

Live warmer, naturally

By LORAIN McCLISH

Mary Jo and Dick Griffith, who traded condo living in the city for a 10-acre plot in Northville a few years ago, stumbled into their own solution to save energy.

The couple heated their near-4,000 square foot home in a rural strip along Nine Mile throughout the entire winter of 1979-80 with a wood-burning stove bought "to take the chill off the basement," Mrs. Griffith said.

It was installed last September.

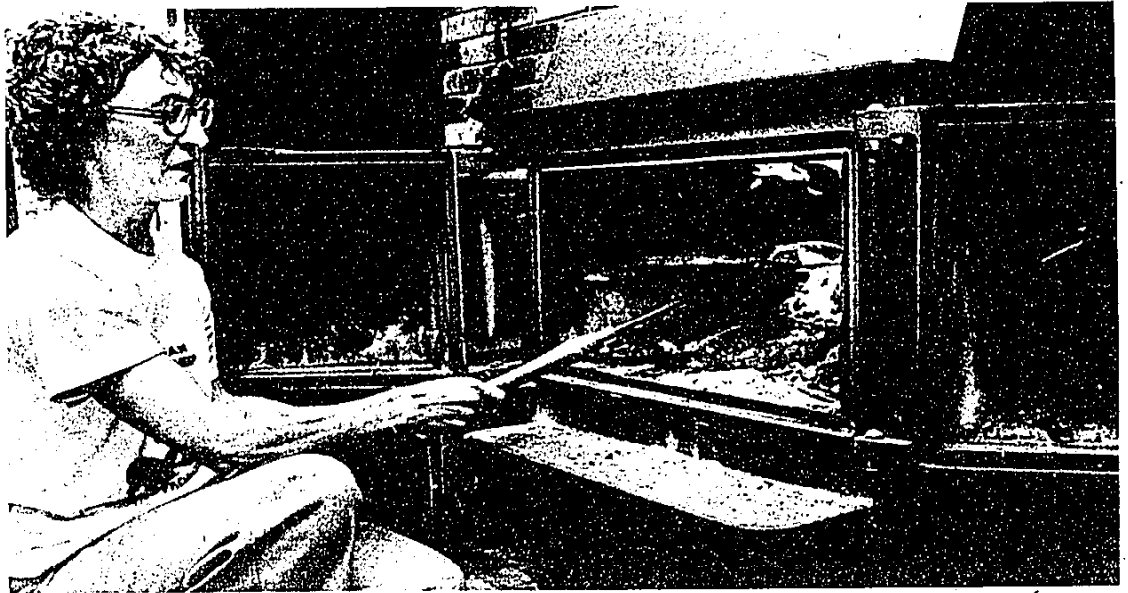
"We couldn't believe that Christmas had come and gone and we hadn't turned the furnace on yet," Mrs. Griffith said from her all-electric home.

"Then it became something of a challenge to see how long this would go on. It got to be a game with us."

The electric bill for February 1979 was \$200. The same bill for February this year was \$45.

THE GRIFFITHS' spacious basement was designed and furnished to house a sitting room with fireplace and piano.

An adjoining ell is used for Mrs. Griffith's spinning wheel and loom, which she uses partaking in her favorite indoor pastime.



Mary Jo Griffith burns trash in the basement wood-burning stove that provided heat for her whole house all last winter. Heat from the stove replaced a fireplace and electrical heating. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Off to one side of the basement is a dark room for Griffith's hobby of photography.

But as the weather grew colder, the Griffiths were spending less and less time downstairs because it wasn't warm enough.

"The fireplace just wasn't doing it," Mrs. Griffith said, "even though we had plenty of good dried wood to use we had stockpiled while clearing off some of the land."

Their Timberline wood-burning stove was installed for a total of \$800, which included installation costs.

The only other expense for the couple was plugging up the fireplace with insulation.

"All-electric homes are built air-tight which probably explains why we got as much heat as we did," she said.

"But now now we're using the fireplace as a wood box. That is an expensive wood box."

WHEN THE Griffiths bought their wood-burning stove, they were offered an oven-attachment that fits on its top, but Mrs.

Griffith declined, thinking she'd never use it.

She has, however, put soups and stews on top of the stove, without its oven, with rather phenomenal success.

"I think the foods cooked faster than if I had had them upstairs on the range," she said.

This spring, more dead trees were weeded out of the couple's land. The back yard holds 30 cords of wood in readiness for the winter.

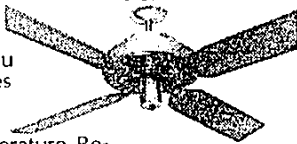
"We're going to start playing our game all over again next September," she said.

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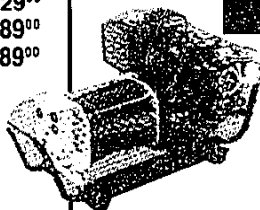
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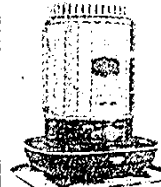
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