

# Grandma and grandpa will remember ash piles and salt bags

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My favourite Christmas story dates from the late 19th Century when in families with low incomes boys and girls wore dresses until they

were ready for school. It concerns Willie, who was five years old and all he wanted for Christmas was a pair of trousers. Willie and his two sisters carefully hung up their

stockings Christmas Eve before going to bed. And at prayer time, Willie again asked for his trousers at the top of his lungs — maybe one of Santa's helpers was listening!

Long before daybreak Christmas morning, Willie was wide awake and hurried to the kitchen where the last embers from the knot of wood placed in the stove the night before made it the only

reasonably warm room in the house. He grabbed his stocking and dragged out its contents — a red flannel dress and a stocking doll, an orange, a few hard candies and a

handful of peanuts, a coloring book and a box of crayons. A fine Christmas for a five year old boy! Willie was completely disgusted. He gathered up the dress and

the doll, hurried out to the backyard and buried them in the ash pile. He then tearfully returned to the kitchen. By that time the rest of the family was there. Father had added more wood to the

fire in the range. Three-year-old Margaret was happily removing the treasures from her stocking — a red flannel dress, a doll, some candy, some nuts, an orange, a coloring book and

some crayons. And there was Willie's stocking, still untouched (it seems Santa hadn't put it back in the right place) but where was six-year-old Mary's stocking?

Willie whispered in his mother's ear and they made a trip to the ash pile, hastily unearthed the dress and the doll, brushed them off, replaced them in the stocking, and went back to the kitchen claiming Santa had dropped the stocking on his way back to his sleigh drawn by eight prancing reindeer.

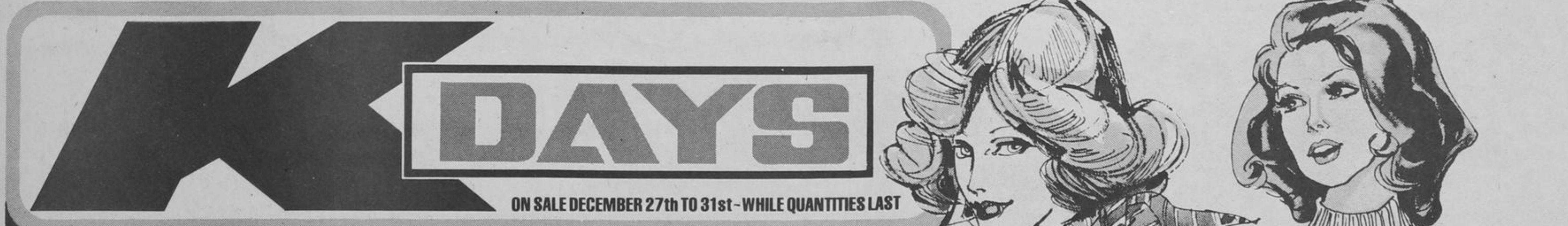
Then Willie drew forth his presents — and there was a pair of trousers, a beautiful pair of trousers, with grey and black stripes which looked surprisingly like a pair his father had been wearing for dress-up occasions. The five-year-old young man could hardly wait to try them on — but when he did he discovered to his horror there were no pockets in his new pants — and what good are pants without pockets to a boy?

He was not to be denied, however, and going to his mother's sewing basket he took out four nicely laundered salt bags and a handful of safety pins. Then he made a trip to the woodshed.

Willie took off the trousers, folded them neatly and laid them across the chopping block. He raised the sharp-bladed axe above his head and with one stroke cut right through the four layers of cloth.

With the safety pins he carefully attached salt pockets to the slits and went back into the kitchen for breakfast, hands in pockets and whistling — at least he was producing a happy noise which would pass for whistling.

If you don't understand any parts of this story, ask Grandma or Grandpa to explain them to you — ash piles and salt bags are long gone, but maybe they will remember.



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For further information about this project please call Dr. M.J. Walker, 889-3181 or 889-3480.

2-car crash injures 9

Nine people, including five from one family, were injured in a two-car collision last week on Highway 7, just east of Highway 400, it was reported by the Provincial Police detachment at Oak Ridges.

Police said the accident occurred when Allen West, 37, of Agincourt, skidded in the eastbound passing lane of Highway 7, into the westbound lane, striking a car driven by Kenneth Greatorex, 38, of Bramalea. Injured in the latter vehicle were Mr. Greatorex, and son, David, 8, both seriously; Mrs. Greatorex, Beverly, 10; Faith Ann, 13, and Helen Simpson, 17.

Those injured in the West's car were Mr. West, Rosemary West, 29, and Paul Stack, 25, of Toronto. All parties were reported in satisfactory condition at York-Finch Hospital.

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