders if a dehydrator has a fan, since this model does not and it seems to have a place for one. It is a Bee Beyer's Original Food Dehydrator, model number BB 5001. To mail a manual or parts, please write to Alta at 125 Blue Mountain Road, Fredericksburg, PA 17026 or call (717) 865-7440.

QUESTION — If anyone has an Amish Lieder written by Joseph W. Yoder, copyright 1942 to

sell, please contact Elam M. Ebersol, 558 Gibbons Road, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. Additionally, if anyone has a "Fortune Years" by Aaron Glick to sell at a reasonable price, please contact Ebersol.

QUESTION — If anyone has a copy of "The Beautiful Story: Golden Gems of Religious Thoughts" by J.W. Buel to sell please call (717) 656-0457.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know if there are any classes for learning to braid rugs in the area of Boyertown, Fleetwood, Topton, or surrounding areas.

QUESTION — Marcia Whitsel, Shirleysburg, would like to find an older opaque projector for enlarging or copying some patterns. A smaller one would work, she writes, and wonders if schools that are no longer using them would make them available.

QUESTION — Charles Rowland, Elkton, Maryland, would like to buy an outdoor wood furnace, and would like to have owner/user pros and cons. He seeks information such as the best brand of manufacturer, most efficient, etc.

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

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 hand-capped scooter.

QUESTION — Alma Stauffer, 27990 Pt Look-out 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 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 — 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 — 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 — Fred Appel, Paradise, asked if anyone could furnish the words to a poem in which the first line of one stanza reads, "If you go first, and I remain. . ." and the first line of another stanza reads, "If I go first and you remain." Thanks to Dave Anspach, Blandon, and to Lee Laverty, Mount Joy, for sending the words credited to Albert Roswell.

*Should you go first, and I remain,
To walk this road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, Dear,
With happy days we've known.
In spring, I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue.
In early fall, when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
Should you go first, and I remain,
For the battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way,
Will be a hallowed spot!
I'll hear your voice,
I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope.
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me with hope.
Should you go first, and I remain,
To finish out the scroll,
No lenth'ning shadow shall creep in
To make this Life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God,
That death cannot destroy.
Should you go first, and I remain,
One thing I'd have you do:
Walk slowly down that long, lone path,
For soon, I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same.
For someday down that lonely road,
You'll hear me call your name.*

ANSWER — A reader writes that she has eight oak trees approximately 75-feet high that need to be removed by a professional. Thanks to a reader who recommends Oskar Romero of Oskars Lawn and Tree Service in the Boyertown area. Call (610) 754-6813 or cell phone (215) 802-4583. The reader writes that Oskar is from Honduras. His services are very reliable and reasonably priced.

ANSWER — Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, asked for ideas on keeping flies away while dining on the porch. Thanks to Sharon Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, who writes that she recently read to plant basil in a pot and keep it near the outdoor dining area. Crush a few leaves between your fingers before dining to repel the flies. Sharon has planted the basil and placed it on her picnic tables this spring, but hasn't had a chance to see if this method works since it keeps raining.

ANSWER — Shirley M. Grube, Lititz, would like to know if anyone has a use for old greeting cards, or knows of anyone who uses them in crafts. She would like to give them to someone who has use for them. Thanks to Philip Smith, Womelsdorf, for recommending Shirley checks with the activities departments of nursing homes and day care centers. The pictures are used for many craft projects.

ANSWER — Mrs. Simeon Stoltzfus, Millersburg, is grateful for the answers to her requests for a copy of "How Great Thou Art" in a German translation.

ANSWER — In answer to Julia Delp's request for information on diatomaceous earth (DE), a phone number was printed in the May 17th issue of this column. Janet Baer, Maryland, said that she tried the number but it was a fax not a phone number. Janet said that she has used DE for 18 years and has lots of experience and tips for using it. She said she will be happy to answer readers' questions regarding DE. Call her at (410) 557-9420.