

Santa Claus Will Be Here Saturday

Mild Winter Is Predicted

The three important days in Walpole Indian weather lore ended yesterday and, after sundry calculations and debating, A. J. Cundick, Kitchener weather prophet, has come to the conclusion that the ensuing winter will not be a very severe one.

Basing his prediction on the weather experienced during the first three days of December, on which today the Walpole Indians will be going into a pow-wow to discuss, Mr. Cundick sees a comparatively mild winter with an early spring.

"In the absence of very definite signs which in the past have proven a guide, I would hazard a guess that we are not in for a very severe winter, but I would not be surprised to see plenty of precipitation which may be snow, sleet or rain during January and February," he said.

"The coldest part of the winter will probably be experienced in the early part of the season.

"Neither will I be surprised to see a comparatively early spring.

"Notwithstanding what some people think of the Indians, it has been my experience over many years that, since they depend so much on nature, their predictions surpass the white man's in many prognostications with this little quip: 'The foregoing is not what I would like to see but what we are going to have.'



Next Saturday afternoon it is expected that Santa Claus will reach Stouffville in great glee, expecting to see every little girl and boy in town and district. Why? Well, one thing,

he just wants to meet you, and then, he has a little gift for every one of the youngsters that get into line to receive it. Yes, and it is reported that he will have a gift for the wee shut-ins, those little girls and

boys who are sick and unable to come down town that day. Yes, Saturday next will be a gay time in town for the girls and boys. Arrange to be here, the merchants are preparing for an over-flow that day.

A Child and His Money

(By Nancy Cleaver)

"Get me a chocolate bar, Daddy," "Can I have a nickle for an ice cream cone?"

"Mummy, I want ten cents for a balloon!"

"All the other boys are going to the show. Can't I have the money to go too?"

"Mary Jones has a new blue coat and a hat to match."

"When can you buy me a spring outfit, mother?"

"I'm tired of my old last year's things!"

Requests for money for good things to eat, for toys, for movies and new clothes, all these have a very familiar sound in the ears of modern parents. "Money, money, money, our children are always after money. Can't you do something about it?" a father irritably asks his wife.

"What can I do about it?" his wife replies quickly, "I guess we will have to take time off and decide just what we both can do about it. We should be sure of our own ideas about our youngsters and money."

Not an Easy One

The subject of a child and money is no easy one for parents today. One difficulty is that boys and girls, particularly those in cities and towns have all kinds of opportunities for spending money long before they have had any real experience in earning money. As soon as a child is old enough to go into stores with his Mother, he observes her opening her purse and parting with money in exchange for desirable objects. She explains to him that he must not lift a toy car off the counter and go off with it. "Mummy has given the clerk the money for it."

Visitors sometimes give a little child a copper. A youngster may regard these coins the same as other playthings. He soon learns that he must not lose them and that Mother and Daddy place money in a special class. A small boy who has been allowed to play with keys and other small trinkets in his Mother's purse, opens it, from curiosity, and takes out the money from her coin purse. As he is busy spreading it on the floor, he is surprised to find how cross his Mother is that he has touched her money!

What are some practical suggestions which parents can try out in teaching their child the value and wise use of money? A child can only learn to use money well by experience just as he learns to write by writing, or play the piano by practising on it. Around the time he is old enough to count, to keep track of coppers and nickles and dimes, he should be given a regular weekly allowance. The amount depends on the father's income, the child's age, experience, the average amount his chums have to spend in a week. A six or seven year old might be given five or ten cents a

week. The child should not be forced to "keep accounts." If this appeals to him, well and good, but there is little value in forcing him to write down his expenditures. The essence of an allowance is that it is the child's own money, to be spent as he wishes—not to be taken away from him as a punishment and he should not be pressed to put part of it aside in order to save!

A small child has little interest in long term saving. But gradually he learns to forego today's pleasure in a ten cent balloon in order to buy a thirty-nine cent motor boat tomorrow!

Real Earning

It is not easy to make provision for younger public school children to earn money at home. There is always the problem that if a boy is paid for carrying out ashes or shovelling a walk or mowing a lawn or a girl is given money for dusting, or washing dishes or making beds, the son or daughter in the house will come to think that they need never help with the work of the house unless they are paid. A child should have certain regular tasks as a member of the home, in order to help Mummy or Daddy and other special jobs which he can do or not as he likes, for a certain sum of money.

An older boy or girl should be encouraged to experience real earning in the outside world, by selling papers, clerking, running errands, delivering parcels, cutting grass, minding children. As a child grows, his allowance should be increased and the range of things it covers made larger. A collegiate student's allowance and earning should cover most of his amusements, incidentals, and a good many of his clothing purchases as well. An adolescent can decide on goals such as buying a new bicycle, or a trip or going to camp, which require a considerable sum and use the necessary self-denial to regularly save towards these desirable ends. Learning to use money is a long, slow process—it is something some adults never learn, and a child must be allowed to make his own mistakes, to find out for himself the things money can buy—and also be taught the value in life which money cannot buy!

WOMAN OF 99 LIKES LIQUOR FOR LONGEVITY

Windsor, Dec. 4.—Hard work and good liquor are the elixers of long life, Mrs. Vaniah Milligan, 99-year-old resident of Prince Edward Island, said yesterday as she and her 89-year-old husband obtained visas for entry into the United States.

The oldest persons ever to be granted visas in the American Consulate office here, Mr. and Mrs. Milligan are looking forward to living with their daughter on a farm in Richmond, Mich.

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HORSE-DRAWN PLOWS WILL CLEAN SNOW OFF ORILLIA'S SIDEWALKS

Orillia, Dec. 4.—Orillia was all set to go modern this winter by instituting power-driven sidewalk snow plows to keep the white stuff off the sidewalks of the town, but it appears as if the town will have to be content with the old-fashioned horse-drawn plows, at least for the time being.

Alderman Austin Cook, chairman of the works committee, has announced that due to the non-delivery of the power equipment, the town has had to make a deal with the men who own the horses which pull the plows which clean the snow off the Orillia sidewalks.

Back in August the council gave the sidewalk plowing contract to

the Uren Construction Co. and three power plows were placed on order. Strikes in the plants where parts of this equipment is made, has delayed delivery, and Alderman Cook does not think the plows will arrive before Christmas, and may not even then.

Last winter it cost the town about \$1,900 for the sidewalk plowing services by the horses. Twenty five years ago, when prices were also pretty high, the cost was about \$1,400, but during the depression years Orillia obtained the same service for less than \$1,000.

DUPLICATE OF PRINCESS' COAT



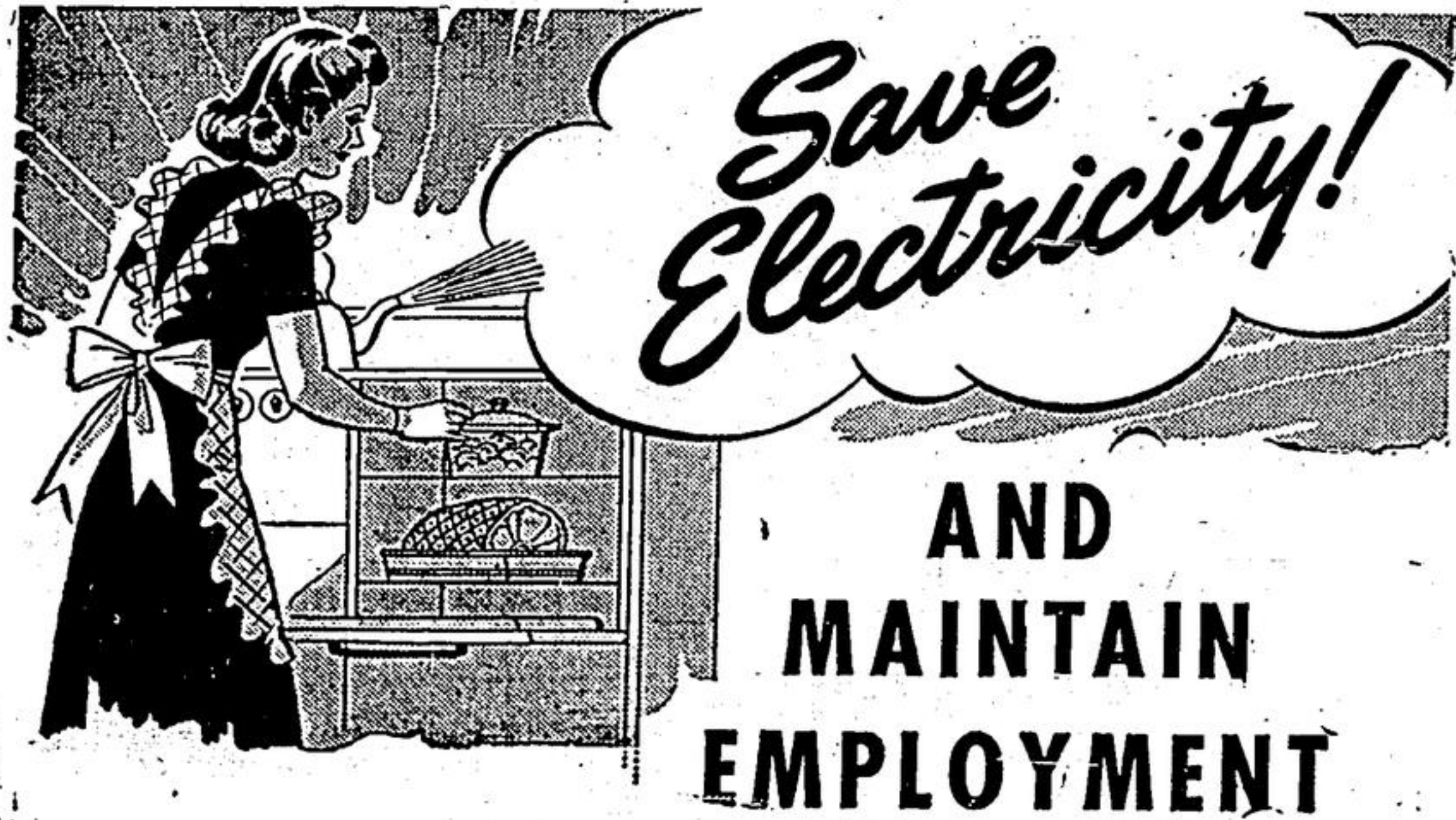
A leading firm of South African coat manufacturers, after receiving details from London, set their London-trained designers to work early on the morning of the 20th November, to produce an exact replica of Princess Elizabeth's going-away coat. Working right through the night, they finished the coat in time to show at the reception held next day in South Africa's smart Barbizon Plaza hotel. A slight alternation had to be made to suit South Africa figures, making the coat a little more square at the shoulders, otherwise, the coat is an exact replica. 29 coats were finished by the afternoon of Nov. 21.

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