

Six Islanders Enter Marathon

Six members of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club will be running in one of the mainland's classic marathons, the Johnny Miles event to be held in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Sunday starting time 12:30 p.m.

Team members include Jim Bruce, Lance Miron, Eric Manuel, Ernie Maidment, Freeman Churchill, and Gerald Mitchell. A spokesman stated that the club had hoped to send about 10 runners but three have been fighting colds while one other has shin splints.

The race is named in honor of John C. Miles, a native of North Sydney, one of Canada's top long distance runners. In 1926, at the age of 21, Miles won the famed Boston Marathon and in

1929 he returned for his second victory. The seventy-three year old Miles now resides in Hamilton, Ont. but will be attending the fourth running of the 26 mile, 385 yard race this Sunday.

Will Cloney, who "runs" the famed Boston Marathon will be this year's guest speaker for their marathon banquet, Saturday. Cloney has been race director since 1943, and is reported to be one of the organizational wizards in the world of road racing.

Last years winner, Pat Burke of Teaheek, New Jersey, is reported to be running this year, and he will be trying to beat his '78 time of two hours 38 minutes and 43 seconds.

Cloney Will Be Guest At Maritime Marathon

Will Cloney, who "runs" the famed Boston Marathon will be this years special guest at the fast growing Johnny Miles Marathon, Sunday, May 13 in New Glasgow, N.S.

He has also accepted the invitation to be guest speaker at the annual banquet Saturday night, May 12.

Will Cloney has been race director for the Boston Marathon since 1943, and is reported to be one of the organizational wizards in the world of road racing. He directs this immense marathon from his spacious office in the Prudential Building in Boston.

Mr. Cloney was born in 1911, educated at Harvard College and Harvard University Graduate School of Education and for a time was associate professor of English and journalism of Northeastern University.

As a college student in Harvard he held down a full time job with the Boston Herald. He later wrote the annual feature marathon story. Seventeen years later he became sports editor for the Herald, a position he held for 23 years.

In 1953 he moved to the Boston Post as sports editor, stayed with that paper for three years and then moved to Keystone Custodian Fund Corporation and retired from that position in 1977 as vice-president.

Since becoming Boston Marathon race director he has helped build it into the race that defies description. Although other major marathons have entered the picture, Boston remains the classic, and continues to be the marathon that marathoners most want to run.

Mr. Cloney says he has



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followed a simple strategy - "We try to do something better with the race each year." This same strategy has guided the Johnny Mile Marathon committee in its developing program.

In obtaining Mr. Cloney as this years guest, they will have the top Marathon Race director in North America.

Of Nova Scotia's Johnny Miles, he once said, "there hasn't been a Johnny Miles since Johnny Miles."

Johnny Miles, now 73, is reported to be the oldest living winner of the Boston Marathon.

He will be attending the Boston Marathon this year and his presence will be recognized by the Boston Marathon organization. This year marks the golden anniversary of his 1929 win.

It is indeed an indication of the stature of the local marathon in sporting circles that the world famous Mr. Cloney will be here.



165 Runners Enter Marathon

NEW GLASGOW, N.S. (CP) — The Boston Marathon should return to the kind of fun and enthusiasm that goes with the Johnny Miles Marathon here, says Will Cloney, chairman of the Boston event.

"That's why I'm here," Cloney said as he arrived Friday to take in the Johnny

Miles event Sunday. "I think a race like this one is what it should be about. The enthusiasm is great."

A total of 165 runners are entered in the Johnny Miles event, including 26 from Pictou County, 23 from Cape Breton, 55 from Halifax County, 29 from other Nova Scotia communities and the rest from elsewhere in the United States and Canada.

It will be the fifth annual marathon named after Johnny Miles, a famed runner from Cape Breton who won the Boston Marathon in 1926 and 1929 and a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games of 1930.

Miles, 73, who lives in Hamilton, Ont., where he retired eight years ago after 43 years as a supervisor with International Harvester Ltd., will be a guest at the event.

The marathon was founded by Dr. John Williston of New Glasgow, a native of Cape Breton whose mother named him after Johnny Miles.

The runners will start at the Aberdeen Mall Shopping Centre in New Glasgow and will run through New Glasgow, Trenton and Stellarton before returning to the Shopping Centre.

Like all true marathons its course will be 26 miles, 385 yards long - a little more than 42 kilometres.

Island runners many, varied

By PAUL HICKEY

What do some island doctors, farmers, researchers, policemen, teachers, students and housewives all have in common?

They are runners, of course. A preliminary look at the 140 replies from the island's first running survey shows that runners come from all parts of the island and from all walks of life.

Women are running in increasing numbers and are enjoying the benefits that it brings their family life.

The questionnaire consists of twenty-five questions ranging from age and occupation to advice for novices.

Though the survey has not ended yet here are a few examples based on the replies so far:

—running is most popular among teachers and students followed by policemen.

—male runners outnumber female runners five-to-one.

—for some running is their main interest; others combine running with other sports. One person ranked sex above everything.

—about 30 percent have run for two to three years, two said they had run for more than 30 years.

—over 50 percent run in the evening.

—most people run four or five times per week; about five percent run everyday.

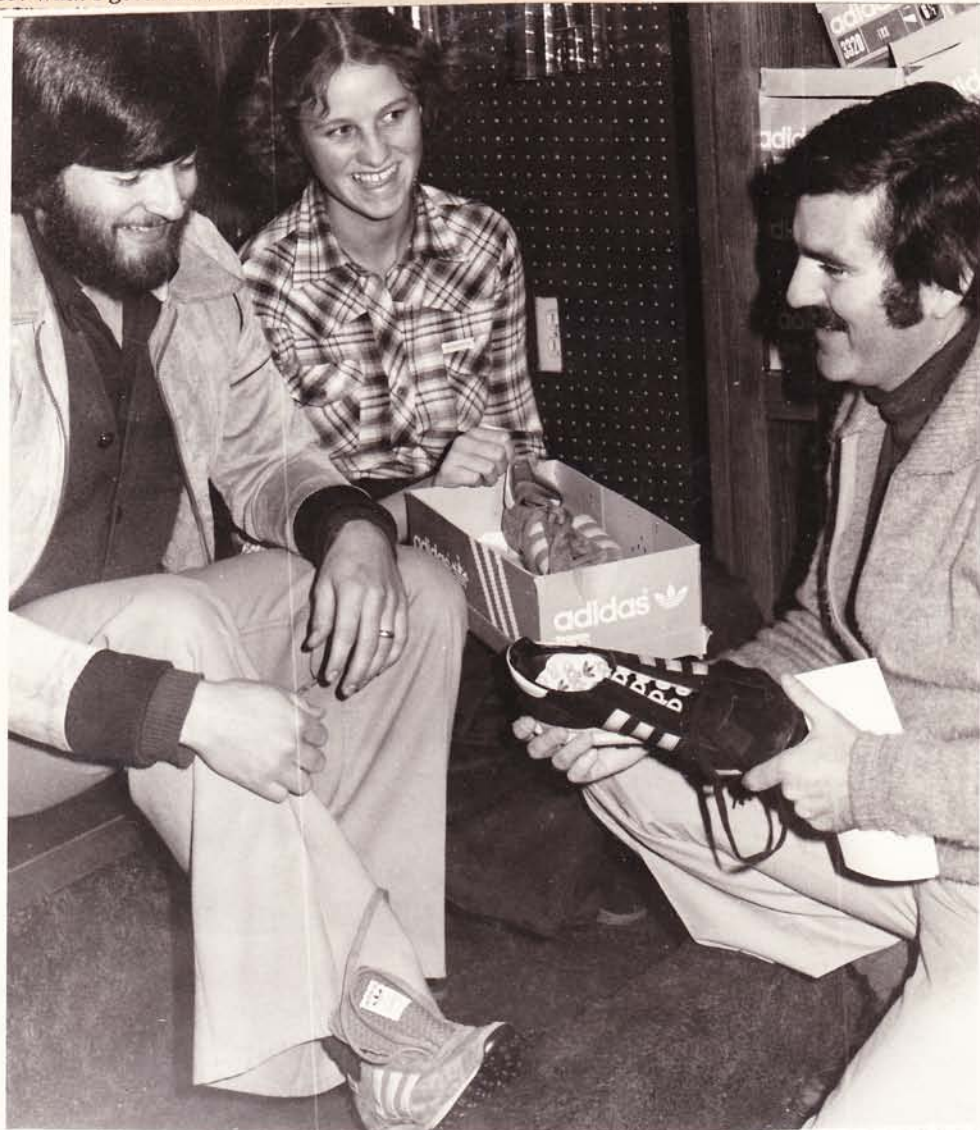
—about half said they were casual runners, the other half consider themselves serious runners. One said he was casually serious, another said

he was seriously casual.

—at the time of the survey 11 Islanders had completed a marathon (26.2 miles); since then several more have.

Why do people stop running? How does it affect their family life? What's good advice for the

novice and would-be runner? Do Islanders like to run alone or with others? Are most runners young, middle aged or old? The answers to these questions and many more will be available in a final report. Watch for it in December.



PAUL HICKEY, RIGHT, chairman of the running survey, presents Ian MacDonald with the running shoes that he won when his questionnaire was picked as

the winner. The survey showed a profile of the island runner, his job, other interests, and his experience as a runner. Looking on is Ginny Thorburn, representative of Harveys Sports.

MacDonald Wins CFCY 'Spring Fever Pace'

The Second Annual CFCY 'Spring Fever Pace' was won Sunday by Willie MacDonald of North River, who set a new record for the two-mile course of 10 minutes, 51 seconds. The event was held in Charlottetown.

Willie broke the record of Bruce Norton (Charlottetown), and led the 201 runners who completed the course under sunny skies. This was the second event held by the P.E.I. Roadrunners in conjunction with the 'Flowers of Hope' fund-raising campaign.

The winner of each category received a trophy, while ribbons and certificates went to the top three finishers. Following are the winners of each division.

(Under 8 Division)

Female: 1. Katie LeClair, 2. Vanessa Lund, 3. Jennifer McInnis. Male: 1. Kent Bagnall, 2. Raymond Carmichael.

(8-14 Division)

Female: 1. Debbie Boulanger, 2. Natalie Perch, 3. Mauria Rhyan. Male: 1. Larry Docherty, 2. Robert Whalen, 3. Jim Burge.

(15-19 Division)

Female: 1. Sherry McKenna, 2. Natalie Chandler, 3. Linda Lank. Male: 1. Willie MacDonald, 2. Steven Quinn,

3. Mark McCosham.

(20-29 Division)

Female: 1. Joanne McNeil, 2. Nora MacAdam, 3. Linda Stewart. Male: 1. Robin Frid, 2. Peter Norton, 3. Gary Newport

(30-39 Division)

Female: 1. Eleanor Farrington, 2. Marjorie Richards, 3. Marion Perch. Male: 1. Julien Gaudin, 2. Arnold Murphy, 3. Paul Field.

(40-49 Division)

Female: 1. Sybil Cutcliffe, 2. Carol Tweedy, 3. Jean MacRae. Male: 1. Jac Chandler, 2. Stirling MacRae, 3. Aylward MacKay.

There were no entries in the male or female 50 years and over category.

Roadrunners Plan Spring Fever Run

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The two mile run is open to the beginner runner, both male and female who would like to compete and participate with other runners who are also at the beginner level.

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took part in the marathon event but race organizers would like to have even a larger field, especially more participation from the female runners in the Charlottetown and surrounding areas.

Trophies will be presented to the first place male and female finisher in the following age categories: under eight years of age, 8-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over.

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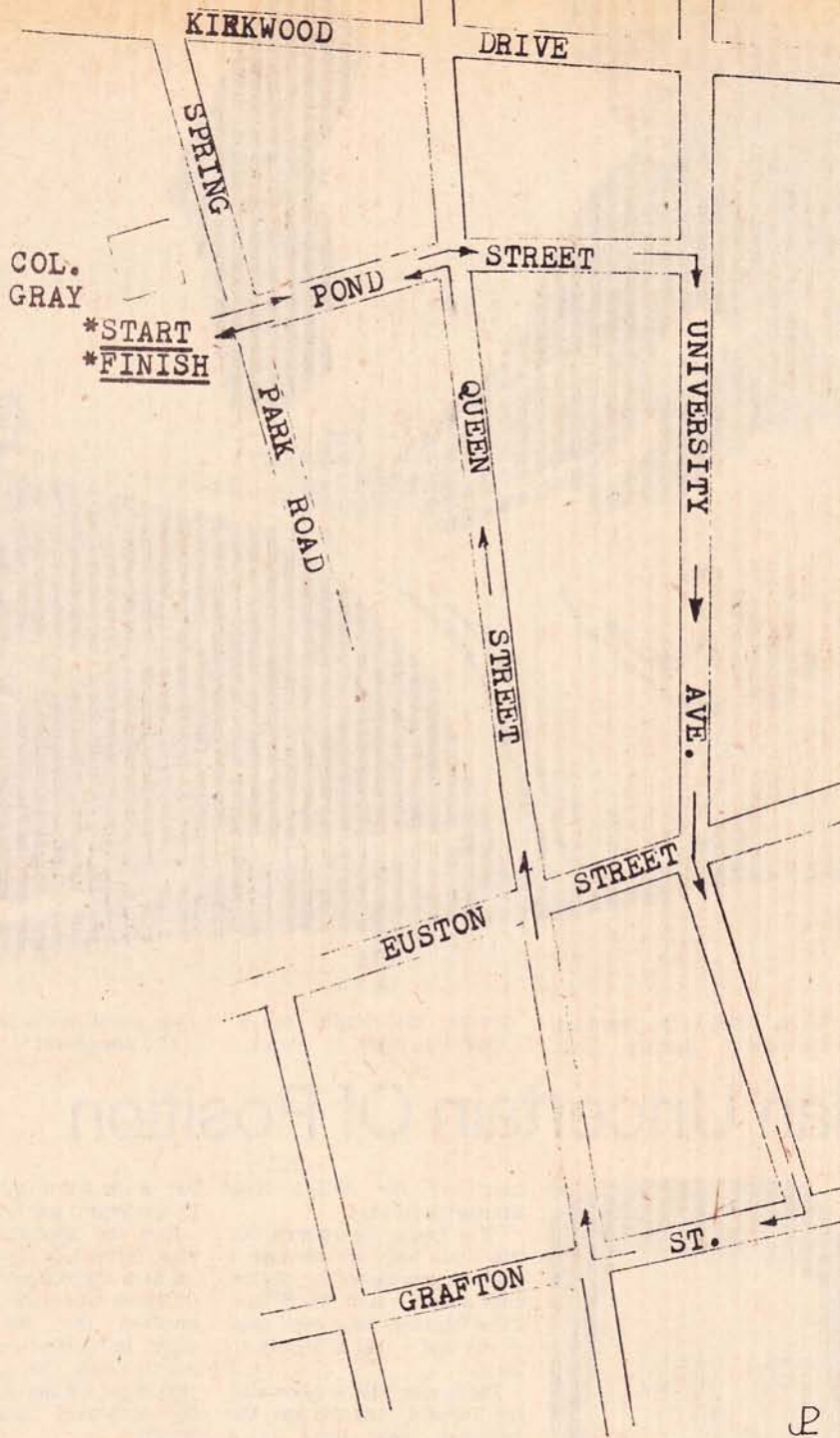


MACDONALD TOP RUNNER

Malcolm Reid, RIGHT, representing race sponsor CFCY, presents the first place trophy to overall win-

ner Willie MacDonald of North River, winner of the second annual Spring Fever

Pace in a record time of 10 minutes, 51 seconds Sunday in Charlottetown.



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High School. The event begins at 2:00. The race is open to both male and female jogger in the following age categories: under

eight, 8-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. To enter call CFCY at 894-7347 or register before 1:30 on race day.

MacDonald Sets Pace Standard

Willie MacDonald of North River won the second annual CFCY Spring Fever Pace Sunday in a record time of 10 minutes, 51 seconds.

The old record over the two mile course, was set in the inaugural year of the run by Bruce Norton of Charlottetown in 11 minutes in 12:37.

Bright sunny skies and an outburst of spring fever brought out 201 runners who completed the two mile course.

This was the second event of the P.E.I. Roadrunners 1979 roadrace schedule held in conjunction with the Flowers of Hope fund raising campaign.

Trophies were presented to the winner in each age category with ribbons to the top three finishers. Each recipient received a certificate. The following are the top finishers in each division:

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