

Len DeLeur stokes up a fire in one of the air-tight woodburners he has on display in his shop. DeLeur believes he has found a safe alternative means of burning wood.

Contractor finds 'a better way'

Len DeLeur had been in the business a long time and had seen sufficient problems to convince him there had to be a better way. After substantial research, DeLeur found a more economical way of providing auxiliary heat in the home without the dangers inherent in the average woodburning stove.

"I've seen them all," he explained. "And I've seen too many improper installations causing problems. I knew there had to be something a little safer. Something the public wouldn't be afraid of."

What DeLeur found were the non air-tight woodburners which he now markets from his shop on Memorial High-

way, Dallas. Although he remains a masonry contractor, a job he has been doing since he was eight years old, DeLeur opened the shop in the interest of educating the public.

Some of the advantages of a non air-tight system are zero clearance from walls, an air-insulated jacket which keeps the exterior cool, air movement by circulation rather than suction and a minimum of loss through the chimney. DeLeur sells Fuego fireplace inserts, free standing stoves and coal units. The units are made in Connecticut and have been rated number one in heatability by testers at Auburn University. Although they have been in existence about 10 years, the woodburning

stove has commanded much more popular attention due to the proliferation of dealers.

"A lot of dealers sell stoves to make big bucks, and they do," said DeLeur. "This business is a sideline for me, so I can concentrate on my primary goal which is safety. The numbers of chimney fires and other problems is proof that people need to be educated with regard to wood burning."

DeLeur also has reservations about the ever-popular kerosene heater, and has found an alternative to it as well. The catalytic gas heater, made by Warm Morning, serves the same space heating purpose as the kerosene, but is less expensive and safer to

use. The catalytic heater, again, an American-made product, uses natural or bottled gas and burns almost 100 percent efficient.

"As with the wood burner, there is too much room for human error with kerosene heaters," said DeLeur. "They've already been outlawed in several states."

The catalytic heater requires no loading, has its own starter, and emits no odor or film into the atmosphere. It is also made to shut off automatically if its burn interferes with oxygen levels in the house.

Although the catalytic heater costs about the same as a kerosene heater, to purchase, its running cost is about half

according to DeLeur.

The proprietor of DeLeur Masonry, "Back to Basics," in Dallas recounts his experience in the field as coming from at least two generations before him. "My father and grandfather were masons in Holland."

He came to the United States when he was three years old and lived in a number of places while his father worked. The family settled at Harveys Lake while DeLeur was still in high school and, aside from a four year stint in the Navy, he has worked locally since. He has been employed by area wood and coal stove dealers and installed a good number of their stoves in the Back Mountain.

People in the News news

DR. MAHMOUD FAHMY, Wilkes College Director of Continuing Education, will spend next year as a consultant in Qatar, a tiny, oil-rich country in the Arabian Gulf.

Fahmy will spend the year as a consultant to the education department at the University of Qatar in the city of Doha. The job includes advising officials of ways to revamp their education program, bridging the gap between university and community, starting a continuing education department and developing a master's program.

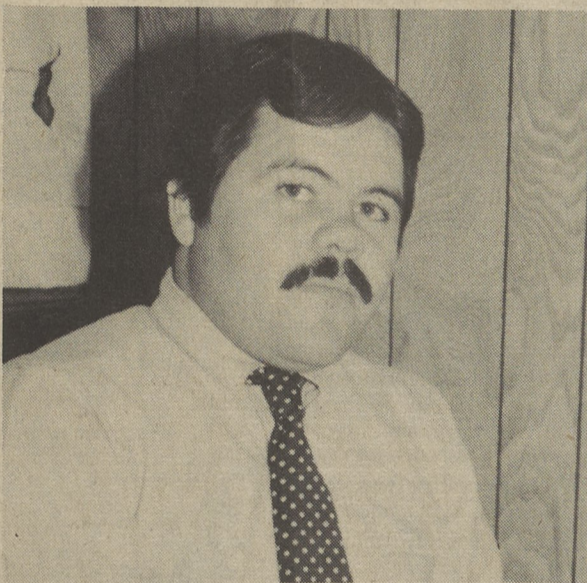
Fahmy had recently been appointed to the

position of director of graduate programs at Wilkes. He will resume both positions in January, 1984, after a year's sabbatical. He also is resigning his seat on the Dallas School Board. Fahmy has held the seat since 1980 and served as president of the board during 1982.

MISS SUSAN HAVRILLA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Havrilla of Jackson Township, was named to the dean's list at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, where she is a junior, pursuing a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

A 1980 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Miss Havrilla is active in college life at Wilkes College. She is a resident assistant in Miner Hall, is associated with the Big Brother-Sister wing, a part of the Bridge program. She also is a member of the student council and is vice-president of the Psychology Club at Wilkes. She is also an assistant in the college's finance office.

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER, Wilkes-Barre resident, has been named the Cooperative Education Director for College Misericordia.



Christopher Alexander

Announcement was made recently by Joseph R. Fink, College Misericordia president.

Alexander was formerly an Admissions Counselor at the College. The Cooperative

Education Director's responsibilities will include direction of the \$58,000 Cooperative Education Planning and Implementation Grant received by College Misericordia from the United States Department of Education. Alexander's position also includes some teaching within the Division of Business at the local institution. He will work with the faculty members within the business administration, foods and nutrition, merchandising and radiologic technology programs. The joint effort by the director and the faculty members will include setting up paid work experiences for students with firms, agencies, within the

students' respective fields of study. The students will also receive academic credits for their endeavors.

David L. Tressler, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Northeastern Bank of Pennsylvania announced that the board of directors approved the promotion of RICHARD W. WEBSTER, Dallas, at its Dec. 15 meeting. Webster was advanced from group vice president, to senior vice president and group manager.

He joined Northeastern Bank Aug. 13, 1979 as regional vice president, Luzerne County, Community Banking Division. Prior to joining the bank, Webster was an assistant vice president in charge of Pittsburgh National Bank's Sewickley Office. He attended Grove City College and is a graduate of Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University. Webster and his wife, Marily, have three children.

JANICE CASTELLANI, 369 Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, has been selected by the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors to fill the position of tax collector. Castellani was chosen from a field of 29 candidates and will begin her duties on Jan. 3.

She is expected to work about 12 hours per week in the part-time position for an annual salary of \$6,500. Her appointment follows a decision by H.A. Berkeheimer and Associates to give up collection of the Township's taxes. Berkeheimer had done

the job for one year following the resignation of collector Vern Pritchard. Castellani has a strong secretarial background and has worked in a number of government agencies over past years. James Speigel of Berkeheimer Associates will assist in training the new collector in her duties.

NAVY MACHINIST'S MATE 3RD CLASS DALE L. BOICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Boice, Rte. 1, Noxen, has returned from a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. He is a crew member aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Guam crewmembers were presented the Navy Unit Commendation by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert Barrow for their participation in the peacekeeping efforts. American dignitaries such as secretary of Defense Kaspar Weinberger and Special U.S. Envoy Philip Habib were aboard the ship for briefings on Beirut proceedings.

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