



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom 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 is looking for the children's storybook, "Queer Dear Mrs. Goose" by Miriam Potter. If someone has one they would sell, please contact resident at 454 Smokepipe Rd., Souderton, PA 18964.

QUESTION — Debbie Becker is looking for belts and a dealer who sells them for a 5 ft. finish mower made by FMC Corporation (Lindon, LA). The model is a sidewinder. Write or call her. Debbie Becker, 813 BLJEM Road, Pottstown, PA 19464-2005. (610) 970-9166.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know if anyone knows where she could buy another utility cart (might be called a serving cart) to use in her kitchen? She's had hers for 10 years and can't find any like it in the stores. The cart is 30-inches high and has three shelves which measure 21 in. by 15 in. She doesn't want a wooden cart.

QUESTION A reader wants to know the name and phone number of a person who sells Discovery toys so that she might be able to get a Discovery

toy replaced that is broken. She wrote that the Discovery toys have a guarantee on them that they will be replaced if broken.

QUESTION — Anna Zimmerman, 30 Wildwood Lane, Newville, PA 17241, would like to know if someone has the book called "Life in the Slow Lane (Covered Bridges)" that they would be willing to sell. Also: "The Old Barn." Phone: (717) 776-3274.

QUESTION — Lynn Rossi, Lititz, wants to know where to have a copper pot polished. She doesn't want to do it herself.

QUESTION — Stevie Stief is looking for a half-pint embossed Tulpehocken Dairy Farms milk bottle or any related items to that dairy. Call Stief at (610) 488-0682.

QUESTION — Hannah Coles, Bridgeton, N.J., wants to know where to purchase citron for canning.

QUESTION Susan Nolt, 8865 Old 22, Bethel, PA 19507, wants to find a picture of a guardian angel guarding a boy and girl crossing a worn-out foot bridge. She remembers one from her childhood home and would like to have one now. If you would like to part with yours or know where to buy them, please reply.

QUESTION — B. Resau, 7020 Chaneyville Rd., Clearville, PA 15535, needs three hinges (hinges are on the right side as you face the stove) for a Colombian cookstove made by Keeley Stove Co., Columbia, Pa. Model number 18, serial number 590.

QUESTION — Wilson Gorrell, Forest Hill, Md., is trying to find information on a single wheel, manual push-type garden seeder and where to buy the metal seed plates (especially for lima beans). No identification plate can be seen and the planter is estimated to be 40-50 years old. The seed box is round and appears to be cast iron.

QUESTION — Terry Bender, Lebanon, found an old incubator and wants to know its worth. Printed on the side are these words: The Old Trusty Incubator Man, fd by MM Johnson, Cory Center USA Pat Oct. 20, 1903-Feb. 16.

QUESTION — Charles Eberhart, Mifflinburg, wants to know where to find large American Eagle decals, like those used on

milk cans. He can't find them in his area.

QUESTION — L. G., Mannheim, wants to know how to keep yellow jackets away from a hummingbird feeder.

QUESTION — Ben Kinsinger, Meyersdale, wants a 1HP 1HC Mogul Gas engine for parts.

QUESTION — Leroy Riehl, Millerstown, wants to know if anyone has an encyclopedia set from the year 2000 or since for sale at a good price. Call (717) 438-3837.

QUESTION — Sarah Stoltzfus, 1319 Tanning Yard Rd., Peach Bottom, PA 17563, wants to purchase a treadle sewing machine cabinet in any condition. Please write to her stating the price and condition.

QUESTION — Jim Bowersox, Lititz, has a stock cane with the name Bower&Bower stamped on it. Can anyone identify the origin of this cane? Perhaps it was a promotional item for an auctioneer or cattle company. Anyone with information, should mail it in as many of our readers are interested in livestock-related companies.

QUESTION — Jenna Gilpatrick is looking for a source for sugarless chewing tobacco. She got it from Fred Stoker and Sons. Jenna writes the company has automated and discontinued their handpacked line of which the sugarless chew was part.

QUESTION — S. Beiler wants to know where to buy either a new or used alarm clock by Westclox Model 47544 called the Power Napper.

QUESTION — Ella Risler, Port Trevorton, wants to know if anyone knows anything about a flower shop with the name "Lucy Wanner." Ella has a miniature basket of flowers, which she things might be an antique. Stamped on the bottom are the words: Lucy Wanner, "flourel specialist in slicks." Home and bridal, 949 Pleasant View Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522.

QUESTION — Roy Routzahn, Clear Spring, Md., is looking for someone who knows where to buy processed tobacco stems, leaves, or any tobacco scraps for farm use. Call (301) 745-3557.

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QUESTION — In Williamsville, New York, outside of Buffalo, there is a former

gas station/minimart of which Polly E. Mathys, Spring City, Pa. is part owner. She writes: "We are selling the ground, and the building will in all likelihood be torn down. In this building are store-type items such as display shelves, a walk-in cooler with five glass door fronts, and five 6-foot-long chest coolers (you know the kind you reach into in the store to get your Popsicle or what-not). The buyer of the ground doesn't want them and neither do we. But rather than get a certified refrigerant remover to come in and then trash all this equipment, we're looking for a food bank, a farm, a produce stand, or whoever to come to Williamsville and claim these items. None of this stuff is new, but to our knowledge, it all worked the last time the electricity was on." Call Polly at (610) 495-6185 for more information.

QUESTION — L. T. Burke, Southampton, wants to know where to buy outdoor iron furniture from the 1960s-1970s that is in new or very good condition. He wants straight and rocking chairs.

QUESTION — Naomi King, Lititz, wants to know where to purchase replacement thermos lids with attached spouts to drink from. They are the 2-quart Rubbermaid jugs with screw-on lids.

QUESTION — Betty Jakum, Littlestown, wants to know where to purchase a gasoline-powered rotary lawn mower that cuts 18 inches or less to use for trimming.

QUESTION — Diane Gray, 70 Damascus Rd., Blandon, PA 19510, wants information and bottles from the former Lebanon or Lebanon Valley Dairy.

QUESTION — Marie Hixson, Crystal Spring, wants to know how to grow wild rice. They live on a farm with some wet areas that she believes would be suitable for growing rice. Anyone know where she can find information?

QUESTION — Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, wants to know where to find Flemish giant rabbits in a fawn color.

ANSWER — Bea Johnson wanted to know where to find a glass milk bottle from Abbott's Dairy. Thanks to Charles Focht, Carlisle, who wrote that he is an historian and a collector of Abbott's Dairies and would be glad to help her with any questions about Abbotts. Phone: (717) 258-8788.

ANSWER — Jim e-mailed that he wants to know where to get cow manure from a farm. He said he would load it in his pickup and unload in the garden. Thanks to the reader who

wrote: "Jim, just drive your pickup to any farm and ask about manure." Editor adds the farm should have livestock.

ANSWER — Mary from West Virginia wanted to know where to purchase the sugar substitute called Brown Sugar Twin. Thanks to the reader who sent an e-mail with the following information she found: Web address: <http://www.low-carb.com/info.html>. The Low Carb Connoisseur, 1520 East Greenville St., Anderson, SC 29621; phone Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. EST, (864) 224-2477 or (888) 339-2477; fax orders to (864) 261-7750.

ANSWER — A Quarryville reader wants to know the words to the poem "Thank you Lord, for Dirty Dishes." Many thanks to four readers, who wrote from Lebanon, Port Trevorton, Paradise, and New Freedom. Each of theirs began with "Thank God" instead of "Thank you, Lord" but perhaps this is the poem she wanted:

Thank God for dirty dishes
They have a tale to tell
While others may go hungry,

We're eating very well.
With home and health and happiness

We should not want to fuss

For by the stack of evidence

God's been very good to us.

M. Martin wrote: "It's been years since I saw that motto but while I was growing up, my Mom had it hanging in her kitchen where we could see it while washing dishes and I've never forgotten it." Also, thanks to another reader who e-mailed a long poem about dirty dishes and also many other household chores for which we should be thankful.

ANSWER — The reader from Port Trevorton also responded to the request from the Quarryville reader for a poem about baby ferns. She sent the following poem:

Baby Ferns

Oh, what shall we do, this long winter through...

The baby ferns cried when the mother fern died.

The wind whistled bleak, the woodland was drear

And on each baby's cheek, there glistened a tear.

When down from the sky, like a flutter of wings,

There came a whole cloud of tiny white things.

They trooped on a heap where the baby ferns lay,

And put them to sleep that bleak winter day.

Tucked under the snow in their little brown hoods,

Not a thing would they know, those babes in the woods.

Till sometime in Spring, when the bobolinks sing,

They will open their eyes to the bluest of skies.