

PROVINCIAL AND DOMINION CHAMPIONS



York County's Clothing Project Team from Vellore which won the provincial inter-county competition at the O.A.C., Guelph and later won first place for Ontario in the National Contest at the Royal Winter Fair with seven provinces repre-

sented Left, Miss Orphie Orr, Maple, high individual score in both contests; Miss Lulu Row of the Women's Institute Branch, Toronto and Home Economist for York who coached girls, and Miss Evelyn Hare, Maple.

NEW YEAR'S AT THE CORNERS

"Pop," Maw Lewis called from the kitchen, "you yet your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't go musin that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's a door mat fer," Pop flared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?" Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "Y'know tonight bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you'nd me ought to step out somewheres. They're having a big shindig over at the Corners Store. Jed Hafey's openin' a keg."

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun at the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, and sree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg. Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well consarn! What you cryin' about Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'-thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention

to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey—jealouser than anything. Pop snorted disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous of Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said, "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-go in to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clark county. He could'nt marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he could get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male in all Clark county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things; I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you've never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well Pop, I guess maybe you was kind of responsible for that. Ain't tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind of ways, only they was the right ways. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men I wouldn't have no way of knowin' of course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed root for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a mornen't reflection. "Now I am a-go in' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-go in' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal,

concern his dang hide! If I go with-out you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed jealous after fifty-two years? Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember Pop, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

LIVE MINK ON LONG TRIP TO ICELAND

Fifty-nine live mink, 25 males and 34 females, the whole shipment valued at approximately \$12,000, passed through Montreal recently in care of the Canadian National Express en route from Winnipeg to Iceland. These valuable animals were from the Silver Heights Fur Farm in St. Charles, Greater Winnipeg and consigned to the Fur

Animal Breeders' Association, Reykjavik, Iceland. On arrival at Halifax over the C.N.R. lines, the mink were put aboard the S.S. "Salmon-knot" on which they are finishing their long journey.

S. Benjaminson, owner of the farm in Winnipeg travelled to Hal-

ifax and saw the mink safely aboard. Two of the mink won prizes in the Manitoba Live Mink and Fox Show held in Winnipeg in late November. The Grand Champion of the show was in the Blackcross breed while two Silverblue females took second and third prizes.

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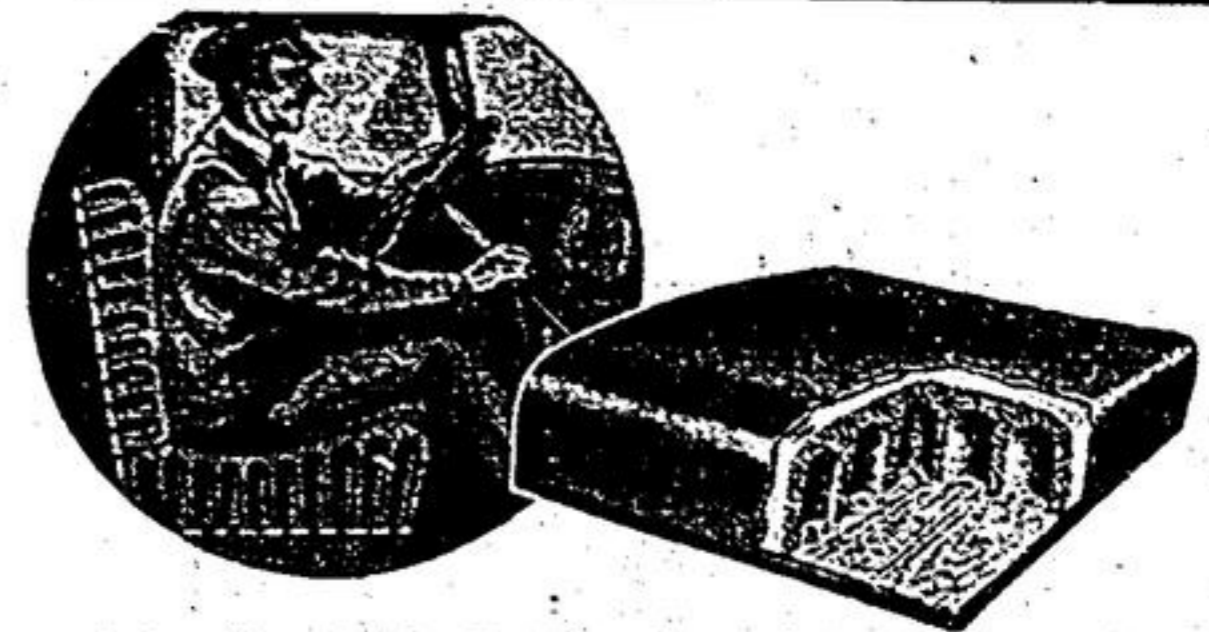
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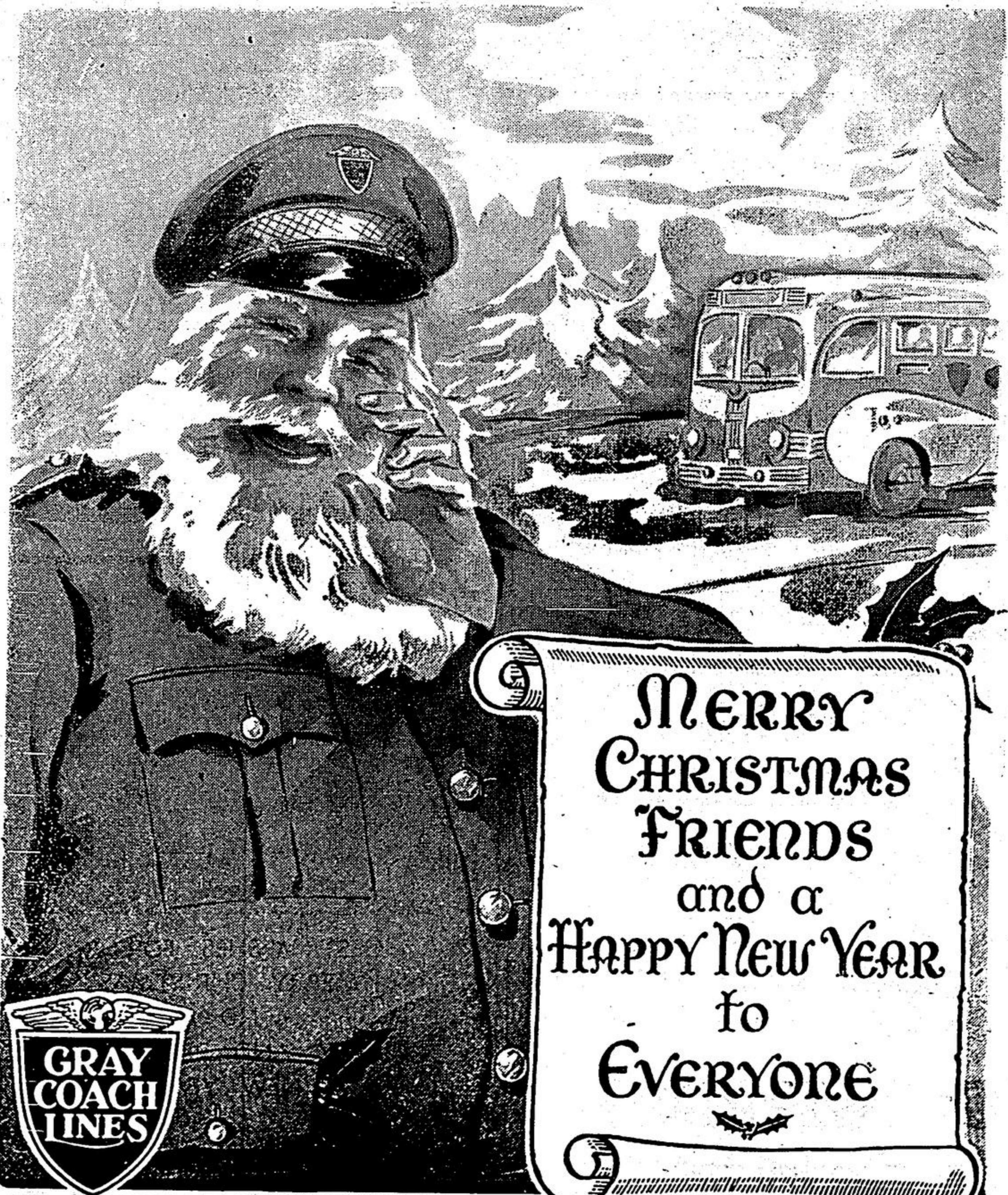
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