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It has been said that the amount of water you use is a measure of how civilised you are. With primitive people, a pint per day will suffice, whereas it is a well authenticated fact that the consumption of water in the larger cities and towns is in the region of 35 gallons per person per day for domestic purposes. This probably sounds fantastic to many people, but the figures are there to prove it.

These 35 gallons cover the essential needs of the average person in the way of washing, cooking laundry, W.C. and bathroom use, etc., and is by no means excessive. In New York, for instance, the average consumption per person is in the region of 100 gallons a day—due, no doubt, to the greater use of showers and other bathroom appliances, kitchen equipment, dishwashers, food disposal units, etc. On most American farms with a pumped water supply, the normal consumption of water is about 70 gallons per person.

Average

Taking our average consumption in Ireland as being about 35 gallons per person, we are faced with the fact that a household of five persons will require about 175 gallons per day. In rural areas, this figure will, of course, be increased because livestock, dairy cows and poultry need much more water per head than human beings, and it is considered nowadays that a consumption of 350 gallons per day is by no means excessive.

Having, more or less, decided on the quantity of water required for any particular situation, we are then faced with the necessity of bringing this water into the premises in such a way that a satisfactory supply is provided to all fitments.

Since the spread of rural electrification schemes throughout the country, the provision of a satisfactory water system can best be achieved by the installation of an automatic unit powered by electricity. This unit provides rural dwellers, assuming they have a suitable well or other source of supply, with a water system equal, if not superior, to that enjoyed by their city cousin.

Automatic system

The principle of this system is that the pump, instead of being used to fill a storage tank situated at the top of a building, is connected instead to a closed air-tight cylinder or pressure tank beside the pump. The inlet from the pump to this cylinder, and the outlet to the fittings, are both taken from near the bottom so that air is trapped in the upper part.

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An air volume control automatically maintains the correct volume of air in the tank.

Changed ideas

This type of unit has completely changed our ideas of rural or farm water systems, and provides the same service as a first-class full-pressure public water supply. In the past, we had to stand-by the pump every time the tank needed filling, and keep an eye on the water level. Again, to ensure a satisfactory continuous supply, a large store tank had to be installed at a high level in order to provide a reasonable pressure at all taps. Nowadays we simply open a tap and a completely automatic water system comes into operation.

In recent issues of the "Contractor" will be found many plants of this

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AUTOMATIC WATER SYSTEMS FOR RURAL DWELLINGS

(See text opposite)

AUTOMATIC WATER SYSTEM
WITH
JET PUMP

FIG. 1
type, fully illustrated, and the buyer is faced with a difficult choice when selecting a unit. However, the chief factors to be borne in mind when deciding on a suitable plant are:

1—Height of pump above water level in well. This factor, explained fully in previous articles, will determine whether a shallow or deep well pump will be required.

2—The total expected consumption per hour at peak periods.

3—The head or height to which the water is to be pumped. This latter point is usually of no great importance in rural installations because the minimum water pressure in the unit is never less than 20lbs., so that unless the highest tap or fitment is 40ft. or more in vertical height above the pump—rather unlikely in most Irish farm dwellings—no difficulty should arise about the outflow pressure.

The main advantage of the automatic water system is that the unit is complete with pump, motor, and pressure tank on the same base.

Due to the constant pressure, fittings are ensured of a good supply in all parts of a building, and finally, pollution dangers are non-existent as the system is completely sealed, so that provided the source is pure, the water will remain so.

Cuts in

With some units, it may be found that, after a time, the pump cuts-in immediately a tap is opened, instead of allowing the pressure to drop to 20lbs. before starting, as is the usual procedure. The reason for this is generally found to be a water-filled pressure tank due to failure of the automatic air volume control. To remedy this fault the tank must be drained, and this is very simply done by opening a bottom coupling, meanwhile allowing air to enter through a top plug. The air valve can be checked to see that it is operating correctly, and a final checking of the pressure gauge will ensure that the pump is working correctly again.

Deep Well Jets.—Where the water level in a well is below the 25ft. mark, it will be necessary to use a specially designed pump as part of the automatic system. A suitable appliance of this type would be one with a jet unit, and with many named systems, this is the type of appliance usually recommended.

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**AUTOMATIC WATER SYSTEMS**

The jet unit is submerged in the well, and two pipes are necessary—one, the larger, to act as a suction, and one to act as a supply to the jet.

**Working**

The working of this type of pump is based on the Venturi principle—first discovered by an Italian physicist in the 18th century.

This states that "fluids under pressure in passing through converging pipes gain velocity at the expense of static pressure and vice versa." A very common example of this is a lady's perfume spray. Here a jet of air from a rubber bulb rushing through a nozzle causes a drop in pressure in the suction tube directly under it, so that the perfume in the glass container is pushed up by the atmospheric pressure, and through coming in contact with the air jet, issues as a fine mist.

The same principle is used in the jet pump. Once primed and the pump started up, water at high pressure is made to flow down the smaller tube to the jet unit, where it is forced through a tapering tube or jet with great velocity. This increase in velocity at the jet outlet causes the air pressure in the suction inlet to be considerably below that of the atmosphere, so that well water is forced into the suction pipe by the external air to try and equalise things. This water, meeting the high velocity jet, is carried forward as a combined flow through the suction pipe and thence to the pump at the surface.

**Typical unit**

In Fig. 1 is shown a sectional view of a typical jet unit. It will be seen that the high pressure water from the pump rushing through the jet orifice gains velocity, but also creates a drop in pressure at this point. This causes water to be drawn into the suction pipe through the tail valve so that when it reaches the jet orifice it is carried along by the jet water stream which acts in the manner of a force pump. It is clear, therefore, that the addition of a jet unit to a pump increases the depth from which water can be drawn, and, in fact, there are several pumps on the market at present which claim suction lifts up to 180 ft.
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Electrolux to enter heating appliance market

ELECTROLUX LTD. plan to enter the electric heating appliance market late next year. This was disclosed by Stanley Broughton, Electrolux managing director, in reviewing the company's activities during 1962.

Mr. Broughton said the company had decided to widen its interests following unseasonable summers and Government economic policy. "By autumn, 1963, we hope to be making and selling electric storage heaters for central heating and a range of portable oil-filled electric radiators," he said.

Asked about promotional plans for new range, a spokesman for Electrolux said: "No advertising policy has been decided for the time being."

NEW PREMISES FOR WARMAC

WARMAC LTD., manufacturers of high pressure units and instrumentation and control panels for hot water heating systems, have moved to new premises which, together with the adoption of new manufacturing techniques, will enable the company to meet the rising demand for their products and increase production capacity by 50%.

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NAME CHANGE

THE RHEOSTATIC CO. LTD. has changed its name to Satchwell Controls Ltd, as from the 1st January, 1963.

Irish agent: R. E. Ayers, Graystoke, Nashville Road, Howth.
The Editor and Staff joins with the President of the National Association of Master Plumbing, Heating and Ventilating Engineers of Ireland in wishing Contractor readers

A Prosperous New Year

ARCTIC conditions prevail at the time of writing and the proverbial joke of the plumbers rubbing their hands with glee is once again tossed around by those outside the trade.

No doubt the frost has provided a measure of financial return but the man in the street is inclined to think only of our work in terms of burst pipes. It's the comedian's gimmick, and we can afford to smile. Plumbers have a sense of humour in addition to their other attributes.

In conveying my cordial greetings to the members of the Association of Masters Plumbers, Heating and Ventilating Engineers of Ireland for 1963, I would like to express my thanks for the generous support they have given me in my capacity as chairman.

Business is certainly going ahead in the new Ireland, and from all accounts 1963 promises to be as good, if not better, than the year which has just ended. Bearing that in mind we look forward with the greatest confidence to the days which lie ahead.

The Common Market is, of course, very much in our minds and how we will fare in the new era in which one day we will no doubt figure is a problem exercising the minds of us all. For myself, I am an optimist, and I believe we will be able to play your own particular part in the changes that participation in the European sphere will bring.

It should be obvious to all in the trade that unity is indeed strength and in this connection I would like to stress again the value of membership of our Association. One would imagine that it should not be necessary to emphasise the importance of membership of any association. Look around and you will see people in all branches of life—doctors, publicans, Gardai, teachers—coming together to further and protect their interests.

When will all engaged in our trade realise the value of membership of our Association?

In closing I would like to convey the thanks of the Association to kindred bodies in the building world for all the co-operation accorded our members in the past and we look forward to a continuance of those happy relations in 1963 and far beyond.

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**POTEZ GALWAY FACTORY OPENED OFFICIALLY**

The biggest factory to be built in Galway in modern times will be officially opened by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, this month. It is the Potez factory at Mervue.

Founded by Potez, the French aircraft manufacturing firm, the factory already employs over 100 people, most of whom are men who have returned from work in England, and when there is full production this figure will rise to over 700.

In addition, when full production has been reached by-products are expected to provide further indirect employment for over 500 men.

The factory has been producing industrial and domestic heating units for some months, mainly for the British market. The units are also available for the home market, but the primary target of the firm will be the foreign market.

At the opening ceremony will be M. Henri Potez, of Paris, the 70-year-old founder of the firm, who has become a firm friend of the west of Ireland since he first visited Ireland some years ago in connection with plans for the Galway plant. His son, Gerard, who is in charge of the Baldonnel, Co. Dublin, Potex aircraft factory, is a frequent visitor to Galway.

The managing director of the Galway factory is Mr. Herbert S. Buckley, an American, who settled in Paris after the war and whose wife is from the Athlone district.

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Gas boiler ratings in most common use for domestic heating by L.P.H.W. and for D.H.W. supply, range from 30,000 to 85,000 B.t.u./hr.

A smaller wall-mounted boiler by Parkray is rated at 21,000 B.t.u./hr., whilst a large floor standing one by Thos. Potterton provides 150,000 B.t.u./hr. and costs £140, which seems a really competitive price for this quite powerful boiler in cast-iron. Between these, boilers of 30, 45, 65, 85 and 100 thousand B.t.u./hr. are presently available. Clearly there is no restriction in choice so far as boiler power required for any given job is concerned.

Trends

One development trend in gas boiler design appears to aim for lightness in construction. Sheet metal water shells or heat exchangers offer easier handling in store or on site, and simplify installation. The lower thermal capacity of such boilers is an economic advantage and offers more responsive control. Wall mounted boilers become much more popular as the trade and consumer public come to realise that modern materials in up to the minute design can do the same work as more traditional equipment in older materials. The space-saving afforded by such wall-mounted equipment is an obvious advantage, especially in renovation or modernisation work. It is equally acceptable in the modern kitchen, where sufficient space often seems lacking.

Resistance

Increased corrosion resistance is another important feature which continues to receive attention. Some manufacturers use vitreous enamelled combustion chamber surfaces, others employ corrosion resistant steels. “Radaloy” is one of these and is used in the new Parkray G.301/1 and C.301/2, which are up to the minute wall-mounted appliances.

Some appliances of this type offer high resistance to waste flow through them. This is an inherent feature of design which offers no problem except that circulating pumps must be carefully selected as able to cope with both circuit frictional resistance plus that of the heat exchanger. It may be that a 15ft. head pump will be necessary and these are easily available in the glandless, silent pump kind.

Flues and Fluing Problems have not escaped notice in gas boiler development in recent times. Connection to existing brick flues should be undertaken with care. The high thermal efficiency of modern gas boilers makes them a sound economic proposition but resultant low temperature flue gas exit temperatures do increase liability to condensation of vapour products of combustion within the cold mass of a brick flue. Not that this is peculiar to gas-fired boilers—all high efficiency boilers suffer the same. But all can function effectively and without damaging condensation troubles if existing flues are lined with “Kopex” flexible flue lining. A specially made lead lined “Kopex” is recommended for gas boilers where this problem is met.

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Boiler makers marked * on the list given earlier are among those now producing balanced flue gas fire boilers.

Electric ignition is another trend in gas-boiler design. This may seem to be “gilding the lily,” especially when it is so well known that once lit, the gas boiler needs no attention until its

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GAS BOILERS

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next service inspection is due.

Gas boiler controls are basically the simplest possible. Normally, control is effected by thermostat monitoring of the “on-off” or relay valve. In general this appears adequate but remote controls, time-switching apparatus, etc., are now well developed and well worth considering where, for a little extra cost, zonal control and clock operation offers automatic control for enhanced comfort and plans operating efficiency plus, possibly, more economic operation. Messrs. Honeywell are among the leaders of boiler control equipment and have specialised in gas boiler control equipment.

Congratulate

Enlightened users of gas boilers have found good reasons to congratulate themselves upon their choice. Many more, presently considering boiler installation, would do well to examine the undeniable advantage which gas fuel offers. Modern gas boilers, purpose designed, are available for the smallest to the largest heating or D.H.W. system, and for the simplest or most complex system arrangement.

"Fit and Forget" might be an apt slogan for modern gas-fired boilers. An annual service check, and gas undertakings offer this at really cheap rate, is all that reminds the user that the heating and D.H.W. is in the quiet, efficient and economic charge of the unobtrusive gas boiler.

2 SOLID FUEL BOILERS

SOLID FUEL: RETAINS ITS PLACE FOR GOOD REASON

Whatever praises may be sung of the so-called “refined” fuels, solid fuel still retains a place in the heart of very many people—and for good reason.

The welcoming glow of the open fire may be decried as frequently inefficient. This, it might be in old types of grate, but the cheerful radiance of warmth from modern, approved appliances has a physical as well as heart-warming effect. They are easy on the pocket too.

"Solid fuel" has an old fashioned ring about it. This is a pity for it is by no means an outdated fuel. Considerable research has been undertaken with regard to proper combustion of different solid fuels in different grates or “furnaces.”

Research

New forms of solid fuel have derived from joint researches by fuel technologists and solid fuel burning appliance manufacturers. Many of these fuels are of the “premier” cokes class and have excellent burning qualities, with good calorific value, with reduced ash content and, when properly used, smokeless.

For modern open grates with back boilers these premier fuels really are first class. They respond to high or slow burning rates according to demand for heat. They are clean and light to handle, and they are not expensive. The fuels are easily ignited and gas ignition makes this even easier, cleaner, and eliminates tedium.

Solid Fuel Boilers are obtainable in many forms and ratings, ranging from the simple B.S.1251 back boiler, and the newer, vastly more effective high output back boilers, to independent boilers from as little as 12,000 B.t.u./hr. up to 1,000,000 B.t.u./hr., and larger still if required.

High output boilers for open fire grates really have made a welcome and valuable contribution to the extension of improved home warming in the smallest of dwellings.

Boilers of this type may be obtained as part of a grate for inset building into an existing builder’s opening. Alternatively, and this is another interesting development, boilers shaped like “Milner” fire lumps can be bought as separate items so that these can form the basis of one’s own fireplace design.

Recent release

A very recent market release of the integral high output boiler is the “Parkray” 77. This is within a closeable stove which is a class of appliance of quite high efficiency, and the stove will heat some 1,800 ft. of room space as well as producing some 15,000 B.t.u./hr. maximum in its boiler. The boiler is thus capable of providing domestic hot water by way of indirect hot store cylinder, and heat some 20 ft. of radiators in a most satisfactory manner. Used in conjunction with a circulatory pump so
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that small bore copper tube circuits may be used, this type of high boiler output room heating appliance can cope with a modified form of small bore background warming as well. The makers—Radiation Group Sales—or your local merchants, will be glad to give further details about this and others new appliances of this kind.

High output open-grate boilers have been specifically developed by the Dunsley Heating Appliance Co., Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Yorks. Boilers suitable for 16in. and 18in. openings are available in many patterns and ratings. Underfloor draught and deep ashpit models are made.

Extensive

Outputs range from 85 sq. ft. to 180 sq. ft. of radiation and a quite extensive small bore system can be coupled to the larger ones with confidence.

Independent Solid Fuel Boilers are perhaps more well known. A striking feature of these generally is the marked departure from the old-fashioned cast-iron thing which was an eyesore as well as a dust menace, to elegantly styled cabinets equally pleasing as any of those used by competing fuels, and with so much improved stoking arrangement that dust and labour is reduced to an absolute minimum.

Independent boilers with their larger outputs are essential where something more than "background warming" is required in the way of radiators. Ratings, now established for all thermostatically controlled boilers, are at 6,000 B.t.u./hr. of boiler heating surface. This removes certain ambiguities of earlier rating figures and allows more reasonable and critical approach to boiler selection.

Solid Fuel Boiler Sales still easily top the sales of boilers using other fuels. This deserved popularity of the boilers results in a bewildering array of makes and outputs. It pays to look at all or most of them before making a choice which will be difficult in the best of times, for performance and appearance standards are now becoming so uniform.

Techniques

Fuel usage and boiler manufacturing techniques having now reached the stage when really economic and highly efficient service can obtain from solid fuel usage, the development trends are decidedly toward ease of labour in attendance on boilers. Not that modern solid fuel boilers demand much attention but there are those prepared to pay that little extra for relief even from the simple daily look at the fuel box and ash-pit.

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Gravity Feed Boilers are not really new but their increased specification indicates a new approach to fuel usage by architects and potential boiler users. Gravity boilers must not be confused with manually fed boilers of the ordinary kind. The gravity boiler has an integral fuel hopper capable of holding a 24-hour supply of anthracite grain fuel. At this size, the fuel is virtually “fluid,” i.e., it flows. It flows by gravity from the fitted fuel hopper to the fire-bed below as and when the boiler combustion rate fluctuates according to the external demand upon it to heat water.

Fan assisted combustion is quite common to boilers of this kind. The fan, controlled by an immersion thermostat in the boiler water, operates the electric controls to start or stop the fan. As more heat is called for by the thermostat, so the fan is switched on and the fire bed made to burn more strongly. When the heat demand is satisfied, the thermostat cuts off the fan and the fire slumbers under regulated natural air flow to the fire bed.

The fuel used produces negligible ash and this is fused to mechanically assisted clinker removal to ashpan. These boilers really do take the dirt and labour out of solid fuel boiler operation. They are a little more expensive, of course, but discerning clients will be thankful to all who draw their attention to this high efficiency and trouble free type of boiler.

Messrs. Watts Automatic Boilers, of Sydney, Gloucester, and Trianco Automatic Boilers, of Imbercourt, East Moseley, Surrey, are but two well known makers of gravity feed boilers in ratings from 50,000 to 1,000,000 B.t.u./hr.

The fuel hoppers have been stated to have a 24-hour capacity. This is on normal load. In periods of milder weather or lesser D.H.W. demand, a full hopper will fuel the boiler for several days before manual topping up of the hopper, with dustless fuel, is required.

Automatic stokers are well known for efficient, trouble free, dirtless, and economic operation in large commercial and industrial boiler houses.

Advantages

The Riley Baby Robot brings all these advantages to the domestic user. Like its bigger industrial “brothers,” the Baby Robot underfeed mechanical stoker keeps the fire supplied with fuel and fanned combustion air as demand on boiler output dictates.
Economy of operation derives from:

(a) controlled and complete combustion ensuring maximum heat extraction from fuel to waste; and (b) from burning fuel only when demand for heat causes the stoker to operate.

This stoker is designed to burn cheaper bituminous coal without smoke—an important point in these days of clean air need. It can be fitted to existing sectional or most pot type boilers and will easily give heat output to 96,000 B.t.u./hr.

Regulated

Automatic control is by boiler water thermostat which can be regulated by roomstat if required. The controls provide constant temperatures with minimum fuel consumption.


Press Button Control for Solid Fuel Boilers—This must be near ultimate in solid fuel boiler design—no stoking, no ash removal, and full boiler operation control by electricity. All this for fuel cost of about 9d. per 100,000 B.t.u.'s—a remarkably economic operating cost.


Delivered

The householder never handles fuel or ashes. Fuel is delivered, as described, to the fuel bunker, and ash is removed by the dustman from the convenient wheeled receptacles.

Electric ignition for solid fuel boilers is something quite new. It is incorporated in the Allied Ironfounders "Vogue S.F.100," as described above, and in its smaller, kitchen installed S.F.50 (500,000 B.t.u./hr.).

Two carborundum elements are heated electrically. These in turn heat the air which is mixed with the fuel to produce the flames. This eliminates smoke and the need for chimney. The air is controlled automatically and the reduced draughts are said to ensure complete combustion, and a reduction in fuel costs.

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28 Brook St., London, W.1, really have elevated the status of the solid fuel boiler to that of its competitors, and in a manner that as regards running costs no one can beat it.

Their Automatic S.F.100 boiler measures 2ft. 2in. square and is 8ft. high. Its output is 100,000 B.t.u./hr.

It is primarily intended for installation in larger homes, and although structural alterations could enable its accommodation in existing buildings, it is ideally suited to forward looking new designs in large modern houses.

A basement boiler house is needed so that fuel deliveries (Anthracite grains, suitable bituminous fuels, or the recommended "Sunbrite" coke) can be tipped into the purpose built bunker sited above the boiler.

From this bunker, fuel gravitates to the fuel hopper of the boiler. Electrically operated fire-grate rotation clears clinker and ash which falls into wheeled receptacles below the fire grate.

The householder controls the boiler from a press button panel situated in some convenient places, the kitchen perhaps. The boiler is fully thermostatically controlled and indicator lights on the panel show "mains on," "ash doors open," "ignition on," and if by some odd chance the fire goes out, then a "fire out" indicator lights up.

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DUCTAIR G105/23
Gas-fired central heating by fanned warm air

Designed for use in the average small house or flat the G105/23 provides full space heating by ducted warm air in the living room and kitchen with background heating in the bedrooms by ducting or in the hall by spillover warmth. The unit is controlled by a room thermostat which automatically switches on both fan and burner when heat is required.

PARKRAY G301
Gas-fired small bore central heating

The G301/2 provides domestic hot water plus 3-4 average radiators. The G301/1 is designed to cope with a heating load that requires the full output of the unit—a typical installation would have from 4-6 radiators.

PARKRAY 77
Solid fuel room heating and central heating

This new form of heating for the 2-3 bedroom house heats the living room directly by convected and radiant heat from the 'open fire behind glass' and the other rooms in the house by a small central heating system of 4-5 radiators serviced by the high performance back boiler.

PARKRAY S56
Central heating from a hopper feed boiler

The Parkray S56 supplies plenty of hot water for an average family and heats 5-6 radiators or, for central heating alone 8-9 radiators may be installed.

Special features
This flexible system is specially suitable for individually metered installations in multi-storey flats. Balanced flue or SE-duct models obviate the need for conventional flueing. The unit will provide air circulation in summer. Warm air can be diverted to a clothes drying cupboard. The small cabinet, 32" wide x 23" high x 14½" deep, can be installed at high or low level.

Fuel consumption
As a guide: in a house of 1,000 sq. ft. insulated to Edgerton standard, Ductair G105/23 provides background warmth at all times and full heating to 67°F in the living room 8 hrs. each day for an annual fuel consumption of about 400 therms of gas. Electricity consumption for fan and controls—approx. 100 units.

Performance
Output: 23,000 Btu/h. Overall efficiency 75%. Air flow 230-280 c.f.m.

Special features
The G301 is a room sealed appliance—the products of combustion are isolated from the room it is installed in. Balanced flueing eliminates the need for costly conventional flues. The remarkably small unit can be wall-mounted at high or low level. The stainless steel heat exchanger has an exceptionally long life and requires minimum maintenance—just an annual check. Maximum flexibility in dealing with combined peak loads is made possible by a unique control system.

Fuel consumption
This will vary according to the degree of comfort maintained and the amount of water used. As a guide: The G301/1 utilizing the full output will consume about 625 therms a year and the G301/2 on the same basis but with the provision of domestic hot water throughout the year, 720 therms a year.

Performance
Output: 25,000 Btu/h. Typical heating surfaces: G301/1 approx. 125 sq. ft., G301/2 approx. 100 sq. ft. plus 25-30 gallon cylinder.

Special features
The fuelled boiler has independent boiler damper control. This allows adjustment of the water/space heating ratio to boost the hot water supply without overheating the room or central heating system. The Parkray 77 will maintain full rated output on 4 hourly refuelling. It is a continuous burning appliance which can be kept in right through the heating season.

Fuel consumption
The appliance burns 2½-3 lbs. fuel per hour and a typical weekly consumption may vary from 1-2 cwt. according to season and the water heating load.

Performance
Output: space heating from unit for rooms of up to 1,800 cubic feet; water heating (for domestic supply and central heating), 10,000 Btu/h. with boiler damper closed and 15,000 Btu/h. with boiler damper open. Overall efficiency at full output is 70%—as high as is practicable with any solid fuel appliance of this type.

Special features
This true hopper feed boiler needs refuelling only once every 24 hours for average heating requirements. A prismatic viewer fitted on the ashpit cover gives a clear view of the fire without stooping. The riddling handle is conveniently placed. The new-type ashpan has a slide on cover.

Fuel consumption
Rate of burning at full output is from 3½-4 lbs. an hour. The Parkray S56 will maintain full rated output for 10 hours untended burning of Sunbrite or gas coke.

Performance
Output: 33,000 Btu/h.
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air flowing to the fire-bed. In this way the ignition temperature of the fuel is reached and ignition accomplished.

These two boilers are the latest developments in solid fuel boiler design. The price of the S.F.100 is still not yet decided. All will agree that this development is forward looking and indicates firm faith in the future of solid fuel for economic domestic heating and hot water services. It may well presage a completely new outlook in domestic boiler choice and usage. All would be do well to obtain further information from the makers.

We review here, in connection with this Special Survey, products from the leading manufacturers ranges.

THE PARKRAY 77, the latest in Radiation's range of "open fires behind glass", provides central heating from the living room fire. It will serve a system of up to three radiators, heat the bathroom towel rail and supply domestic hot water for the average family's needs.

The system can be of either the gravity circulation type or the heated water may be circulated through small bore copper pipes by a small electric pump.

This 77 may also be used for domestic hot water plus selective radiator heating. This involves the use of more radiators than the boiler can fully heat simultaneously but by selective use, wide flexibility is obtainable, making it possible to run a couple of radiators downstairs and another couple upstairs. Alternatively, the entire boiler output can be put to central heating exclusively, serving up to five radiators and a towel rail.

Available in bronze lustre, black lustre, gunmetal lustre and mushroom. Area Manager—L. C. Young, 85 Gransha Road, Bangor.

NOW ON the market for anthracite grains and larger fuel are the Fortano and Fortano-K boilers from Holland with outputs from 60,000 Btu/hr. upwards. Tests on Irish anthracite (which incidentally is exported to Holland in considerable tonnage) shows a very high efficiency. Sole agents for Fortano anthracite boilers are Quadrant Engineers, 6 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin 2.

THE NEW WORLD Sunbeam has an automatic draught regulator—an exclusive device. It will maintain a very high efficiency under all conditions of chimney pull and prevent heat from the room being drawn up the chimney.

The New World Sunbeam will, in older property, give full comfort in a room of 2,000 cubic feet, for example 20' x 12' x 8'. With modern construction and good insulation, larger rooms can be fully heated up to 3,000 cubic feet for example 20' x 18' x 8'. Reflectors are chromium plated and the fireguard blends neatly and naturally with the shape of the heater. For a small extra charge a thermostat can be fitted (Model No. 888T). This is completely automatic in operation.

The Sunbeam is available in black, lustre and pewter, nubian and cream, gold and cream, or all gold. Area Manager—Charles Rolls, Esq., 115 Crawfordsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down.

A MEDIUM-PRICED electrically controlled hopper-fed domestic boiler designed to burn coke automatically and efficiently has just been introduced by Newton, Chambers and Co. Ltd., of Thorncliffe, Sheffield.

Now in production, this new Redfyre Autocoke 40 (illustrated here) with a heating rating of 40,000 b.T.U's/hr., requires the minimum of attention. It incorporates an electro-thermostat which controls a fan and solenoid damper unit. This automatically provides air for combustion through the ashpit and enables the boiler to operate efficiently under all conditions. This new domestic boiler is designed to provide hot water and central heating.

Flexible control of hot water output is provided by the incorporation of a centrifugal fan controlled by the thermostat through an interconnected solenoid-operated air damper. In addition, an adjustable air control provides a by-pass supply of air to the combustion chamber if required. This combination enables the boiler to operate effectively over the full temperature range between 90 deg. F and 190 deg. F at all outputs.

Including the hopper, the Redfyre Autocoke 40 has a fuel capacity of 50-70 lbs., depending on the types of coals used.

Neat and compact, the Redfyre Autocoke 40 stands 36" high—37½" at the back—is 22" deep and 20½" wide. Flue offtake is a 5" diameter pipe from the top incorporating a flue break which eliminates the need for additional dampers or draught stabilisers. Designed for indirect systems, the boiler has four 1½" tappings, two at each side, and its capacity is a 35/40 gallon cylinder plus 170-180 sq. ft. radiator surfaces.

BUDERUS boilers for gas firing have aroused interest because of their high efficiency and pleasing appearance. An unusual feature is that the largest boilers are supplied in half sections making for great ease of transport and handling. This is particularly important in those applications where boilers are installed on intermediate level boiler houses rather than at ground level, as can occur especially in connection with gas

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boilers, and where difficulty of access exists.

Solid fuel Buderus boilers, for coal coke or turf, both with external and magazine type firing are constantly used. Delivery of all Buderus boilers remains outstandingly short; some are indeed ex stock, through the sole agents Quadrant Engineers, 6 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin 2.

THE CRYSTALGLOW is controlled by a built-in thermostat. This makes for the most economical use of gas at all times.

There is total efficiency of approximately 72 per cent under optimum conditions made up of 30 per cent radiant output and 42 per cent convected. It is 25½ in. in height, forward projection 8¾ in., gas rate 16,000 Btu/h, width 22”, weight 40 lb.

The radiant unit comprises a neat gas burner and refractory brick and reliable Bratt Colbran radiants carried in a frame of aluminium—clad sheet steel.

Products of combustion pass through the aluminium—clad steel heat exchanger and escape to the flue, past the downdraught diverter. This combined heating assembly is enclosed in a stove painted steel outer case, with controls and leg assembly at base.

Area Manager—L. C. Young, 85 Gransha Road, Bangor, Co. Down.

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WITH THE co-operation of the British National Coal Board a major break-through has been reached with the new Trianco P.55 boiler, which replaces the original P.30, previously at 50,000 B.t.u. hr. capacity, the smallest boiler in the Trianco range (shown here).

The P.55 has a capacity of 55,000 B.t.u./h, and will burn 'Sunbrite' and other cokes, as well as anthracite. Thus a wider choice of fuel is now available to the owner of the three and four bedroom house equipped with this Trianco solid fuel broiler.

By comparison with previous similar boilers, the P.55 offers many special features, including the following: Burns freely available cokes in addition to anthracite; efficiency ratings up to 80 per cent or more; and burns for a longer period on one hopper filling.

As with the existing range of Trianco boilers, the P.55 is fitted with a large hopper requiring attention, when using anthracite, once every 24 hours in cold weather, once a week in the summer. It is thermostatically controlled and de-clinkering is very simple and comparatively dust-free.


THE DUNSLLEY Super Flued Boiler is like the flued boiler, with the addition of two extra heating tubes which enter at fire level in each side cheek and pass upwards through the water jacket to emerge alongside the main flue: this gives the boiler a greater output. Both tubes and flue can be opened or partly opened with one operation, as the large damper covers all three openings.

16" Boiler gives 100 sq. ft. of heating surface plus Domestic hot water, including piping. Heating only: 155 sq. ft. including piping; and 18" Boiler gives 130 sq. ft. of heating surface plus Domestic hot water, including piping. Heating only: 180 sq. ft. including piping.

Irish agents—John Barrett and Sons, 18 Morrison's Island 7 South Terrace, Cork.

LOWER BOILER operating costs with solid, smokeless fuel and an 80 per cent efficiency is claimed with the C & N Unicorn Auto Burner. This burner provides a simple method of automatic boiler firing using a wide variety of solid fuel which is gravity fed into the combustion chamber. There are no moving parts with the exception of the fan, this is an important feature which minimises wear on the burner. There are no fire bars to burn out. Fuel is burned directly on the water cooled base of the burner body.

The C & N Auto Burner can be used in conjunction with a very wide range of boilers such as cast iron and sectional steel boilers, low pressure steam boilers and in special instances, high pressure steam boilers. It is available to the owner of the three and four bedroom house equipped with this Trianco solid fuel broiler.

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ideally suited for automatic firing of cast iron sectional boilers fitted with water cooled fire bars.

THE RANGE of Waterbury Warm Air Heaters—gas fired, includes the latest model the HEG (seen here).

The Waterbury 'Hiboy' models provide an upward air stream and may be used for duct connection or with a top diffuser as a free standing warm air circulator.

The stiffened steel casing, finished in stoved gold enamel, provides simplicity of design with ease of maintenance. The heat exchanger casing is fitted with an inner liner to maintain low external surface temperatures.

Warm air discharge is at the top of the casing and is provided with a duct connection spigot.

Return air inlets are at low level on either or both sides. A duct connection spigot and filter box is provided on one side only.

The main burner consists of a number of neat gas burning jets arranged in rows to provide an even distribution of heat over the cross-section of the combustion chamber.

Irish Agents Quadrant Engineers, 6 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin 2.

THE VENNER Packaged Boiler Control Unit Mark II brings economy and convenience to the operation of gas or oil-fired boilers while permitting a combined programme of control over central heating and domestic hot water supplies. The Venner Mark II provides seven combinations of time switch and thermostatic control.

- The Dublin Gas Company have announced that where approved central heating by Gas is installed by DOMESTIC CONSUMERS, the price charged for Gas in excess of 50 therms per quarter shall be at a special low central heating rate.

THE RANGE of appliances of The Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Co., D'Olier Street, includes the Ideal Kingston gas boiler for heating and indirect or direct hot water supply.

An outstanding feature of the Kingston Boiler is the electrically operated "Flamaster" automatic ignition control. This gives on/off control with complete safety because the boiler shuts down if gas or electricity supplies fail and relights automatically when they are restored. There is provision within the jacket for connecting an electric clock controller (with two "off" periods in 24 hours). Up to two room thermostats can also be connected.

The Parkray G301/2 (output 25,000 B.t.u./hr.) gas-fired boiler for central heating and hot water is specially designed to give maximum efficiency on both circuits.

A special circuit ensures optimum water temperature for space heating and water heating, while reduced rating and special water thermostat design ensures minimum gas consumption for water heating. The flue section, supplied complete, simply goes through an outer wall. This eliminates unsightly flues, making fitting easier, and reduces cost of installation. Air for combustion is entrained and flue gases are expelled without being affected by adverse weather conditions. Being a room thermostat, the combustion products are isolated from the room in which the unit is installed.

THOMAS POTTERTON Ltd. have announced their new room-sealed gas-fired small bore "Diplomat" boiler, now available with outputs of 31,000 and 44,000 B.t.u./hr., and, from March 1st, 1963, 67,000 B.t.u./hr. Standard gas controls with pilot burner are supplied and intermittent electric ignition is a feature of this range of "Diplomat" boilers. The "Diplomat" is room-sealed.

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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO WINNING APPRENTICES

GOLD medals for plumbing were presented to Mr. William Jackson, Ranelagh, Dublin and Mr. Michael McDaid, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, at a ceremony in the Building Centre of Ireland, Lower Baggot St., Dublin on December 20. A silver medal went to Mr. W. O'Rourke.

The recipients are building trades apprentices who had been successful in international competitions in Germany 1961 and Spain last year.

The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, who presented the awards, said there was no better stimulus to the country’s industrial expansion and economic growth in every sphere, than the evidence of the high quality of the men and women who were available here.

The success of the young apprentices in the severe international tests reflected the highest credit on themselves, their teachers and on the employers and trade unions that had co-operated in making their efforts possible.

The recognition now given by the Building Centre in presenting the medals also deserved the highest commendation, he said.

There were encouraging developments taking place within the building industry which was now showing a live interest in the training of apprentices.

The 1963 International Apprenticeship Competitions would be held in Dublin and the occasion must be availed of to promote the widest public interest in the importance of proper apprenticeship training, said Mr. Lemass.

TRIBUTE

Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin Vocational Education Committee, paid tribute to the Minister for Education for the ready and generous way he had met the proposal for the provision of a new College of Commerce, a new School of Management Studies and, in association with them, a new School of Retail Distribution.

A contract for a new College of Technology to replace the old college at Kevin Street at a cost of £1,300,000 had been placed.

Mr. Michael Scott, architect, presided.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE FISHER

Mr. George Fisher died peacefully in his sleep at home last month. He was 93 and will be remembered by many as a most remarkable character who had spent around 60 years—practically the whole of his working life—in the plumbers' brassfoundry trade. For 38 of these years he was senior representative for James Barwell Ltd. of Birmingham, whom he joined in 1908. Mr. Fisher was a well-known figure in Ireland.

When George Fisher first went out on the road, he was resplendently attired in frock coat and tall hat, and he frequently used a pony and gig to get him around on his journeys.
SANITARY APPLIANCES IN GENERAL

CERAMIC W.C. Pans (B-S.1213).—A W.C. pan is of little use on its own. To function properly it must have a seat, a flushing cistern and a flush pipe. This complete assembly is known as a W.C. suite, and may be one of three kinds:

High level suite: The height from the floor to the top of the flushing cistern can vary between 6' and 6' 6". A flush pipe 1½" in diameter will be used.

Low level suite: The height from the floor to the top of the flushing cistern will be about 3' and a flush pipe 1" in diameter will be used.

Combination suite: The flushing cistern bolts directly on to specially designed W.C. pan, and the flush pipe as a separate piece of equipment is no longer necessary.

Sketches of the three types of W.C. suite are shown in these pages.

W.C. Pan Design.—With the "washdown" W.C. pan the soiled contents are removed by the momentum of the flushing water. In this respect it differs from the "siphonic" W.C. pan, where the action uses atmospheric pressure to empty the pan. The construction, operation and advantages of siphonic pans will be dealt with in later articles. In the meantime the washdown pan, which is extremely common and quite satisfactory for most domestic purposes, is worthy of closer attention.

One piece

The pan should be made in one piece to ensure a hygienic continuity of line and to avoid unnecessary jointing work. Generally pans are in one piece, but it is interesting to notice that two-piece pans are available. With such pans the basin and trap portions are separate, and the trap portion can be turned to discharge in one direction while the basin portion is fixed to face in any other direction that may suit the room. These two-piece or rotatable trap pans can be useful in overcoming a difficult situation, especially in the conversion of old houses where even a one-piece pan with an outgo turning to right or left may not quite meet the need.

W.C. seats.—These seats may be of polished, non-absorbent wood or of plastic. The latter is more popular nowadays. If solid in construction and not hollow in cross section they are strong and certainly hygienic.

Seats are commonly of the "ring" type, completely covering the rim of the pan and suitable for use with "S" or "P" traps. W.C. Seats.—These seats may be of polished, non-absorbent wood or of plastic. The latter is more popular nowadays. If solid in construction and not hollow in cross section they are strong and certainly hygienic.

Shaped traps

PEDESTAL pans may be obtained with traps shaped either like an "S" or "P.

W.C. Pan Fixings.—Pedestal pans are secured to the floor by brass wood screws, which pass through holes provided in the pedestal base. Newly laid lime floors are liable to move as they dry and therefore shrink. A pan secured to such a floor, and jointed at its outgo by a rigid cement and sand joint, will suffer severe strain if floor movement occurs. Many pans have become cracked and useless as a result.

Outgo joints for Pedestal W.C.
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Pans fixed to timber floors should be "mastic." Red and white lead putty serves very well. It offers a waterproof joint material with sufficient flexibility to "give" until the wood floor has settled.

Similar Pans fixed to concrete floors may have similar outgo joints, or they may be jointed by a cement and sand composition in the proportion of one volume of sand to one volume of cement. The use of new cement should be avoided since the heat generated in the chemical reaction which takes place on mixture and setting can give rise to sufficient expansion to damage the vitrified china ware pan.

In either case, one ring of tarred gaskin should be inserted firmly and deeply into the outgo socket of the soil pipe. This will prevent jointing compound from entering the pipe and possibly causing a blockage.

Flush pipe joints are best made with rubber cones specially made for this purpose. Normally, no additional material is required to make a satisfactory joint.

Traps for Sanitary Appliances (B.S. 504 and B.S. 1184).—The chief aims in the drainage of waste from sanitary appliances are the rapid removal of soiled matter and the thorough cleansing of the waste pipe by each discharge of water through it. With proper design, suitable materials, and good workmanship this can be achieved, so that the waste drainage is free from persistent bad smells.

But, however carefully installed, there will be short periods of time when all waste drainage systems carry some unpleasant smell by reason of the very nature of the waste content—for example a W.C. pan. Even waste pipes from basins, baths and sinks, which do not carry offensive solid matters, may become coated inside with soap scum, fats, and other deposits which can give rise to unpleasant smells.

**Trap fitted**

To prevent the possibility of any smell entering the building by way of a waste pipe a trap is fitted as close to the sanitary appliance as possible. A trap is a device holding a quantity of water, which forms a barrier against the passage of air from the waste pipe into the building.

**Trap Design.**—A good sanitary trap must fulfil the following conditions:

1. It must be made of non-corrosive material. (A corroded and leaking trap would lose its water barrier and cease to be effective).
2. It must be strong enough to serve its purpose under all normal conditions.
3. Inside must be of smooth bore, and it must be self-cleansing.
4. Its size must be suited to the appliance it serves. Too small a trap diameter would slow up the waste discharge. Too large a trap would become coated with deposits likely to smell and thus defeat the object of the trap. Neither would be self-cleansing.
since the smaller one would not pass enough water to clean the waste pipe and the larger would not be sufficiently scoured.

5—It must retain a sufficient quantity and depth of water to form a good "waters-seal" or air barrier.

6—There must be an easy means of access to the trap so that any blockages that arise can be cleared. This may be done by either providing a cleaning eye, or by making the base removable.

Designed

TRAP Types and Styles.—Our illustration shows the basic idea in trap design—a pipe bent in the form of a "U." This tube-type trap clearly illustrates the principle. The dip-tube trap is an adaptation of the U-tube trap, but it is not as efficient as far as self-cleansing is concerned.

Dip tube traps are of two kinds. The "dip tube" is shown in illustration (C) and the "dip partition" type in (B).

It can be seen that whereas the tube type trap (A) allows an unrestricted and self-cleansing flow of waste water, the dip partition trap (B) provides a more difficult path for it, and the dip tube trap (C) offers even more obstruction to the flow.

Research has shown that a tube trap passes water one-third faster than a dip partition trap, and four times faster than a dip-tube trap. This suggests that the type of trap must be carefully selected according to the appliance it is to be fitted to. For example, it would not be wise to fit a dip-tube trap to a kitchen sink, where food particles discharged with the waste water could lead to annoying and frequent blockages.

On the other hand, dip tube and dip partition traps in chromium plated brass, or even in plastic materials, such as polythene, look neat and may be used quite satisfactorily for lavatory basin wastes.

Traps of all types may be obtained in "P," "Q," "S," or "running" styles to suit the individual arrangement of the appliance and the direction of flow in the waste pipe.

"P" traps are used for horizontal waste pipes.

"S" traps are used for vertical waste pipes.

"Q" traps are useful for waste pipes at an angle somewhere between the two.

Connected

"Running" traps are of a special kind. They are used in waste pipes into which several untrapped waste appliances are connected. This method does save money, and the trap is sometimes used to "master trap" the waste of a range of lavatory basins. But the practice of placing a trap close to each appliance is clearly the most satisfactory from the point of view of hygiene.

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WATER SEAL: EFFECTIVE PART OF SANITARY TRAP

These various styles of trap are shown here together with drawing construction lines which may help in sketching them.

The Water Seal is the effective part of any sanitary trap. The amount of water retained to provide the essential air barrier is indicated by its depth. Traps are made with water seals of 1½", 2", or 3" according to the purpose for which they are to be used. Extensive research and experimentation backed by practical experience has shown that a minimum water seal of 1" is an adequate safeguard against the passage of air from the waste to the room in which it is fixed.

The depth of water seal for traps to waste sanitary appliances which discharge into a gully trap outside the building will be 1½ ins. On the other hand, those connected direct to a soil pipe will have a "deep seal" trap, with a water seal of 3 ins.

W.C. pans have traps "built" into them as part of the pan. Such traps are called "integral," meaning "part of." In all cases W.C. pan traps have a water seal depth of 2".

Developments

These up-to-date developments in plumbing research and their effect on sanitary design will be fully dealt with in future issues.

For the time being it is sufficient to know and remember the purpose of a trap; how it works, and why; the various types and styles of trap available; and the fact that each sanitary appliance should be fitted with a trap, to safeguard against the passage of air from the appliance and waste or drain pipes.

The Flushing Cistern.—If the best use is to be made of water capacity and the soiled contents of the washdown pan are to be completely removed in one flush of the cistern, care must be taken that flush pipes do not wander too far in the near horizontal direction before reaching the pan. Bends in the flush pipe will also retard the flow of the flush water. Flush pipes should, in other words, be as near vertical and as free from bends as possible.

W.C. pan manufacturers are aware of this problem, and take care to design the flushing rim of the pan so that it gives an effective action. As a general rule the pan and cistern which make up a suite are coupled up and tested for proper discharge before they are sent off to the stockist or building site. It may be difficult to get an effective, cleansing flush with unmatched pans and cisterns.

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U.C.D. is undergoing the greatest change in its history. A project worth six million pounds is moving the university from the centre of Dublin to Belfield. The Science block, covering chemistry, botany and physics, which will be completed in September, will be heated with fan-assisted convectors. An order for 350 Forceflos, worth £20,000, has been placed with F. H. Biddle Ltd., manufacturers of heating, cooling and air conditioning equipment.

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As we went to press a conference of architects on the subject of design and heating organised by the Northern Ireland Coal Advisory Service was being held in the Woodbourne House Hotel.

Mr. J. S. Williams, deputy director-general of marketing in the National Coal Board, was to speak on "Heating appliances of the future."

Mr. Williams is well known in the North for from 1934 until 1936 he was head of the home sales department of the Old Bleach Linen Company, Randalstown.

Mr. A. H. Clarke, city architect of Bristol, was giving a paper on "Building: Design and Heating," and Mr. E. F. Schumacher, economic adviser of the National Coal Board, on "The economic approach to heating in the future."

Mr. Charles Neill, chairman of the Coal Advisory Service, was opening the one-day conference. Sir William Scott, chairman of the Northern Ireland Coal Importers' Association was also down to speak.

Powell Duffryn make Ulster sales drive

A move to increase sales of equipment in Northern Ireland has been made by Powell Duffryn Heating Limited of Camberley, in conjunction with John Kelly Limited of Belfast. The agreement, made recently, will ensure that the Irish firm will carry substantial stocks of all P.D. heating equipment, to be made available to the wholesale trade.

"This move should be of considerable assistance in the development of central heating in Northern Ireland," said Mr. A. C. Hazel, Joint Management Director of Powell Duffryn Heating, addressing a recent meeting of builders, architects, heating engineers, consultants and members of the trade in Belfast.

Mr. Hazel made the point that unfortunately the average householder, having made the decision to install central heating, invariably wanted the job started in the shortest possible time. In the past there has been the complication of the availability in Northern Ireland of the necessary equipment and with the rapid increase in central heating Powell Duffryn Heating Limited had felt it desirable to ensure that there were particularly large stocks of heating equipment available in order to avoid disappointment.

Tenders

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The relevant documents may be obtained from the architects' offices on deposit of £10 each for Building Work documents, and £5 each for Heating, Plumbing, Electrical and Built-in Furniture documents.

Tenders must be lodged in the architects' office, in the envelopes supplied, not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30.

Messrs. Corr and McCormick, Architects, 7 Ferryquay St., Derry.

Soldering

FRY'S METAL Foundries Ltd., Flowsolder Division, Willow Lane, Mitcham, Surrey, announce the introduction of a new soldering machine for bench use—the "Flowdipper".

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NEGOTIATIONS between Fyffe Couplings (Ireland) Ltd. of 42 James's Street, Dublin, and Sanbra Limited of Great Bridge, Tipton, have been successfully concluded by the formation of Sanbra Fyffe Limited, in which the two companies have equal holdings.

as follows: Mr. D. D. Frame, Chairman, Mr. D. D. Frame, Chairman; Mr. P. A. Duggan; Mr. J. Rogers; Mr. T. Jackson; Mr. F. Whitworth; and Mr. R. B. Eaton, Managing Director.

The Hammond Lane Foundry Co. Ltd., formerly majority shareholders in Fyffe Couplings (Ireland) Ltd., are represented on the Board by their Chairman, Mr. D. D. Frame, who will act as Chairman of the new company. Mr. R. B. Eaton, formerly Managing Director of Fyffe Couplings (Ireland) Ltd., has been appointed as Managing Director.

Associate

Messrs. Rogers and Whitworth are joint Managing Directors of Conex-Sanbra Ltd., an associate company of the Delta Group. The new company will also have the assistance of Messrs. A. H. Messe and E. H. Ollis, Directors of the English Company who will act in the capacity of alternative Directors.

The remaining places on the Board are filled by Mr. P. A. Duggan, leading Dublin chartered accountant and formerly chairman of Fyffe Couplings (Ireland) Ltd., and Mr. T. Jackson, well-known Dublin solicitor, chairman of Sanbra-Conex (Ireland) Ltd.

It is anticipated that the new company, having at its disposal the technical assistance of the Conex-Sanbra organisation, will both improve and extend its production of brassfoundry and be in a position to effect further production economies to cope with competition which must arise with the establishment of the Common Market.

Separately

While common selling terms have been in force for all products of the two companies for some time, they have continued to trade separately pending the movement of personnel and plant from James's Street to Santry. As from 1st January, 1963, however, all manufacturing and trading activities will be vested in Sanbra Fyffe Limited at Santry Avenue, Co. Dublin and Sanbra-Conex (Ireland) Ltd. will cease to trade.

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