

# Keep heat from escaping house to do your part for environment

It's time to get out those caulking guns; the annual Big Chill is just around the corner. These last few days of fall afford us the perfect opportunity to check that the old homestead is as snug and efficient as possible.

It is also time to cosy up with our sweaters and slippers, keep the heat turned down, and sort of winterize ourselves as well. We now know that no matter how we choose to heat our homes, it all contributes to the dangerous global warming trend (the greenhouse effect) which is threatening to seriously alter our planet within the next 10 to 50 years.

With this sobering thought in mind, let's examine how we can minimize our need for energy through the cold winter months.

## Gormley news

### Betty Sproxtion returns from Peru in January

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sproxtion have received word that their younger daughter Betty will be coming home from Peru early in January to remain permanently. Betty has been a missionary in Peru for 23 years with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ. Ellas and Mrs. Gertie Baker visited a former Gormley resident Mrs. Mabel Wilson in Sunderland on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bookalam entertained a number of friends and relatives to celebrate the wedding anniversary of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoge Sider spent a few days with relatives in Wainfleet. Mr. Ken Bacon had a bad fall from a combine on Tuesday, and was knocked unconscious. The cut in his head required a number of stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Bryson attended a 50th anniversary dinner of the Emmanuel Bible College at the Conestoga Inn in Kitchener on Friday evening. An interesting program reviewing the 50 years followed the dinner.

Gormley Missionary Church will celebrate its 116th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with former pastor Rev. Clarence Hunking of Kitchener as the guest speaker. A number of Gormley ladies from the Missionary Church attended the annual ladies' retreat at Notawasaga Inn in Alliston on the weekend.

The Menger Gallery will feature an exhibition and sale of oil paintings by Colebrook Keirstead Nov. 10 to 26. The artist will be in attendance on the opening weekend.

There will be a reception of members on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Heise Hill Church. The Gormley Womens' Institute will hold a social evening at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the home of Mrs. Gertie Baker. As well as roll call and a current event, there will be a touch and take table.

The gospel echoes team which is involved in prison ministry will be speaking and singing at the Heise Hill Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.



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Energy estimates that the average home loses 25 per cent of its heat through air leaks, which means that caulking compounds and weatherstripping should be high on your shopping list.

The first task however, is to arm yourself with information. Visit your local library, consult with experts in the field, ask for the numerous free pamphlets available from the Ontario Ministry of Energy (by calling Zenith 80420) or call the Energy Management Department of Ontario Hydro at 1-800-263-2070 for help in determining the best solutions for your home.

Then do a thorough check for visible cracks around windows and doors both inside and outside. On a cool windy day check for drafts around windows, doors and electrical receptacles.

Single-paned windows are very inefficient barriers to heat loss and will need special attention. If finances permit, the best solution is obviously to replace them with a double or triple glazed window.

Another excellent solution is to insulate the single paned window with a layer of plastic which seals the entire window area and attaches to the frame or the outside wall. This traps an insulating

layer of air between the glass and either the warmer room air or the cooler outside air.

There are window insulation kits available which do this job effectively and also allow good visibility out of your windows throughout the winter. In fact, a second major advantage of using window insulation kits is that they prevent frost and layers of ice from appearing on windows.

A drawback of these kits is that they become expensive if you consider covering many windows with new kits each year. If enough care is taken when applying and removing the plastic sheets, however, you can successfully reuse the plastic and reduce your expenses to replacing the double-sided tape each year.

Drapes and blinds provide additional insulation, especially if they are double-lined or backed with rubber insulating material. To make the most of good window coverings, open them up on sunny days to allow passive heating to warm the house, and draw them closed after dark or on cloudy days.

Last thing at night, draw a door mat or some other draft block up over the door sills.



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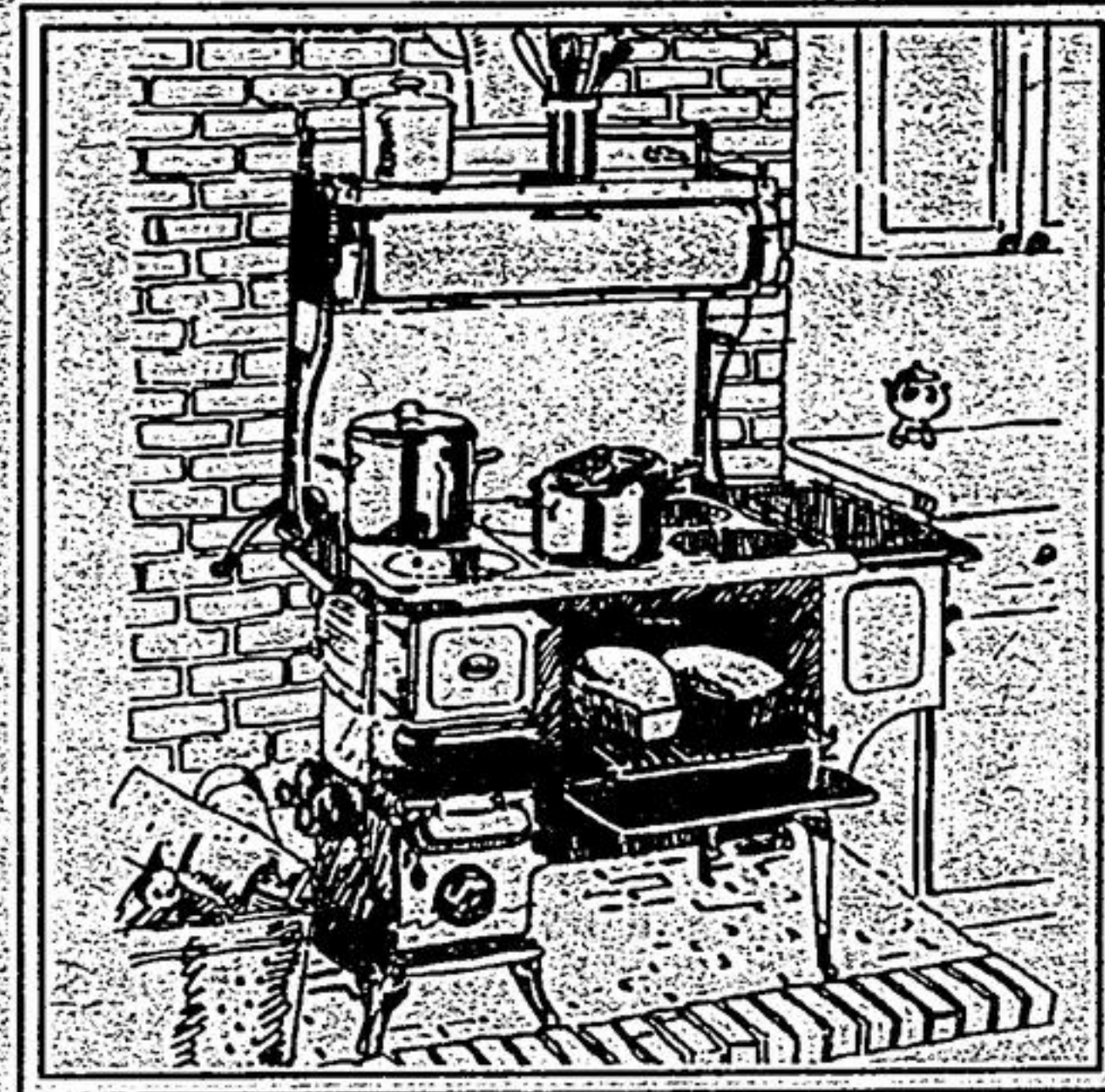
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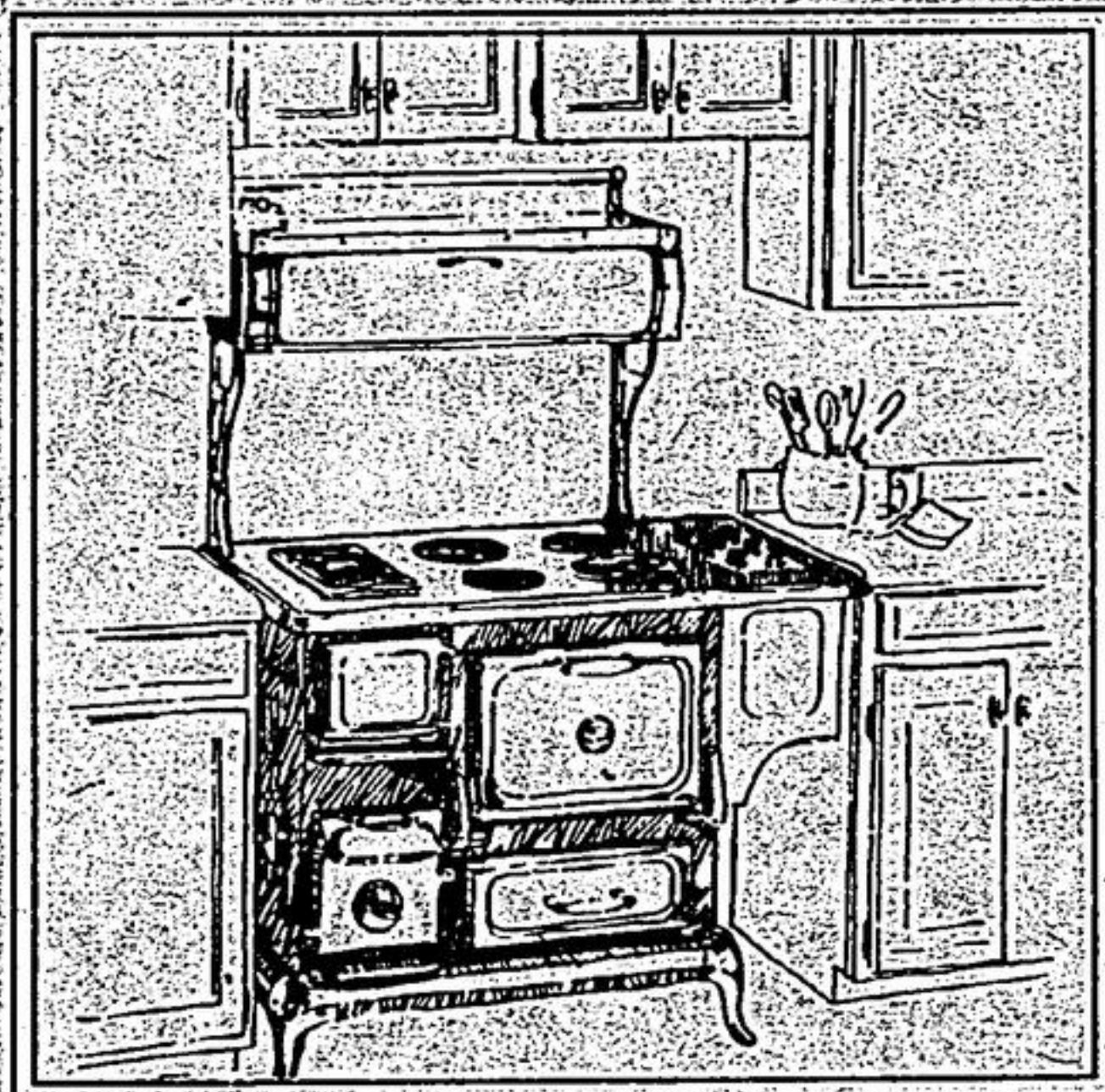
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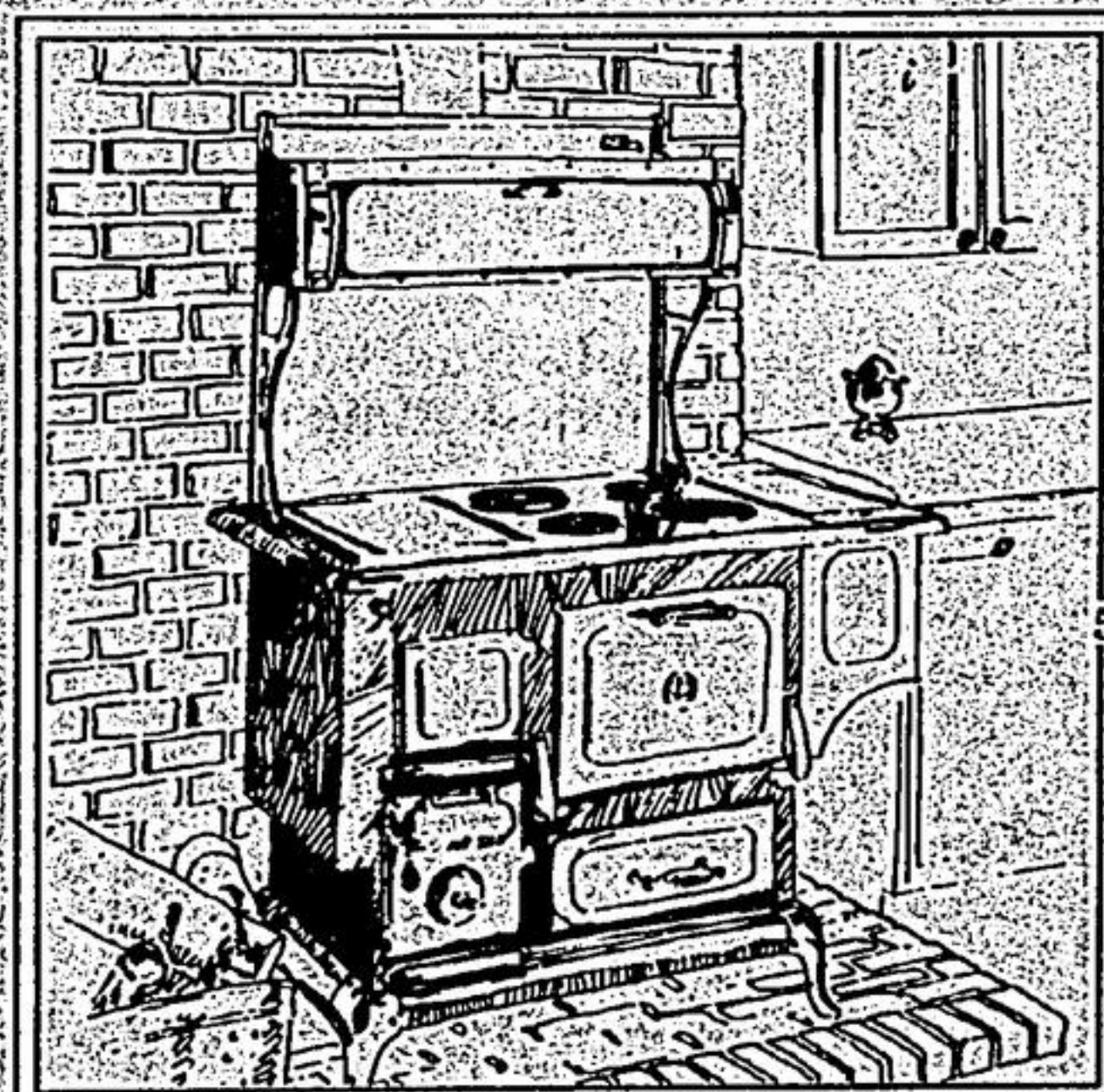
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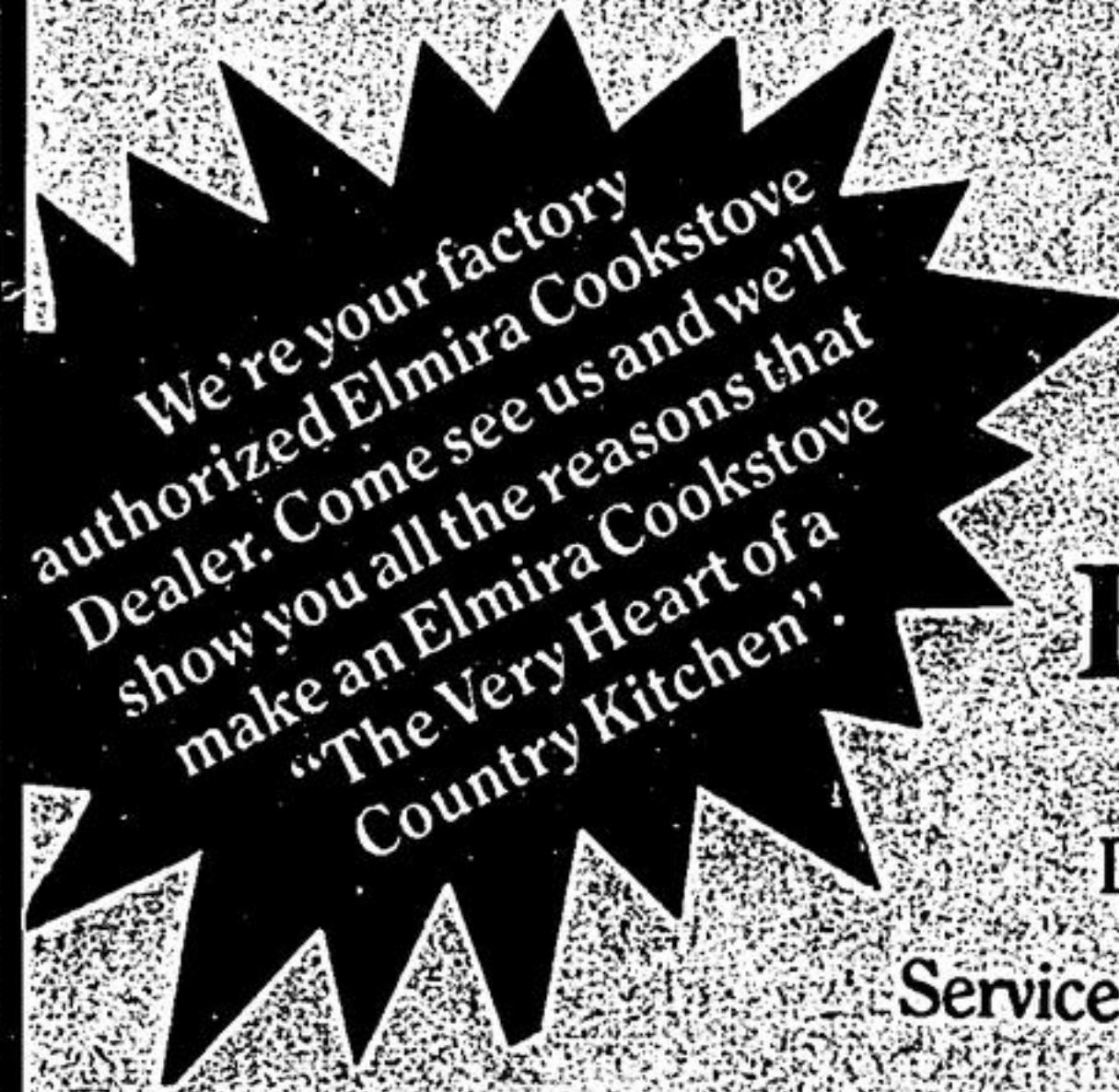
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