

At apple picking time, several persons were employed at the evaporators where most of the freshly picked fruit was peeled, sliced and dried in large ovens. To peel the apples, mechanical devices, operated by women, were used. The peeler would place an apple on a fork-like gadget, get it turning, pare the fruit and pass it on to the corer. A good peeler could dispose of as many as 100 bushels of apples per day. A woman was once said to have peeled 105 bushels during a days work.

In the early 1900's, an apple evaporator was built in Louisville and three in Flora, with at least one in Xenia. Sen. **Dunlap**, one of the county's greatest orchardists, owned and operated one along with Al **Medley** and Bert **Shimm**. **Yeager Brothers** operated the evaporator in Xenia.



**YEAGER BROTHERS EVAPORATOR IN XENIA - Burned Oct. 7, 1902**