

Grandpa & Grandma's Treasures

These century-old items were once owned by the Isidore Freiburger family and have been handed down to their daughter, Stella Hoffarth of R.R. 3, Walkerton.

The cowbell is not so popular now that the land is cleared and there are electric fences. Grandpa would call the cows, then listen. When he heard the bell he knew in what area the cows were.

The apple peeler was used by Stella's grandparents over a hundred years ago. Families were large and apples were plentiful. Everyone worked together as they peeled and sliced bushels of them. The slices were laid on wire racks and dried over the old cook stove. The apple peeler is still a useful item in many homes.

The cherry pitter was bought at a sale some 40 years ago. It is still used if we get a good crop of cherries. It pits two cherries at a time. The pit falls below and the cherries roll down a chute into a container. Two people can pit a gallon of cherries in 10 minutes.