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Further details of the show are available from our sister company, ITTEX Ltd., 5/7 Main St., Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Tel: 885001.

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Natural Gas Pipeline Contract

Bord Gais Eireann have at last announced that following a detailed bid evaluation it proposes to award the contract for the Cork/Dublin pipeline to "Irishenco/NACAP B.V. Joint Venture".

The board will issue a letter of intent to sign a contract with Nacap/Irish Enco subject to approval of the gas pipeline project by the Government. Government agreement to the project is being sought.

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The board appears satisfied that the proposed contract will provide for an efficient and economical pipeline, constructed and operated to the highest international standards, being those of the Institution of Gas Engineers, upgraded for Irish conditions.

The remaining expenditure in the IR£45 million project will include, inter alia, the costs of the following matters following on the award of the above contract:

- Communications and Instrumentation;
- Project Management and Commissioning;
- Finance Charges;
- Preliminary Costs etc.
- Adequate financing is available for the project without recourse to Exchequer funds. The project will be self financing from the sales of natural gas by Bord Gais Eireann.
- The gas pipeline will be constructed along a route running from Cork close to Dublin. Construction work is expected to commence in March or April 1982 and to be completed before the end of that year.
- B.G.E. have appointed Daniel/McCarthy/Floury to undertake project supervision on behalf of the board.

* The proposed route for the Cork/Dublin natural gas pipeline which will run along a route through Mitchelstown, Cahir, Clonmel, Kilkenny, Carlow and Naas on to Dublin.

* Pictured with Jim Maher, Coal Information Services, (centre back row) were a number of students who attended the recent CIS training course in the Engineers Club, Clyde Rd., Dublin. Those who attended included Michael Cullen, Kilkenny, Des Healy, Waterford, Jimmy Stubbs, Dublin, James Naughton, Newbridge, Michael McLaughlin, Dublin, Anthony Tobin, Waterford, Paul Terry, Cork, Chris Hosford, Cork, Pat Doyle, Fermoy, Brendan Morgan, Offaly, Thomas Deane, Cork, Peter Nolan, Newbridge, Gerry Craughwell, Galway, Gerry Olin, Dublin, Colin King, Dublin, Padraig Gunning, Dublin, Michael O’Sullivan, Ennis, Brian McCarthy, Ennis, John Barry, Dublin and Pat Glynn.
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United Nations Symposium on LPG

A United Nations Symposium on liquefied petroleum gas took place in Dublin's Burlington Hotel recently. The three day conference, which was opened by the Tanaiste and Minister for Industry and Energy, Mr. Michael O'Leary, TD, was hosted by the Irish Government and organised by the Irish Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association.

The conference had the status of an intergovernmental meeting and was an important policy making forum for the LPG industry both at commercial and Government level over the next decade.

Many of the World's major producer countries were represented with delegations from the USSR, Iran, Australia, Canada and the U.S. 300 delegates from 30 countries attended the Symposium whose main aim was to exchange information on the Global and regional LPG situation during the decade 1980-1990.

Modern Boiler Design

Awards for Energy Saving in Industry

The Tanaiste and Minister for Industry & Energy, Mr. Michael O'Leary, TD, has announced details of a competition being organised by his Department for awards to industry, including the Public sector, for energy conservation projects which have achieved or will achieve worthwhile savings in energy consumption. The awards are intended to give recognition to individual firms or organisations for special efforts and results in the field of energy conservation and to encourage energy saving throughout industry generally.

Mr. O'Leary stressed the importance to industry of energy conservation measures as a means of cutting production costs and maintaining competitiveness in the market. He pointed out that this year, Ireland faced an energy bill which will be close to £1,000m and that, consequently, conservation could make a major contribution to the national economy and have a considerable impact on our balance of payments situation. Even a 1% overall saving would keep £10m, at home and help in securing Irish jobs. Given that industry accounted for 33% of the total energy used in Ireland in 1980, there was considerable scope for savings in this sector. The importance to each firm of an Energy Audit and of a proper Energy Management Programme could not be over emphasised, the Tanaiste said. With these tools a company could easily gauge its conservation potential, the conservation efforts necessary to reach that potential and the rate at which it was attaining its conservation objectives.

The Tanaiste said the competition, would put the emphasis on practical effort in conservation and would be open to all sectors of industry. It would be arranged in three categories: Large Firms (50 employees or more), Small Firms (less than 50 employees) and the Public Sector. In the case of the large and small firms categories prizes would be awarded on a regional basis with an overall national trophy based on entries from those categories. For the Public Sector category there would also be a national trophy.

In addition because of the importance of an Energy Management Programme for individual companies and organisations Mr. O'Leary said he was introducing a separate award for the Energy Manager of the firm or organisation submitting the best entry as decided by the judges.
Grants for House Improvements

The Government has announced a new scheme of Government grants for certain house improvements. Grants from the Department of the Environment are being made available as follows:

1. £200 for the provision of a water supply.
2. £200 for the installation of sewerage facilities.
3. £600 for the building of a chimney and the provision of a fireplace with back boiler in a house without a chimney.
4. £600 for the provision of a bathroom (or fixed shower).
5. £600 for the provision of an extra bedroom to relieve overcrowding.

Where the scheme of work involves the provision of both a bathroom and a bedroom the combined maximum is £1,000. The amount of the grant may not, in any case, exceed two-thirds of the cost.

Since the former scheme of house improvement was terminated on 1st February, 1980 the Government parties have expressed concern that the absence, for the first time since 1924, of grant assistance would have serious adverse consequences for the improvement of the national housing stock and would deny many thousands of less well off families the opportunity of providing in their houses the necessary basic amenities which are taken for granted by most of the community. A comprehensive survey of the national housing stock carried out in 1980 showed that there were still 87,000 houses without an internal water supply, 14,014 houses without internal sewerage facilities and 185,000 houses without a fixed bathroom or shower. The lack of these amenities in so many of our houses amounts to a serious deficiency in our housing stock and any realistic housing policy must aim at the elimination of this deficiency.

The Government are also anxious to encourage and to assist families to extend their existing houses in order to relieve overcrowding and make the most economic and convenient use possible. Thus the new scheme gives grant assistance for necessary extra bedroom accommodation.

In the era of cheap energy, during the sixties and early seventies many houses were built without chimneys — particularly in the larger urban areas. After the first oil crisis of 1973 this was seen to be a very unwise omission and a special grant for chimneys and fireplaces was introduced in October, 1974 but this was also discontinued from 1st February, 1980. The omission was rectified with the aid of grants in many of the houses but there is still a good number of householders who have yet to do so. The Government are confident that the grants now available will enable them to provide themselves with the desirable option of burning solid fuel.

There are other types of house improvements which, it could be argued, also merit grant assistance but the Government consider that the five categories now being included in the scheme rank highest in order of social priority. They are particularly anxious, as indicated in their Programme for Government, to give some grant assistance for energy conservation. However, it is impossible, at this stage to go beyond the grants for chimneys now being introduced due to financial limitations.

The new scheme comes into effect immediately but the Minister wishes to emphasise that work must not commence until an inspection has been carried out and the Department's written approval has been issued.

'Fashionable' Heat Pump from Carlyle

Heating for a 'with it' boutique, Benetton, in Dublin's fashionable Grafton Street, has been provided by a heat pump system.

A Carlyle 5OR006 package heat pump, sited on the roof of the 300 sq. ft., shop supplies air at a rate of 0.90 m$^3$/s to two ceiling diffusers. The return air grille is wall mounted at the back of the shop. The heat pump has a nominal cooling capacity of 16.29 kW and heating of 13.7 kW. When operating at an ambient of 32°F the heating capacity would be 10.5 kW and so the system incorporates a 4 kW electric heater battery and control 'stat to boost the heating capacity if needed.

'My only complaint' said the manageress on a cold February day 'is that the shop can sometimes get too warm, even with the door constantly being opened shut. But it will be marvelous to be able to switch to air conditioning when the summer comes'.

With oil prices rising, sometimes not too steadily and gas virtually unavailable in Ireland, it is becoming more apparent that the heat pump system is becoming the only real choice when it comes to installing heating systems in a whole range of applications. 'Systems like this one operating in a small boutique demonstrates just how effective they are' said Michael Buckley, Director, Walker Air Conditioning who supplied the unit. 'We calculate the savings in running costs over conventional fuels will be in the region of 25 per cent. An added bonus is that since the air is filtered as well as heated or cooled in the summer, the decor will stay cleaner, the stock fresher and the dressing rooms much more pleasant for the customers.'
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The rated output is 30,000 Btu/hr to water with 9,000 Btu/hr to space, and is obviously aimed at the 3/4 bedroomed house market. The fuel used can be washed bituminous coal in doubles, nuts, trebles or large nut sizes with fuels available in Ireland having been tested over the last year. 70% efficiency at 4.25lb/hr fuel is claimed and the unit is thermostatically controlled.

Colours available are green, matt black, copper and pewter with optional extras of a wood effect surround, free standing kit, and coal hod.

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NEW IDHE COMMITTEE

At the recent AGM of the Irish Branch of the IDHE the following officers were elected to the committee:

Chairman: W. Victor Madigan, A.M.I.D.H.E.
Hon. Secretary: Harold P. Pattison, M.I.D.H.E.
Hon. Treasurer: J. Griffin, A.M.I.D.H.E.
Education Officer: T. Dinnigan A.M.I.D.H.E.
P.R.O.: K. Long, M.I.D.H.E.

Caption Mix Up

In our September issue we committed the cardinal sin of mixing up the picture captions of Ideal Standards on page 48 and Twyfords on page 46, apologies to both companies concerned.

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Thursday November 5th — One day Symposium of the Draft Building Regulations.
Thursday December 3rd — Computer Programming.
Friday December 18th — Hot Air — Bright Lights Christmas Drink In.

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Thursday January 28th — Lighting — Energy Saving Control Systems.
Monday February 22nd — Ladies Evening — Details to be advised.
Wednesday February 24th — Visit to National Concert Hall.
Thursday February 25th — Paper on National City Concert Hall.
Thursday April 15th — Annual General Meeting and Annual Students Awards.
Friday May 14th — Golf Outing and Ladies Evening at The Hermitage Golf Club.

Meetings will be held at the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, 22, Clyde Road, Dublin 4 at 18.00 for 18.30 hours unless otherwise stated.

Clyde Annual Golf Competition

Our photograph shows a section of the competitors at the dinner which followed the Clyde annual Golf Trophy Competition in the Dublin Sports Hotel.

Also at the Clyde Golf Competition were (left to right) Mr. Michael Byrne, Amalgamated Hardware; Mr. Tom Kierans, Office of Public Works; the winner Mr. Larry McGettrick, Office of Public Works; Peter McKeon, Clyde Systems; and Mr. Denis Kiely, Office of Public Works.

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INVITATION TO JOIN ECDHAI

The Energy Conservation & District Heating Association of Ireland founded in December 1974 with the main objective of promoting energy conservation through the establishment of Group Heating, District Heating and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) schemes in Ireland.

Other objectives are: the advancement of the art, science, standards and knowledge of District Heating and CHP; exchange of information pertaining to the management and operation of District Heating and CHP systems; encouragement of a cooperative exchange of information and CHP from manufacturing and production to ultimate use for space heating in the industrial, commercial and domestic heating sectors.

Applications for membership are now invited from organisations, firms, individuals and students who are interested in promotion of the objectives of the Association. It is intended that large firms and organisations would apply for Corporate membership at an annual fee of £30.00, individual students membership £10.00, for the period from 1st September to the following 31st August.

For further information contact: Mr. Michael Higgins, Hon. Treasurer, EC & DHAIR c/o Cape Insulation (Ireland) Limited, St Pancras Works, Mount Tallent Avenue, Tenerune Dublin 6.

IDHE BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 6th Biennial Convention of the Irish Branch of the IDHE titled "Indecision" recently took place in Jury's Hotel, Dublin.

The Convention was opened by the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alexis Fitzgerald. There are six speakers and the subjects range from the generation of your own electricity with water turbines to the incineration and heat recovery from domestic waste. The Convention had a wide interest to those involved in Heating Contracting Work, Design Engineering Consultancy and Architecture.

The attendance at the Convention was in excess of 70 persons and there were 21 sponsors for the Convention.

Chairman for the conference was Jim Maher PC, Managing Director of Coal Information Services Ltd. and the programme included the following papers:


3rd Paper: Natural Gas and the Domestic Heating Contractor — Tony O'Leary M.Sc., Applications Engineer, Dublin Gas Co.


5th Paper: Heat Pumps — Application and the design characteristics — David Kelham, MCIBS., Commercial Manager, Lennox Industries Ltd.

6th Paper: "He who Hesitates is Lost" — I.M. Daly, B.Sc., Plant Chemist, Irish Dunlop, Cork.

The closing address was given by the chairman and founder E. Eric Farrow, FIDHE, MASHRAE.

Excerpts and photographs from the Convention, will appear in next month's issue.

Wavin Hold PE Gas System Course

Gas distribution design, pipe line installation techniques, and codes of practices were some of the subjects covered in a series of two-day training courses run by Wavin Pipes Ltd. at its factory training centre in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

The course was attended by engineers, consultants, and contractors, and AnCO personnel. It was conducted by Mr. Colin G. Burley, BSc., MSc; Products Development Manager, Wavin Plastics Ltd., formerly of British Gas.

These were the first of a series of courses planned by Wavin for those concerned with gas distribution. The company will also run ongoing training courses for operatives as well as special programmes for training courses for operatives as well as special programmes for trainers.

The course included an overview of the development of MDPE pipe systems for gas distribution, the design characteristics of the WavinGas system, fusion jointing, storage and handling of PE, installation considerations and techniques, Codes of Practices, etc.

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Heat Pumps at Tuam Swimming Pool

by J. N. Crotty, B.E., C.Eng., Deputy County Engineer, Galway Co. Council

One hundred and fifty feet beneath the town of Tuam lies a vast area of groundwater which is now supplying the bulk of heat for the town's swimming pool. Two heat-pumps are used to extract sufficient heat from the groundwater to save thousands of pounds worth of oil annually.

The price of oil has increased at an annual rate of 34%, on average, since 1973. In 1973 a litre of oil cost 2.04 pence. If the price had increased at the normal rate of inflation (average 15%) then a litre of oil would cost between six and seven pence to-day. In fact a litre of oil today costs approximately three times this amount.

The enormous increase in the cost of oil was, needless to say, reflected in the cost of heating swimming pools, which are large energy consumers. Average annual oil consumption at the Tuam pool has been of the order of 112,000 litres and the cost of this oil has soared from £2,300 in 1973 to £24,000 in 1981. This has become an ever-increasing burden on Local Authorities' finances. The heat pump is definitely one very adequate answer to the question of how Local Authorities can continue to keep swimming pools in operation.

The heat pump takes in air or water and extracts heat from it by means of an evaporator and condenser and deposits this heat where it is required.

The performance of a heat pump is measured by referring to its coefficient of performance rather than its efficiency. This is because the Coefficient of Performance is always greater than unity. The Coefficient of Performance (C.O.P.) is measured as follows:

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\text{C.O.P.} = \frac{T_H}{T_H - T_L}
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If we take the source temperature as 8°C, which is 281°K, and the operating temperature of the heat pump to be 60°C, which is 333°K

Then

\[
\text{C.O.P.} = \frac{333}{333 - 281} = 6.40
\]

In practice the C.O.P. varies between 2.0 and 5.0 due to factors which affect the theoretical C.O.P.

Water source heat pumps tend to have a somewhat higher C.O.P. than air source heat pumps, which means that they show a somewhat larger saving when compared with conventional oil-burning installations. Ground water sources are best as they generally maintain a fairly constant temperature. Surface water and air suffer the disadvantage that special defrosting precautions have to be taken in winter.

The Installation in Tuam Pool

In 1978 the firm of Energy Management Contractors Ltd. embarked on a survey of ground and surface water sources in County Galway in order to
determine where there were suitable locations for the installation of heat pumps. The work was grant-aided by the Gailey County Development Team. One of the locations which was chosen and which was, subsequently found to have a very satisfactory ground water source near at hand, was the Tuam Swimming Pool.

A scheme for the installation of two water source heat pumps in Tuam Pool was submitted to the County Council in 1980. The proposal consisted of sinking a borehole a few yards from the pool building, installing a submersible pump in this borehole, a large heat pump of 86 KW output, which would extract heat from the incoming ground water and use this heat to maintain the temperature of the pool water at around 27°C and to heat the pool building when required, a small heat pump, of 2 KW output, to heat water for showers and W.H.B.'s, and a run-around system of heat recovery to use the heat from the exhaust air from the building to pre-heat incoming air.

The proposal also set out estimated savings over a five year period, related to the increase in the cost of energy, and offered to install the system at no cost to the County Council and to maintain it for five years, in return for the payment by the Council to the company, of ¾ of the calculated savings over a five year period. The company would sell the whole installation to the Council at the end of the five year period for a nominal sum, and thereafter the Council would benefit for the full savings.

Estimated gross savings over the five year period were given as £66,000, based on an assumed 20% per annum increase in both oil and electricity prices. Of this the Council would pay £44,000 to the company over the five year period, with the net savings to the Council being £22,000. Based on this proposal, the Council entered into an agreement with the company for the installation of the heat pumps. The agreement also included a method of assessing the savings, based on (1) the measured thermal efficiency of the existing oil-fired boiler, (2) the calorific value of the oil being burned, (3) the amount of electricity used by the heat pumps and (4) the measured Coefficient of Performance of the heat pumps.

**Operation and Savings**
The installation of the equipment commenced early in March 1981.

When the installation of the heat pumps was completed, the measured C.O.P. of the larger pump was found to be 4.0 + while that for the smaller pump was found to be of the order of 2.8. These figures are satisfactory and are, in fact, more or less as expected.

The run-around system of heat recovery was not completed until mid-July, so during the initial short period, while space heating was required, full savings were not realised.

Figures for electricity consumption fluctuated during the first few months while the installation of the equipment was proceeding, but since July the weekly meter readings have shown that the total electricity consumption has steadied and is now averaging 460 kWh per day. The highest daily average, from the weekly meter readings, during the period July-September was 497 kWh/day and the lowest was 423 kWh/day. This means that the total electricity used by the pool, including heating, is averaging 460 KWh, per day, during Summer months. This is expected to rise to about 1000 KWh/day during Winter, when space heating is required.

These figures include the reduction in the heat requirement of the pool water brought about by the provision of a thermal blanket, which was installed in June, and which, in itself, has the effect of reducing pool water heating costs by around 30%.

In comparing figures for costs of heating with oil prior to the installation of the heat pumps and costs of heating by means of the heat pumps account must be taken of the effect of the thermal blanket.

The average daily electricity consumption for pool water heating is 160 KWh, which is all at night rate (3.9 pence per unit) and the total annual cost is £2,280. The same amount of heating, using oil, would cost £7,560 (and, incidentally, £10,800 without the thermal blanket).

This gives an annual saving of £5,280 at to-day's prices, or almost 70%.

For shower water heating approximately 21 KWh per day is required, and the annual cost of this is £480. Shower water heating, from our records, before installation of the heat pumps required about 10 gallons of oil per day. At to-day's prices this would cost £3,600. This high figure was caused by several factors. The use of a large boiler to heat a small quantity of shower water, particularly in Summer leads to a very low boiler efficiency (around 30%) and in addition to this the storage...
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Tank was poorly insulated and there was no control on the amount of water used per heat in the showers. Now the shower water is heated by the small heat pump, which is sized for the job, the storage tanks are highly insulated, and we have installed control buttons on the showers which have reduced water consumption in the showers from 10 gallons/head to three gallons/head.

Space heating costs have to be estimated for the heat pumps at this stage as the heating season has not yet got under way. The amount of oil from records, required for space heating is 46,000 litres/year. Present cost of this is £9,600. The estimated usage of electricity is 48,000 KWh/annum and at 6.25p per unit, this will cost £3,000. These figures are based on heat requirement calculations, taking into account the fact that the run-around system of heat recovery will provide about 46% of the heat required to heat the incoming air.

To summarise the heating costs then, we get the following picture:

The figure of £20,780 is some £3,000 less than was quoted earlier in this paper as the total cost of heating for the pool, but this is attributable to the thermal blanket which was not in use at the pool prior to the installation of the heat pumps. Also the figure of £3,600 for shower water heating could have been reduced to £1,200 by installing control. These figures show an annual saving of 68% of the cost of heating.

Other usage of electricity for lighting, filtering, etc. costs about £5,700 per annum, from meter readings, so the savings are, in total, from £20,780 to £11,460 or approximately 45%.

Financing
To date we have been operating the heat pumps installation under the agreement referred to earlier, and a recently agreed figure for the nett savings for the period March to mid-September, in order to arrive at an amount to be paid by the Council to the company was £5,400 which corresponds quite well with the above figures. Winter savings will be larger because of the element of space heating.

The County Council has recently submitted an application to the Department of the Environment for loan sanction and subsidy and we are hopeful that this application will be successful, as the Council would then get the full benefit of the savings immediately. The project is also a very viable one with a pay-back period of 2½ to 3 years. The installation is expected to have a long and relatively maintenance-free life (15-20 years).

Conclusion
I am satisfied that the installation of the heat pumps in Tuam Pool is a very sound investment. Apart from the obvious advantages of considerable savings in running costs, there is also the aspect that, as resources of oil become scarcer, oil may not continue to be available for recreational purposes, such as swimming pools.

The installation also uses a considerable percentage of its electricity at night which saves further costs and also helps to keep E.S.B. production costs down.

I see the Tuam project as a highly successful venture and I see a number of applications for heat pumps in swimming pools, leisure complexes, hospitals, institutions and in horticultural activities, such as tomato or mushroom growing.
Sean McAuley is Managing Director of Mosten Engineering Services Ltd., in Laraghcon, Lucan, Co. Dublin, a company which he established earlier this year but in that short time has become one of the most successful service companies in the mechanical services industry. The following is a short interview with Sean.

H&V: Who are the Directors of Mosten Engineering and what background did they come from?

SMcA: The Directors are Sean McAuley (Managing), previously Director of Hall Thermotank Ireland Ltd., and Don Lister who has had considerable experience in installation of industrial piping systems and was Contracts Manager with Hall Thermotank Ireland.

H&V: What ideas had you in mind when you set up the company?

SMcA: The purpose in setting up the company was to provide a high class welding service, mechanical service contractors, with particular emphasis on providing this type of service to refrigeration contracting organisations.

H&V: When starting a new service company what did you envisage that your company would be different and better than others?

SMcA: The methods used in ensuring that a class 1 service would be provided was firstly, having welding procedures to BS4870 witnessed and approved by IIRS and Lloyd’s Register of Shipping; secondly, having all welders both air and gas carry out welder qualification tests to BS4871 class 1. These tests were witnessed by IIRS and Lloyd’s Register of Shipping.

Consequently all welders employed by the company are capable of class 1 welding to BS2633. The importance of class I welding is high standards now being sought and enforced to comply with EEC standards.

H&V: Do you intend to quote on or install total services contracts?

SMcA: No. The company is not a refrigeration contractor and does not, nor is it the intention to quote for refrigeration or air conditioning contracts. Rather it can provide a service to contractors.

H&V: How many are employed by Mosten?

SMcA: There are at the moment approximately 25 people working for the company.

H&V: Could you give some examples of work carried out since your started business?

SMcA: We have installed the refrigeration system for Star Refrigeration at the new one million cubic ft. cold store built for Irish Cold Stores Ltd. at Ballymount Cross, Dublin. This entire project was subject to Lloyd’s approval, and in random radiographic inspection carried out on approximately 100 welds, welded to BS2633, there was not a single failure.

Another contract was the fabrication of 10 wb laterals to be used on the Alcan plant at Aughinish Co. Limerick.

H&V: Have you branched out into any other areas of business?

SMcA: Yes, we have a sister company called Mosten Engineering Supplies Ltd. set up on 1st July 1981, which acts as sole distributor for the range of products manufactured by Willison Controls Ltd., of Dallas Rd., in Bedford. The products include Grasso valves, refrigerating specialities controls, AC&R equipment, Fanal equipment Egelhof equipment, Poekless equipment, Henry equipment.

H&V: With your supply company what way do you intend to handle the agency business?

SMcA: Unlike some other companies we intend to keep a comprehensive stock of products available “off the shelf” at the Mosten premises in Lucan. This must be of considerable benefit to refrigeration and air conditioning engineers; as previously equipment was not available ex stock in Ireland with consequent delays caused by shipping, etc.

H&V: Finally, at a time of recession what future do you see for any company in the services industry?

SMcA: Although business in general may be slow we have proved as a company that hard work combined with quality workmanship will ensure growth for any company willing to see these principles through.
After Asbestos — What?

This article is an excerpt from a talk delivered by Bob Crosier, Vice-President Marketing, SEPCO Corporation, to the Industrial Stores Managers Association Semi-Annual Conference, Mobile, Alabama, USA which examines mechanical shaft sealing methods other than asbestos and the problems of asbestos.

Since that day in the 9th Century when King Charlemagne prevented a war by throwing his tablecloth into a roaring fire and retrieving it unharmed, asbestos has played an important role in mankind’s development. Today, after centuries of faithful service, it has fallen into disfavour.

A fibrous silicate of metal, such as magnesium, calcium or sodium, its ore is mined from seams in rocks. In earlier times it was used almost exclusively as lamp wicking which may explain the paradoxical derivation of its name from the Greek word meaning “unquenchable” or “inextinguishable”. Of the two most common types, white asbestos (Chrysotile) has achieved greater popularity than its sister, blue asbestos (Crocidolite).

After centuries of faithful service as an outstanding material for wicking, insulation, and fire protection, why has it suddenly fallen into such terrible disfavour? Essentially, the notoriety of the health problems associated with asbestos stems from the frantic activity associated with preparing ships for military service during World War II. During this time ship hulls were being sprayed with asbestos insulation without benefit of respiration protection. Asbestos dust accumulated in the lungs of the workers where it lay dormant for as much as 20 or 30 years, after which there was an outbreak of asbestosis. Individuals who smoke are particularly prone to this disease. That propensity for the disease has to do with the druglike effect of cigarette smoke. Hairlike ciliated cells lining the bronchial tubes are anesthetised by the smoke and are incapable of performing their function of maintaining the cleanliness of the bronchial structure. These fine hairlike cells beat or vibrate constantly to move the mucous carpet covering the tissue in the direction of the nose so that dust and foreign matter collecting in the mucous may be removed. When these cells are anesthetised and discontinue their beating action, dust migrates into the lungs where it lodges permanently. This explains why heavy smokers have throat congestion in the morning. During the night these cells awaken and resume their activity removing congestion that collected during the day when they were made inactive by the anesthetic effect of the smoke.

As asbestos dust reaches the lungs, the body builds protective pus sacks around the dust particles which ultimately one day may become cancerous. Smokers run the greatest risk of this disease. The disease usually occurs 20 or more years after heavy exposure which explains why, 35 years after World War II, there has been a great deal of attention given to this hazard. Fear of infestation has made many companies totally eliminate the material from their purchasing patterns.

Apparantly, there are two alternatives to the problem: (1) find ways to eliminate airborne asbestos dust entirely or (2) eliminate asbestos from use altogether.

The government has established guidelines and safety regulations for the use of asbestos materials and limited the level of the airborne asbestos dust in working areas. Research is developing methods to produce asbestos products which will not release dust capable of becoming airborne. In most mechanical packing manufacturing plants in this country the fine amorphous asbestos powder associated with asbestos fibres is entrapped with impregnants to prevent their release into the atmosphere.

On the other hand, this research and development of dust-free processing has increased the cost of asbestos packing to a point where the cost of non-asbestos substitutes are no longer as relatively expensive as they once were. At this point in time it is difficult to predict which way the mechanical packing industry will ultimately go. As long as there is a demand for asbestos products, the industry is responding with new dust-free processes to meet those needs. At the same time, new cost effective packings are being developed to replace asbestos wherever the customer seeks a substitute.

Polytetrafluoroethylene (TFE) was one of the earliest substitutes and is often used an an impregnant for asbestos products assisting in locking the asbestos dust into the packing. TFE has excellent chemical resistance and boasts a low coefficient of fric-
tion.

Graphite yarns, which are manufactured from carbonous fibres heat treated to 5500°F/3037°C in an atmosphere devoid of oxygen to form a crystalline graphite fibre, has become an excellent substitute. It has the ability to function at temperatures in excess of 5000°F in non-oxidizing atmospheres and 850°F/454°C in oxidizing environments. It has a low coefficient of friction and conducts heat away from the source of friction far better than asbestos, although it still may be classified as an insulator.

The most superior heat conductor in the family of mechanical packings is a product known generically as corrugated graphite ribbon.

It also enjoys the advantage of having the lowest coefficient of friction. It will operate at temperatures of 5000°F/2760°C in non-oxidizing atmospheres and 850°F/454°C in oxidizing atmospheres. Since superheated steam has been treated to remove oxygen, this product is an excellent substitute for asbestos in high-temperature steam applications. In high-speed, rotating-shaft applications this material has such unique heat transfer characteristics, no longer is frictional heat entrapped and insulated at the shaft but is transferred out through the stuffing box rapidly. It also has a better pH range than asbestos.

Aramid fibres also have arrived on the scene as viable asbestos substitutes. These fibres have unique tensile strengths and are similar to asbestos in withstanding chemical attack.

Some manufacturers have been experimenting with polyacrylonitrile fibres. Some of these fibres have been thermally treated to resist temperatures up to 600°F/316°C. Although they do not exhibit the versatility of asbestos products, they are competitively priced with asbestos packings.

Fibreglass has also found a place among asbestos substitutes.

The newest products, which not only exhibit superior performance characteristics to asbestos but also are in the same price range, are proprietary blends of several fibres. These appear to be the most practical substitutes available for applications up to 600°F/316°C and on high-speed rotary shafts.

Field tests have demonstrated that some of these packings will perform better than asbestos.

Compressed asbestos sheet substitutes are now appearing and promise to replace asbestos in many applications. Nitrile bound synthetic fibres are now being compressed into sheet form to be used as flange gasketing.

Although there are several types of compressed sheets, most of them meet the same specifications as compressed asbestos; however, they are higher in cost.

Metallic gaskets are also being fabricated from non-asbestos fillers such as TFE, ceramic paper, corrugated graphite ribbon, and other high-temperature chemically-resistant fillers.

Mechanical shaft seals have assumed an important role in competition with mechanical packings. Many chemical plants have virtually eliminated all asbestos packings on rotary pump applications. New seal designs and super hard seal face materials have made mechanical seals an excellent substitute for asbestos packings on abrasive, crystalizing, and clogging applications that formerly were not practical for mechanical seals. Pulp and paper mills had been reluctant to use mechanical seals because of their difficult applications. However, more and more seals are replacing packings in these mills as new technology evolves.

It's apparent that there are many viable substitutes for asbestos packings, and some display superior service capabilities; however, generally these products are relatively higher in cost. The cost difference has begun to narrow now that exploration for new asbestos ore deposits has dropped off, causing the existing ore to escalate in price. New regulations regarding the handling of asbestos fibres have made asbestos processing more costly. Time only will tell whether asbestos will continue to be a servant of industry or will be replaced by man-made substitutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SPEAKER: Mr. Crosier is a leading authority on mechanical shaft seals. He serves as Secretary of the Seals Technical Committee of the American Society of Lubrication Engineers, is a member of the Fluid Sealing Association, has taught sealing technology for the Department of Energy and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and is recognised as a teacher of fluid sealing technology throughout the world.
H. Bicker, Senior Vice President, and J. Brennan, Past President, of the Master Plumbers Association led the trade representation at the Belfast College of Technology Apprentice of the Year Competition. The winner of the plumbing prize was Nicholas McWilliams of Lisburn Tech.

Coolheat Ltd. of Lisburn, (Tel: Lisburn 76228) have been appointed Northern Ireland agents for Netaline Air Distribution Products Ltd. whose products include the Netaline flexible duct.

Chairman and Director of F. B. McKee & Co. Ltd., Mr. Desmond McKee, has been appointed to the Board of the Northern Bank Ltd.

Doherty Ross & Armstrong, agents of Showerlux (UK) Ltd. introduced the 1981 range at a trade show in the Drumkeen Hotel. Mr. Bob Bowler, General Manager of Showerlux previewed the Shower Tower, a system of shower and bath enclosures to match the latest sanitary ware colours. Also present were Mr. Seymour Armstrong and Mr. Don Ross of the host company.

The Construction Industry Training Board have announced that it is prepared to offer a limited number of one year scholarships for young people interested in a career in the construction industry to take a full time course in Building Engineering Services (heating and ventilating) leading to the qualification of the Technician Education Council. The courses will be in Belfast and will provide basic training to help prepare students for employment as technicians in the industry.

Application will be considered from those with four GCE 'O' Levels which should include Mathematics and English. Successful candidates will receive £20 per week with a travel and accommodation allowance where applicable. Forms and details are available from: Construction Industry Training Board (NI), ITB House, Glenmount Road, Church Road, Newtownabbey.

The Belfast Architectural practice of Ferguson and McIlveen has once again received a commendation from the Royal Institute of British Architects in this years annual awards.

In 1975 the company received the commendation for the design of their own offices at Beechill on the outskirts of Belfast. The 1981 award is for their design of the new Woodlands Presbyterian Church at Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.

The project architect was Mr. John Baird.

Mr. Leo Curran formerly Director of Harland & Wolff Ltd. and who has lately been a director of British Shipbuilders Ltd. has purchased the Camac Transport Company acquiring its entire issued share capital from the Blackwood Hodge Group.

Camac is one of the largest independent haulage and warehousing companies in Ireland.

B & M Heat Services of 40 South Street, Newtownards, have increased their portfolio with the acquisition of the agency of Barber & Colman range of air distribution equipment of diffusers, grills and acoustics.

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the Ulster Museum was chosen by the Society as the venue for their Ulster Bank Lecture when G. Long, Ph.D. of the Energy Technology Support Unit of the Department of Energy spoke on “Renewable Sources of Energy”.

The Northern Ireland Economic Council have issued a report — Strangford Lough Tidal Energy. In doing so they have examined afresh the possibilities of harnessing the powers of the Lough to generate electricity.

Cost of the scheme would be in the region of £300 million which in itself may prove in these days of money shortage, sufficient to kill the scheme at birth.

The immediate reaction of the various environmental bodies was to point out the danger to the bird and fish in the Lough for which it is world famous.

These two factors, plus the excess capacity at Kilroot, may result in the report finding, like so many others, a resting place on some dust laden shelf.

Visiting the recent Heating & Ventilating Exhibition in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, one could have found only one Northern Ireland firm. P & D MacFarlane Ltd. of Ridgeway Street, Belfast. Dougal MacFarlane led the team on the stand which was concentrating on the ITT Reznor range of gas fired heaters. Mr. MacFarlane expressed himself as well satisfied with the two-day show.

The Northern Ireland Branch of the Institute of Domestic Heating Engineers held another of their gold outings at the Malone club. The sponsors were the Heating & Plumbers Merchants Assoc.

Ian A. Kernohan, Balloo Industrial Estate, Baloo Way, Bangor, Co. Down has been appointed Irish Distributor for Faral tropical high output radiators. The radiators have a variety of colours and surfaces stove enamelled are of lightweight individual sections of die cast aluminium.

“Savell O Hicks” Memorial Lecture and Lunch

It is the intention of the Northern Ireland Section of the Institute of Energy to honour the memory of a foundation member of the Section and an office bearer for 20 years by promoting the “Savell O Hicks” Memorial Lecture and Lunch. The Section has been honoured in the fact that Sir Derek Ezra, Chairman of the National Coal Board has agreed to give the lecture which will take place in Belfast during February 1982.

Following the lecture, a lunch will be held which is expected to attract a number of distinguished guests on what should be a unique occasion.

Institute of Energy, Northern Ireland Section — Programme

22 Oct. — Lecture, 7.00 p.m., Ashby Institute, Belfast. ‘Water Treatments for Air Conditioning Water’. Speaker: Dr. Alan Marshall (Dearborn Chemicals).

3rd Dec. — Lecture, 7.00 p.m., Ashby Institute, Belfast. ‘Lasers for Industry — A New Energy Source’.
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established in 1964 to manufacture expanded polystyrene in Northern Ireland, and since that time has grown steadily with the increased use of thermal insulation materials. Its activities can be divided basically into two areas, one for polystyrene board and one for packaging.

Expanded polystyrene (EPS) boards are used in the building industry for thermal insulation of roofs, walls, and floors, and are manufactured in three grades to comply with the standards laid down by the EPS Association. Springvale Polyproducts also bond expanded polystyrene to a wide range of materials commonly used in the building industry, for example felt, insulation board, plasterboard and decorative plastic laminates.

The company also manufactures a wide range of in-house and custom packs and mouldings used in the packaging industry. EPS’s cushioning properties make it the ideal medium for items such as music centres, television sets and electronic games, through to fish boxes and crash helmet liners. Springvale was a founder member of the package moulders group of the EPS Association.

Mr. Alec Cooke, managing director of Springvale said, "As leaders in the field of expanded polystyrene manufacture and application in Northern Ireland, we see this contract with Shell as greatly strengthening our position in the market. In addition it will allow us to bring the energy-saving benefits of the Shell dry cavity wall insulation system to the homes, factories and offices throughout Northern Ireland."

Springvale Polyproducts was the first industrial model of the "Aerocowl" on trial chimney in a mid Ulster factory.

Speaker: Dr. D. Findlay (Queens University).
1982
Speaker: Sir Derek Ezra, M.B.E. Chairman, National Coal Board.
Lecture: 11.00 a.m. Lunch: 1.30 p.m. Culloden Hotel nr Belfast.

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Shell’s unique dry cavity wall insulation system on commercial market was launched in Northern Ireland by Springvale Polyproducts Ltd., Doagh, Ballyclare, in Belfast and Omagh. The Shell system, for which Springvale is the authorised installation contractor for Northern Ireland, is the most advanced cavity wall insulation system on the world market and is suitable for industrial and commercial and domestic buildings.

At the launches presentations were given by Mr. Colin Gibson, managing director of Thermocomfort Ltd., the UK marketing organisation for the Shell system, and Mr. Gordon Boyd, sales manager of Springvale Polyproducts. A film illustrating the benefits of the system which, in only two years, has become the UK market leader in cavity wall insulation. Models of cavity-filled walls, bonded polystyrene beads and display panels were on show to explain the Shell system in detail.

Also present at the launches were Springvale directors’ Mr. Alec Cooke and Mr. John Cooke, and Mr. Chris Owen and Mr. John Harrison of Thermocomfort. The Belfast launch was held in the Drumkeen Hotel, Upper Galwally, and the Omagh launch in the Silver Birch Hotel.

Trophies won by Aerocowl Marketing Ltd. at various exhibitions throughout Europe during the last few months.

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Having looked in the previous months at our coal situation and coal distribution this month we look at sources of coal supply.

To recap, Table 1 gives us a general view of where we have obtained coal since 1961.

It is interesting on examining these figures to see the general trend. Table 2 shows us in graph form the decline of coal as a fuel up to 1976, when our total imports were 597,000.

With the impact of the rise in price of oil and the general decision taken politically to diversify, our energy requirements at a national level, we find that since 1976 coal imports has continued to rise and the figure for 1980 at 1,231,000 tonnes compares favourably with the previous second highest figure, that of 1965 at 1,268,000 tonnes. There are a number of reasons for these coal imports. Firstly, as I stated earlier there was the political decision to shift from oil for almost 80% of electricity generation. The ESB decided to use coal as the basic fuel. We also see the ESB who up to the decision to use coal depended on
The main development in new coal import supplies is from the United States. In 1973 only 1,000 tonnes was imported, yet in 1980 the United States account for 32% of all our coal imports. This is shown in Table 5.

![Graph showing coal imports from the United Kingdom from 1961 to 1980](image)

Table 3

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(Source: C.S.O. extrapolations)

It would appear that in the future, most of our coal imports are going to come from the United States. The large oil companies have in recent years acquired major coal manufacturers and have invested a considerable amount of money in coal developments. The main problem at the present moment with regard to coal imports is a logistic one but there is no doubt in the next few years this can be overcome. Large coal super tankers will be available and would appear that the USA will become a primary source of our coal imports. However, the balance as it stands on Table 5 in 1980 is an admirable one, whereby Ireland as a nation is not only depending on any one source of supply. If we could only achieve in oil it would be a very satisfactory situation.

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Using the accepted method of comparing costs of different fuels on the basis of cost per useful KWh., Hugh Clyne, Principal Scientific Officer, Energy Services, IIRS, has made the comparison of different fuels very simple. Although cost alone is not the only consideration as such things as reliability of supply, ease of handling and storage, maintenance etc. also play a major part in the selection of a fuel.

At the moment there is not much of a difference between oil and solid fuel central heating, much depending on the grade of fuel used and the efficiency of the appliance the fuel is burned in. So with an efficient room heater or cooker burning turf, a figure of 1.81p per useful kWh could be gained, a similar appliance burning house coal would have a value of 2.11p per useful kWh and an oil fired boiler using 3Ssec gas oil would have a costing of 2.77p per useful kWh. Looking at the figures for house coal again it can also be seen that the less efficient open fire with a high output back boiler would have a costing of 2.9p per useful kWh.

This latter costing goes to prove the long held theory that much of our energy goes up the chimney in the form of smoke and the results of the Government sponsored competition for the best Irish-made multi-fuel appliance has been long overdue.

Looking at gas it can be seen town gas is at the moment very much out of the game with a figure of 6.07p per useful kWh at 75% efficiency. Although it is expected that natural gas will be available in Dublin in the next two years it is very unlikely that its price will be any lower than oil or solid fuel and in fact all the early indications are that the price will be at least 10% higher than competitive fuels.

To sum up the situation at the moment it would appear that it is in the best long-term interests of the country to use non oil based fuels for domestic central heating but in the short term some people may find oil cheaper or at least competitive to run and all we an do is hope that natural gas prices will not be so high as to put it out of the reach for domestic heating.
# Comparison of Energy Costs
## Domestic Fuels

### Fuel Prices:

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* Average price countrywide, including cost of delivery.

** Prices for electricity and town gas exclude standing charges — unit costs for electricity and gas current fuel cost variation.

*** Prices include for delivery in the Dublin area only.

† Controlled retail price for briquettes excludes delivery charges.
## Comparison of Useful Energy Costs Domestic Heating

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**NB**
1. Use manufacturers recommended fuel for each appliance.
2. Efficiencies quoted are seasonal efficiencies where Seasonal Efficiency = Conversion Efficiency x Utilisation Efficiency.
3. Delivered energy costs quoted above are for conditions stated on IIRS Comparison of Energy Costs sheet.

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Build for the future with Coal

1 Roomheater
Whole house heating from a living fire behind a glass door.

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Heat 5 rooms and all the hot water you need from one open coal fire.

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Many of today's solid fuel cookers heat radiators as well.

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Contact your coal merchant or Coal Information Services, 18 D'Olier St., Dublin 2. Tel: 776246
Instaheat

Instaheat Ltd. will be shortly announcing full details of a number of new distributorships for heating and allied products. The main products are the French Ideal Standard gas, oil and solid fuel boilers and the Juno Buderus cookers, fires and heaters. These new products will greatly add to the existing range of Parkray, New World and Rexco smokeless fuels. The latest range of Parkray room heaters have a new style appearance and an extended range of colours. The outputs remain the same as the older range but the new model references are GIL, G, GF and HILG, G and GF.

To ensure that there will be enough of the right fuel available for Parkrays, Instaheat are also stocking a smokeless processed coal called Rexco. This is a well known fuel in the UK and is very suitable for room heaters but can also be burned in cookers, boilers and open fires. The fuel is distributed through approved dealers throughout Ireland or direct from Instaheat.

Unidare

Unidare launched earlier this year the first of their new solid fuel stoves, the 3 Star General. The "General" is expected to have a significant impact on the Irish market as it is designed to replace the highly inefficient open fire. Along with its new standards of efficiency, in room heating the "General" will provide domestic hot water and heat up to four radiators. A significantly Irish feature of this Unidare stove is the fact that it burns turf most efficiently. Bord na Mona worked closely with Unidare in the development of this feature.

In addition, the "General" can burn coal and anthracite, smokeless fuels and wood. The outer case is constructed from mild steel sheet, treated with high temperature proof paint. The door is fitted with heat resistant glass. The firebox air intake is controlled by a sliding mechanism. By this means the burning rate can be kept to a minimum and the stove will then remain alight during the night. The front door hinges down for easy loading and access to the removable ashtray is via the lower panel.

Units may be fitted into sound existing fireplaces and the installation should comply with British Standard CP 403.74.

Heating Distributors

Heating Distributors Ltd. have a wide range of solid fuel appliances to chose from, in particular they have the very popular Trianco Redfyre range which includes the House Master which is an anthracite gravity feed domestic hearth boiler available in four colours and can be supplied in either the inset or free standing types. What must be one of the most efficient boilers at the moment is the Trianco TR G45 + G60, G80, G100 and G120 range of solid fuel gravity feed boilers, this has proved to be one of the most popular boiler over many years. Also from Trianco comes the TRH room heater with three models, three colours and outputs from 25,000 to 45,000 btu/h. Heating Distributors also can supply ceramic lined insulated chimneys or twin wall S.S. lined chimney from Parkabest. To see these and many other products call to 145-147 Richmond Rd., Dublin 3, or telephone 375144/5 for further information.

Jøtul

Jotul woodstoves have become a popular alternative and/or additional method of home heating since they were first introduced to this country by David Couper of Tyrellspass, Co. Westmeath four years ago. Now, as a result of consumer demand, special water heating kits have been developed for two of the most popular models - No. 1 and No. 6 - as well as for No. 118 and the new System 17. The kit consists of a copper boiler installed in the stoves' firebricks and, provided that the stove is used...
THE MOST SUCCESSFUL
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LPG OR
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Outputs from 60,000 btu/h to 604,000 btu/h
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CHAPPEE BOILERS

Highly efficient and compact, Chappee cast-iron sectional oil or gas fired boilers cover a range from 600,000 to 4.4 million Btu/hr (176 KW - 1.29 MW).

Hevac

Multi-fuel with oil-gas-solid fuel from 70,000 Btu/s/hr to 250,000 Btu/s/hr.

Tony Smith or Frank Loughran at 376051, Lomand Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3. Liam Woodgate or Dave Cummins, Tivoli Industrial Estate, Cork. Tel: (021) 500166.
correctly, sufficient domestic hot water for an average sized family should be provided. David Couper is also distributor for the Swiss designed Tiba central heating cooker which will burn wood, turf or coal, and which can be converted to oil or gas by the addition of another unit. It will meet the domestic hot water requirements of most households as well as providing central heating, depending on the model, the smallest model has an output of 50,000 btu/h, while the largest has an output of 84,000 btu/h.

Fire Master

This is the boiler designed to obtain the utmost from any fire. Note how the cranked flueway retains the hot gases as long as possible to extract maximum heat before passing up the chimney. Removable door giving unrestricted access to flueway. Regular cleaning will prevent the formation of excessive soot and tar deposits which would otherwise result in loss of efficiency. This feature is now available on the 16" and 18" models with inset or underfloor fires.

A combination of Firemaster boiler and fires could provide full space heating for a big room, domestic hot water through a 25-30 gallon cylinder and four radiators ... even more, if no domestic hot water is needed. Every Firemaster fire gets the maximum efficiency from all recommended solid fuels. It is, of course, approved for smokeless zones. As for trouble-free comfort, few systems could compare with it. The fire can be allowed to burn overnight with minimum attention. The Superdraught de Luxe, an underfloor-draught fire fits neatly into almost any existing or new fireplace up to 20" high. Installation fuss is down to a minimum; there will be no need to damage the present tiled hearth. And don't worry for a second about that "underfloor draught" label: the Superdraught can even be installed in homes which have solid floors. In fact, ash should only need to be removed twice a week.

Further information from Paramount Distributors Ltd.

Glow-Worm

C & F Ltd. of Mill Lane, Palmerstown have announced that they are now in a position to supply Glow-Worm boilers for use on LPG. Glow-Worm who are the biggest manufacturers of gas boilers in Europe manufacture and produce back boilers, wall hung and floor standing gas boilers. Initially, C & F who stock the complete range of Glow-Worm boilers for use on Town Gas, will be offering wall-hung and free standing boilers only on LPG. The range available which will give outputs of from 38,000 btu/h to 100,000 btu/hr is as follows:

- Space-Saver 38 balanced flue and conventional flue.
- Space-Saver 50 balanced flue and conventional flue.
- Space-Saver 75 balanced flue and conventional flue.

The floor standing range comprises:

- Glow-Worm 45/60 balanced flue and conventional flue.
- Glow-Worm 65/80 balanced flue and conventional flue.
- Glow-Worm 85/100 balanced flue and conventional flue.

The wall hung space-saver models are particularly suited to apartment block heating and the floor standing Glow-Worm range is more applicable to the traditional home heating market.

C & F Ltd. can be contacted at 264898/264917/265821.

Samat DF

Built in heavy gauge refractory steel and, if required, fitted with incorporated domestic hot water cylinder of 33 gallons capacity. The firebox for the pressure jet oil burner may also employ a forced air...
gas burner. It is conceived to be adaptable for all types of burners: oil, gas.

The large solid fuel incorporated firebox can simultaneously, with priority for such a combustible, burn wood, coal, coke and rubbish.

It can also be used as an incinerator. The water circulating fire bars assure:
- Maximum calorific recuperation.
- Complete resistance to any distortion.
- The primary air for the solid fuel firebox is controlled by an electromagnetic flap (valve).
- The domestic hot water cylinder is easily removable for inspection and contains two safety factors. The cylinder is completely lined eliminating any corrosion. It is worked on the gravity circuit. It can be fitted with an electric immersion heater, assuring hot water in summer when the boiler is not employed.
- Delivered completely assembled, prewired and adjusted, thus permitting easy, quick and low cost installation.

- Double aquastat which chooses automatically the priority source of fuel and maintains the water at the required temperature. This principle allows the two fireboxes to relay automatically, the ignition of the solid fuel wood, coal or rubbish, being assured by the oil burner.
- The electro-magnetic valve channels the air to the solid fuel firebox and maintains the exact quantity of air for the combustion. It is controlled by the aquastat and also by a thermostat which limits the flue gas temperature, thus eliminating any danger of overheating.

Further details from John R. Taylor Limited.

Coal Information

Coal Information Services, an alliance of coal merchants throughout Ireland, was created to provide a unified and high standard of service to customers and potential customers for coal. Amongst the many free services provided by CIS are:- a telephone information and advisory service to the public; sales and technical advisers; a home economy service to give talks and demonstrations to women's organisations and give practical advice on operating appliances in the

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The Janitors

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DOMESTIC BOILERS

I home; a technical service to local authorities, builders and architects; training courses for coal merchants and installers.

The Coal Mobile Showroom is now a familiar sight. On the road virtually every week of the year, the Coal Mobile is bringing the latest developments in coal heating to every town in Ireland. Well equipped with appliances and literature, the Coal Mobile Showroom is there to answer all questions on coal heating.

Every year, in the main cities and towns, Coal Information Services mount public exhibitions displaying the most modern cookers and heating appliances. Entitled "Cooker Spectacular and Heating Appliance Exhibitions", they have proved to be an outstanding success with overflow attendances everywhere. Expert on the spot advice is a feature of these exhibitions.

To meet anticipated inevitable movement to coal in industry CIS has accumulated wide knowledge of boiler plant and ancillary equipment as well as capital and running cost comparisons. Latest developments in World solid fuel industrial technology (ref. International Energy Agency) form part of the free consultancy service available to Irish industry.

Coal Information Services, with its head office in 18 D'Olier St., Dublin and a branch office at Eagle House, Lr. Glanmire Road, Cork, represents Irish coal importers around Ireland.

Cork: Sheehan & Sullivan, Suttons, Tedcastle McCormick.

Dublin: Coal Distributors Ltd.

Dundalk: Connick Cooper & O'Rourke.

Galway: Donnelly's.

Limerick: Tedcastle McCormick, Suttons.

Sligo: R & LW Hunter.

Tralee: Robert McCowen.

Waterford: Samuel Morris (Bridge St.), Samuel Morris, Tedcastle McCormick.

Wexford & New Ross: Staffords.

Keddy

Keddy have added a backboiler option to the Keddy Superfire. The
DOMESTIC BOILERS

The Rio-Sime gas boiler is a durable cast iron construction and it burns any type of solid fuel. The Stanley Super 80 has a total output of 37,000 btu/h gross; nett to water 47,000 btu/h. This represents a 50% increase in central heating capacity over the previous model. All models have even heat cast iron ovens with ample space for roasting and baking, and a large working top incorporating both boiling and simmering plates, the surface of which are machine ground for maximum heating efficiency. Each model also has a handy storage compartment.

Another new feature is the hob height which ensures an uninterrupted working surface when fitted with modern kitchen units and the styling in two-tone vitreous enamel enhances kitchen decor. The Stanley provides constant hot water. Heat shields made of cast iron are produced as standard equipment with central heating units, and these can be hooked on the face of the boiler to regulate output to suit the needs of the particular conditions or to reduce heat during the summer months, when cooking and hot water only are required.

The Stanley is manufactured in Ireland by Waterford Ironfounders Limited, a TMG company. The first Stanleys were made from pattern suited for floor molding until 1951 when the foundry was modernised and mechanised for the first time. Waterford Ironfounders was taken over by the TMG Group in 1974 and since then has been totally re-equipped. Investment in the company by the TMG Group in plan and machinery has totalled £3 million since 1978, making it today one of the most modern and efficiently equipped foundries in the world. Waterford Ironfounders employs 400 people in the factory at Bilberry.

Chaffoteaux

Part of the Caffoteaux range is the Corvic 45. Of all the gas boilers on the market why choose a Corvic 45? What is so different about Corvec boilers that makes them the installers choice? Their proven reliability, easy installation and fuel saving.
Would it help to talk to someone?

If you are lonely, depressed or suicidal, phone, visit or write to:

THE SAMARITANS

Dublin 01-778833
Cork 021-21323
Galway 091-61222
Limerick 061-42111
Waterford 051-72114

To those who may wonder how inflation affects a voluntary organisation, it may well do to consider The Samaritans.

The above advertisement identifies The Samaritans. In 1980 the Dublin branch received 40,000 contacts, 6,000 of which were new callers. The cost of the operation in 1980 was £22,000, voluntarily subscribed.

The cost in 1976 was £13,000.

The Samaritans would be extremely grateful if any firm would donate a small portion of their publicity to the organisation. It could be a bonus spot on radio, an occasional newspaper ad, a bus shelter site, a television slide or a financial contribution.

The callers are from every walk of society, the young, the old, the rich, the poor. They may be members of our own families.

If interested please write to DON, PUBLICITY OFFICER, SAMARITANS, 66 SOUTH WILLIAM ST. DUBLIN 2.

The Samaritans know that when their publicity is increased the numbers of callers increase correspondently.

25% of all those who call the Samaritans are suicidal. The service is anonymous, non-secretarian, non-judgmental and strictly confidential.

The callers are from every walk of society, the young, the old, the rich, the poor. They may be members of our own families.

The stressors of society increase more people are seeking help.

The Dunsley Enterprise

Match the flicker of a living fire with a solid economy of solid fuel central heating with Dunsley.

The Dunsley Enterprise Fire and boiler unit. Designed for high efficiency solid fuel home heating. Modern new design gives large area for water heating. Capable of heating 5 or 6 radiators (122 sq.ft. of radiator surface), plus domestic hot water. Easily installed and easy to maintain. Large ashpan cuts down cleaning problems.

Whole home central heating from a real open fire

Leaflets giving full details on Dunsley appliances are FREE on request.

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Dunsley Heating Appliance Co. Ltd.,
Fearnought, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 2TU.
Heating your home is so expensive. Oil, electricity, even smokeless fuel can rob you — just to keep your house warm.

That's where the Rayburn Coalglo can help. It burns the cheapest, most economical fuel available; coal.

Unlike old fashioned fires, its fully enclosed, delivers enough energy to heat up to seven radiators, your living room, give you all the hot water you require and burn constantly overnight.

And by adding a roomstat and timeclock, (not supplied) the Coalglo operates virtually automatically — another advantage over old fires.

The Coalglow is available in a choice of four colours and as a free standing model or with a wood effect surround.

If you have a hearth in your home, you can convert to the new Rayburn Coalglo and save a lot of money you're now paying on your heating, because it burns coal, burns smoke and saves money.

IRISH AGENTS:


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DOMESTIC BOILERS

qualities have convinced many heating engineers and gas appliance installers to chose Corvec for thier own use.

In these energy conscious times, it is satisfying to know that you have an efficient boiler that actually helps with fuel conservation! A Corvec boiler, coupled with a well insulated home, can cut fuel costs quite dramatically.

The Corvec 45 with its cleanly styled case is an elegant and unobtrusive addition to any home. The dimensions of the boiler enable it to fit nearly into a run of popular kitchen wall units.

There will be less fuss and bother when the Corvec 45 is fitted, because of its easy and simple installation. And this often means that it is less expensive to fit than other boilers.

Two models of the Corvec 45 are available. The balanced flue model is supplied with an outlet which terminates on an outside wall. Where there is no suitable outside wall, an open flue model is available which can be connected to an existing flue within the building.

Because Chaffoteaux et Maury have been making water heating appliances for over 60 years, and wall-hung gas boilers for the last 32 years, you can be confident that Corvec boilers will give you efficiency, reliability and best of all — long life.

Quantity production in one of the world's most advanced manufacturing plants, guarantees constant quality control, technical innovations and competitive prices.

Further information from Taney Distributors Ltd.

- The Rosieres solid fuel cooker also provides central heating and hot water. It will burn any solid fuel, coal, peat or logs. The oven is large and is self cleaning. The door opens downwards and provides a very useful shelf when roasting or baking. It has a very good appearance — white vitreous enamel with coloured control panel. The boiler will heat four to five radiators and with an indirect cylinder will provide sufficient hot water for the average household. Further details from John R. Taylor Ltd.

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Euro Fuelmaster

Manufactured by Euro Engineering in Dublin, the Fuelmaster can be fired by cardboard, paper, wood — in fact anything that is combustible.

Backed by the Irish Goods Council and with the Guaranteed Irish label, the Fuelmaster has been approved by the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards. Today, it is used in hotels, manufacturing industries, shops and many high waste businesses.

John Byrne, Managing Director of Euro Engineering is happy to outline in detail, the advantages of the Fuelmaster system. "It comes down to cost", he states. "A multi-fuel system which can burn waste and at the same time switch into an oil or gas system is a cost-efficient heating system."

The system has two

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- 28,000 btu/h
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- Efficient
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- the fiberglass insulated orange lacquered jacket,
- the control panel including: thermometer, dual thermostat, on/off switch and terminal box.

The combustion regulator (¾” dia) is supplied on request.

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An Approach to Coal and Ash Handling Systems

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PART TWO

The size of the boiler feed hopper can basically be determined from Table III. However, there are other safety margins which must be built in to the system and considered. These are:

a) If the location of plant, rural or city, in other words, the time to get maintenance labour onto a job and to obtain delivery of spares, must be considered.
b) What other coal storage facilities are available on site.
c) Cost factor of increased hopper size.
d) The companies own requirements, taking all maintenance and operational factors into account.

The actual engineering design of the boiler feed hopper and feed method to the boiler itself, is also of paramount importance. The angles of repose of the hoppers and the methods of assisting the coal flow is vital and design must be undertaken by experienced personnel. It is not sufficient to add vibratory motors to the system, to aid the flow of coal, as these in turn, if used incorrectly will only ensure packing of the coal in the hopper. Modern design techniques allow now for a free flow of coal, irrespective of moisture conditions and ensure that it is not necessary to place a man on a full time basis with a hammer to beat the side of the hopper every time it became apparent that there was a shortage in the coal feed to the boiler. The "smallpoxed" pattern on the site of many coal hoppers are an indication of this problem. Proper design should totally eliminate this.

Ash Handling

The requirement is for a simple system which will enable the ash to be removed from the boiler with the minimum labour content and also prevent infiltration of air to the back end of the boiler. The modern fire tube and water boiler can now be fitted with ash drop tubes, which allow the ash to be easily handled.

The basic system is to allow the ash to fall into an ash recepticle mounted on wheels, which can be removed and emptied, as required. An isolating valve is fitted to the ash drop tube to provide an air seal while the ash recepticle is being removed. This system is suitable for small boilers, where labour is always available. The normal maximum capacity of the ash recepticle is 12 hours, so that if the boiler is on a 24 hour operation, late evening or early morning attendance is required. A full automatic system, using Macawber Denseveyor equipment is available. This system in...

| Table III |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Boiler size     | 4 B.T.U. x 10^6/hr | 8 B.T.U. x 10^6/hr | 12 B.T.U. x 10^6/hr | 16 B.T.U. x 10^6/hr | 20 B.T.U. x 10^6/hr |
| Coal consumption|                 |                 |                 |                 |
| tonne/day       |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 1) For 8 hour day | 1.42          | 2.85          | 4.27          | 5.70          | 7.12          |
| 2) For 24 hour day | 3.56          | 7.12          | 10.65         | 14.24         | 17.80         |

Daily Coal Consumption

Boiler Hopper Requirements

The live storage of coal i.e. the storage capacity of the hopper over the boiler, must be capable of taking a full truck load of coal in order to enable best buying terms of coal to be availed of. If coal is to be delivered in loads of 20 ton, then the combination of the coal reception hopper and the boiler feed hopper must be capable of accepting 20 tons plus the amount of coal remaining in the boiler feed hopper.

The authors personal opinion and Thermoplan's design philosophy is the design of the boiler feed hopper should always be capable of holding an absolute minimum of 20 hours coal requirements for a five day week operation and a minimum of four days coal requirement for a seven day week operation. The logic governing this philosophy is straightforward. Virtually all coal handling systems can be made operational even after the most difficult breakdown, in under eight hours. We must be realistic and realise that a failure of some type will happen at some stage, irrespective of the quality of equipment purchased. Most seasoned maintenance engineers, also know that 'Murphy's Law of Breakdowns' paragraph 4, section 6, states 'that most breakdowns of essential equipment occur between 1600 and 1700 hours in normal operation, and on the case of a seven day week operation, between 1530 and 1630 hours'. Therefore, while it is possible to get maintenance labour onto the job in the evening or over the weekend, full stores support will not be available and maybe the spare part will not be available till the following morning or the following Monday, as the case may be.

Therefore, overnight storage or full weekend storage is desirable. This is not a cynical approach, but a very honest and realistic approach, which if adopted will guarantee a continuing output of hot water or steam for the factory, and also a reasonable peace of mind to the factory Manager and maintenance engineer.
VERTICAL STORAGE AND AUTO-TIPPER SYSTEM

The conveying pipeline passes in series through the boiler ash conveying chambers to a single remotely located Ash and Grit Storage hopper.

Air supply for the system originates from normal factory air supply or the air compressor plant installed for the Denseveyor Coal Handling plant, or an independently installed air compressor.

The operating condition and cycling sequence of each ash unit is displayed at a central control console where manual override control is provided.

The grit conveying system operates in a similar sequence with the exception that the ash breaker is not installed. Operating information is displayed with the Ash System Display Centre.

A number of these systems have already been installed in Ireland and are working very satisfactorily. Figure VII shows an installation at Irish Nurseries Ltd. in Sallins fitted to a 15,000 lbs/hr steam boiler. This system needs no attention, as it is completely automatic. The ash is pumped to a storage hopper, from which it can be removed by truck to a dump or sold as infill. (See Figure IV).

This system is the cleanest available. A filter vent is fitted to the top of the hopper and ensures that no environmental dust problems can occur.

For cast iron sectional boilers, the standard method is to scrape the ash out to the front into a small hopper. This is unavoidable for the small boilers. It is possible to raise the boilers and install a Macawber ash unit, but the economics would not be justified, except on the larger boilers.

Coal Storage

Apart from the live coal storage requirements, as detailed earlier, there is a requirement to provide longer term coal stocks. The simple method is to have a coal yard, in which the coal is stored. If space is available, this is fine, except in built up areas where environmental problems with dust may occur.

The alternative is to use vertical storage. Vertical storage, while more expensive at first sight, has many advantages. Firstly, it requires less ground space and secondly it is cleaner and eliminates all dust problems. The Macawber system can be used very effectively for vertical storage. Coal can be diverted to the vertical hoppers and fed back to the Macawber system as required to feed the boiler feed hoppers, as outlined in Figure VIII. In addition if ground conditions do not allow for the construction of a pit, a new but effective item of equipment is the Macawber Auto tipper. The auto tipper can receive a full 20 ton truck load of coal, which it then lifts into the vertical position and feeds the Macawber unit, which in turn feeds the vertical storage hoppers or the boiler feed hoppers. Again the objective is to minimise the handling of the coal, eliminate all coal dust and provide a flexible but automatic system.

The autotipper is shown on Fig VIII.

General

The author has attempted in the above to give a general outline of the types of system available and also to indicate that the old problems of coal handling and ash handling have been...
eliminated. Modern methods allow for systems which are fully automatic, have considerably lower maintenance costs than the old systems and have a very high degree of reliability. The economics of coal firing compared with oil have not been touched on, as this was outside the brief of the paper. However, when it is realised that these economics are realisable and that in addition the coal systems are acceptable, the overall prospects for industrial coal usage must be attractive to budget conscious engineers and management.

**Figure VI**

1. **Accumulation**
   Fine ash and clinker is allowed to accumulate above the closed Dome Valve. Fine material falls through the stationary Ash Breaker and larger lumps are stored above. When adequate clinker and ash is gathered the level probe signals the Dome Valve to open and the Ash Breaker to start.

2. **Breaking**
   The Ash Breaker continues cycling to deposit ash and broken clinker through the Dome Valve into the conveying chamber where it is allowed to build-up through the Dome Valve to the ash breaker.

3. **Conveying**
   While the Ash Breaker is preparing the material for conveying and the conveying chamber becomes full, the Dome Valve will close and initiate a conveying cycle. High pressure air enters the conveying chamber in a controlled manner that produces a Dense-Phase conveying action. During Breaking approximately six conveying cycles take place until the accumulation of material above the Ash Breaker is consumed.

**MACAWBER ASH HANDLING SYSTEM**

1982 will be the 21st year of publication for H&V News and as part of our 'coming of age' celebrations we are promoting an important new exhibition which the major emphasis will be on gas but will also include building services. The exhibition will be held in conjunction with a one day conference and the venue will be the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, and will run from the 6th to the 8th (inclusive) July 1982, opening times 11am to 8pm daily. Gas in its many forms, as a source of energy will play a major role in the future of our industry and this exhibition will play a vital part in informing everyone involved of the developments that are associated with the increased use of gas.

Further details of the show are available from our sister company, ITTEX Ltd., 67 Main St., Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Tel: 885001.
head is inserted into the clamp opening and screwed clockwise until it reaches the copper pipe. The cutter is then ready to make an absolutely water-tight joint. But it should be remembered that the section of the pipe which is cut only bends backwards and does not break off loose inside. The De Luxe Self-Drilling Tap is finished in chrome on brass and is available from CHS (Ireland) Ltd.

**Satchwell Display Module**

With the latest module to be added their Keyboard 700 control system for all air-conditioning and heat systems, Satchwell Control Systems Limited is giving the building services manager the facility to check up on his system from his own office. Called the MPD Multi-Point Display, it has been produced in response to the industry’s requirement for an indicator which will show, on demand, up to seventeen temperatures and three humidity levels occurring at that time wherever the sensors are sited. Several MPDs can be clustered together to extend the number of...
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New Heat Pump Package
The latest heat pump package to be announced by Walker Air Conditioning Ltd., combines high efficiency with high capacity.
Designed for rooftop installation in commercial and industrial applications the Carlyle 50PQ016 has a nominal cooling capacity of 44 kW, and nominal heating of 45 kW.
Stand features include heavy duty semi-hermetic compressors with positive lubrication, discharge muffler, vibration isolators, crankcase heater and internal motor protection; Chronotemp
defrost system which only operates if needed; Time Guard circuit for compressor protection; dual refrigeration circuits each with its own compressor and controls for inherent standby protection; and variable refrigeration circuiting.

An economiser, remote control panel, electric heater, hot water coil and Motormaster head pressure control to extend the range of efficient operation in the cooling mode from -7°C to -29°C are among the range of options and accessories offered.

The operating weight of the basic 50PW016 is 794 kg.

Marley Launch PVE Sewer and Soil Pipe

Following the successful launch of their Irish designed and manufactured Universal Gully just twelve months ago at the Building Exhibition in the RDS, Dublin, Marley Plumbing have now perfected an integral 'O'-ring socketed PVC sewer and soil pipe.

The new pipe and other additions to the Marley range were introduced at a trade reception and presentation in the Burlington Hotel recently which was attended by a large number of consultants, contractors and merchants.

By eliminating the need for a separate coupler the new Marley pipe is quicker and easier to install and therefore more economical in use. Lengths of the integral socketed Marley pipe are simply and permanently connected to each other with the aid of a rubber 'O'—ring seal built into the cleverly designed coupling end of each section.

The 110mm (4") diameter pipe is made in 6m lengths for sewer systems and in 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)m, 3m and 4m lengths for soil systems.

Developed by Marley, the new pipe is being manufactured at the company’s extensive plant in Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Marley customers can make further savings by using some of the new fittings which have been added to the already extensive range. These include single and double 'O' ring 135° bends for soil and sewer systems and off-set bends for external soil stack installations. These new additions complement the existing range of PVC fittings available from Marley.

A new size in cable ducting, 100mm, will also reduce cost to the consumer by about 10%.

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NEW PRODUCTS

Marley, leaders in the rainwater field are pleased to announce that manufacture of the widely used PVC “Flowline” rainwater system, on show in the Burlington, will begin shortly in the Marley factory at Lucan.

Ever conscious of the demand for maintenance free building products, Marley have added a new dry verge system to their existing PVC facia, soffit and bargeboard system. These well proved systems which were on display in the Burlington Hotel are rapidly gaining in popularity with specifiers and house builders.

A well illustrated brochure covering the new products, folded to A4 size, will form a useful 17” x 23” wall chart when opened out.

For additional information on Marley products contact Dudley Foster at Dublin 280691.

Combustion Air Trim Control

A new combustion air trim control system for small and medium sized oil or gas fired boilers with mechanically positioned air/fuel ratio controls has been introduced by the Thermox Instruments Division of AMETEK, Inc. The microprocessor-based system, tradenamed AIR-MIZER II, uses measurements of oxygen or a combination of oxygen and combustibles to continuously ‘tune’ the air/fuel ratio of the boiler combustion process. Up to the introduction of this system, for both measurement, only very expensive systems could control from both oxygen and combustibles. For many installations, payback period can be as little as one year or less.

The AIR-MIXER II system is an ideal fuel saving retrofit for most boilers rated at 400 horsepower and up. The system may be economically feasible if the boiler is consuming more than 1/4/3,500 of fuel each month.

A basic AIR-MIZER II system uses an oxygen analyser to continuously monitor the effect of boiler variables such as oil viscosity, gas density, air temperature and humidity, fuel heat value, etc. The optional combustibles sensor detects incomplete burning, thus taking the guesswork out of the decision of where to set the oxygen setpoint. The field proven WDG-111 sensor (over 5,000 successful installations) uses a zirconium oxide cell which gives precise, rapid and reliable oxygen readings without the need for sample conditioning. A recently developed proprietary catalytic combustibles sensor provides significant improvements in sensitivity, stability and sensor life expectancy over previous types. Whenever combustibles in the flue gas rise above an acceptable and pre-set limit, the controller automatically overrides the oxygen ‘trim’ control signal and causes the actuator to increase the air supply to the combustion source until the higher concentration of combustibles is reduced to pre-set limits. At this time the oxygen-based ‘trim’ system resumes control.

Additional information on the AIR-MIZER II Trim Control System is available from: Foss Electric (Ireland) Limited, Sandyford Ind. Est., Leopardstown Rd., Foxrock, Dublin 18, (Tel: 95301 Telex: 24316).

Deltaclima AHU’s

A new generation of Deltaclima air handling units up to 15 nominal TR capacity 6,000 cfm has been announced by Delta RA Ltd.

Deltaclima, formerly Paracon, now offers a redesigned cabinet layout giving the downflow configuration with rear horizontal discharge being available as an alternative. Controls are located on a slide out panel behind a small access door, so designed as to require minimum clearance to the front of the unit and thus corridor siting can easily be achieved. The access door houses the indicator lights for steady state and various functions. Control schemes are available in two basic formats: full electronic systems incorporating Staefa controls are supplied where close and modulating control for cooling/heating/humidification are required.

Multi-circuit direct expansion cooling coils are fitted and match the Deltaclima CCU curved and VCU/HCU standard condensing units. Applications for chilled water are becoming more numerous and these air handlers can be supplied with suitable cooling coils and modulating controls.

The heating options are electrical and LPHW as standard, and it is interesting to note that both are located separately from the cooling coil on a horizontal slide arrangement. Further information from Glowtherm Ltd.
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