

Antiques Fill Home, Barns

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THERE IS ALSO a music box called a Criterion with an 18-inch disc record which plays music against imbedded metal teeth. Deneau has an 85-year-old Thomas Edison phonograph in perfect working order which plays the cylinder records through an immense horn. The tubular records for this machine include music from the original seven-piece Franklin band.

In three of the Deneau's out-buildings one can find, in chronological order, all-wood water pumps, wooden drain pipes, 45 bubbled and oddly shaped dated

canning jars, wooden scythes, bellows, forge and anvil (still resting on a 100-year-old tree stump) from the blacksmith shop, and even vicious-looking "horn cutters" used on Adams cattle.

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DENEAU HAS saved apple presses, old oaken buckets still full of the red lead used instead of paint on the barns, lathes for the family's shoes, buggy wrenches, lanterns, a shingle-shaver, wheelbarrows, well wheels, oxen yokes, side saddles, books, books and more books.

Of special interest to the family are the school desks used by the current generation of Adams children — Anna Mary, Del, Stuart and "Frenchie" (Francis), in their own private school run by a teacher who stayed in their parents' home on Bingham Road.

Mrs. ^{ROSS} Russell Adams, who still occupies the house, was once the school superintendent for the miniature school district, (in addition to the four Adams children there was only one other child in attendance) and when a circus came to town or some special event occurred, she shut down the school for the day.

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THE OLD SCHOOL house is still standing, although remodeled, and is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carson Bingham, 32515 Bingham Road. The deed to their land was just recently located by Mrs. Russell

Pickering, 7141 Franklin Road, a relative, and returned to the Bingham. It describes the purchase of their family's farm land from Lewis Adams.

As a bit of side history, Del Adams said, "When the school was no longer in use, and the 99-year lease expired due to estate technicalities, the one-family school district was broken up and part of our area was transferred to Franklin and part to another school at Evergreen and Beverly Road. That wasn't more than 30 years ago."