

Midland Company Builds Trash Incinerator

A Midland father and son have produced a private solution to Fauquier's public trash problems.

David Smith and his son Rodney Smith and his son Cattleguard Co. have designed and are now building a \$49.50 fire resistant concrete incinerator for everybody's back yard.

Since 1961, when the Smiths first supplemented their farm income with a venture into concrete products manufacturing, they have developed a thriving business from the manufacture and sale of concrete cattleguards, stock waterers, fencing, and precast manholes for utility companies.

Their cattleguards at the rate of 15 to 20 a month are now going into 12 states, including Rhode Island, Michigan, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Now son Rodney Smith has come up with the incinerator to replace metal types that rust and collapse and trash barrels which tend to be unsightly.

His incinerator comes in four 95-pound panels with a rust resistant wire hinged grating on top. Each panel is three feet wide at the bottom and tapers to two feet wide at the top. There is a grated foot-square opening at the bottom of one of the panels to facilitate burning and ash removal.

The four panels stand three feet high, can be transported on a station wagon or pickup



THE ANSWER to trash disposal problems? Rodney Smith with the all-weather concrete incinerator he has designed. It is being manufactured at Midland. —Photo by E. H. Olsen

truck, and are relatively easy to assemble. With each set the Smith company furnishes screws and a quart bag of mortar. The mortar is for plugging the screw insert holes after the panels are joined.

The Smith family incinerator has been designed, with recommendations from Forest Warden Stanley Mettinger, to make it safe for burning trash any time. The panels are one and three-fourths inches thick, and the stone used in their construction is a fireproof aggregate.

Rodney Smith is enthusiastic about the appearance of his new product. It's attractive enough to fit into anyone's landscaping, he says, and while he is not quite ready just yet to offer his incinerator in "decorator colors", his pilot models, with their exposed aggregate surfaces, have the finish of "dark tweed".

Besides, this tapered answer to everyone's trash disposal problems is heavy enough to withstand toppling by dogs and children.

The ever-growing, ever-expanding Smith company even while it is just beginning to formulate plans for marketing its newest concrete product, is determined that a large "commercial size" incinerator will follow the "family size" one "in a few months".