Shank's Barn Worth Trip To Find Architecture Treasures, More

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drug addict. One day you get a fix (when you find a really great piece) and then it may go a month before you get another fix."

Shank consults books to de-

termine the date and name of many pieces.

"But you can't use a book to price."

Price is determined by the cost he paid for an item and the collectibility of the item.

Although many dealers may

carry a few pieces

of architecture

finds, few have the

quantity Shank

has. Hundreds of



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Much of Shank's acquisitions happen word-of-mouth. He buys items from one person, who tells another person who has a similar item that Shank will buy.

"If it's valuable, I'm willing to pay," Shank said.

Some larger items are rented occassionally by movie producers as props. Movie producers also purchase many of the items.

Although Shank has been into amassing items for years, it was only six years ago that he sold his dairy herd to go into marketing old stuff as a full-time job.

Recently Shank has been distributing business cards with the words: "Curious? Three-quarters of an acre of interesting items. Worth the trip."

Cast iron tubs, spindles, knobs, fences, grates, wooden buckets, corn bins — if you can't find it at Shanks, it probably isn't available.

Shank's Barn, 1200 Limestone Rd., Oxford, is located on Route 10, six miles north of Oxford and a quarter mile south on Rt. 896.

For more information, call Shank at (610) 932-9212.

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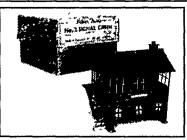
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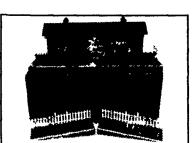
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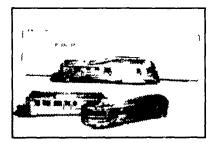
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