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Shorter tries for third win

MIDDLETOWN — The Orange Classic wouldn't be the same without Frank Shorter.

The former Olympic marathon champion has been the star attraction of the Classic since its inception in 1981. He won the first two races, but hobbled to a 31st-place finish on a sore ankle last year.

It's more than Shorter's celebrity status and victories, however, that has made him Middletown's favorite runner,

All stories on the runners in this year's Orange Classic were written by staff writer Bill Burr.

and Middletown is his favorite place to run.

Shorter, 36, resided in the city 17 years before he moved away to attend college at the age of 19. But, once again, he'll make the trip from his home in Colorado to Middletown for Sunday's Classic.

"When it comes to sports, I'm Middletown's favorite son," Shorter writes in his soon-to-be-released book "Olympic Gold: A Runner's Life and Times." "I'm proud of that because I have fond memories of the place and its people."

Shorter won the Olympic

marathon in 1972 — the first American in over 50 years to do it — and took second in 1976 despite a painful foot injury. He had hoped to try for another medal in that event this summer, but a stress fracture of his right foot caused him to abandon that attempt.

So Shorter has made it his goal to land a spot on the U.S. team by finishing in the top three at 10,000 meter Olympic trials June 19 in Los Angeles.

"The way I look at it, the three berths in the 10,000 are wide open," Shorter said.

"America's only world-class 10,000 meter runner is Alberto Salazar, but he's concentrating on the marathon."

Shorter plans to use the Classic as a tune-up before the trials.

"It's too bad the trials won't be in Middletown," said Shorter, who has run some of his best races here.

In his first visit to Middletown since his Olympic victory, Shorter won the 1981 Classic in 29:32, beating Bill Rodgers by nine seconds. The following year, Shorter won in 29:18, finishing 21 seconds ahead of runnerup Rod Dixon.

Shorter was almost forced to withdraw from last year's Classic because of tendinitis in his left foot near the ankle.

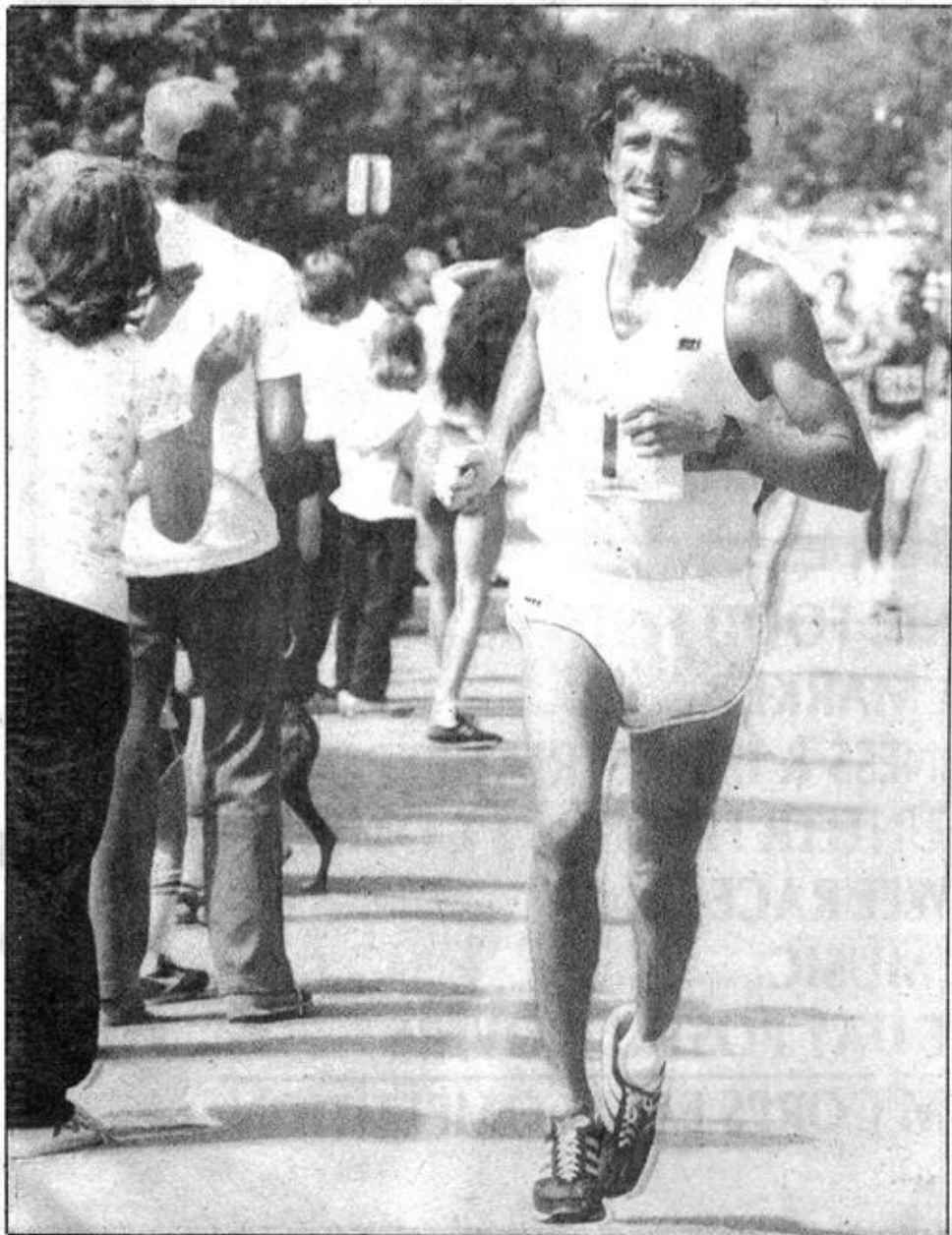
"I notified the race officials that I'd come down with an injury, in case they no longer wanted me," Shorter said. "But they insisted I come. If it was any other race I wouldn't have run. There is no way I could ever run as slowly as I did again."

Shorter's fondest memories are of Classic I.

"It was the perfect match-up," he said. "Bill and me. Both of us fit; both of us ready. And the added impetus of Middletown. It was more pressure than I've ever felt for any race since the '76 Olympics. I had to win — even my grandmother was out there watching."

"It felt strange, almost eerie, to be running through Middletown again. To run from the Orange County Fairgrounds near Middletown High down Main Street, past the Thrall Library where I'd spent many afternoons, up over Highland Avenue two blocks from our old big house, around the periphery of Fancher-Davidge Park, where I used to ride my bike and fish, and back through the other side of town to the fairgrounds finish. More memories were stored there than I can possibly handle in one morning.

"With a mile or so to go I surged, felt an advantage, and pulled away. What a boost that was! It was one of those races in which two guys go at it until one guy breaks. To me, those are the most fun — especially if I'm not the guy who breaks."



Hobbled by a sore left foot, Frank Shorter struggled to the finish line in the 1983 Orange Classic.

Dixon returns to try again

MIDDLETOWN — Rod Dixon might still be on the track circuit if not for the New Zealand boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games.

It wasn't until the spring of 1980, with his hopes for a second Olympic medal dashed, that Dixon came to the United States and entered his first road race — the Philadelphia Diet Pepsi 10K. He finished third behind Gary Fanelli and Bill Rodgers.

In his next eight road races, Dixon was victorious seven times. He won the Philadelphia Distance Classic (13.1 miles), the Falmouth, Mass., Runoff (7.1 miles), the Lynchburg, Va., 10-miler and the New Orleans Muscular Dystrophy 10K, where he defeated Craig Virgin.

He closed out the season with a third-place finish at the Diet Pepsi 10K national championships in New York City in July. In just a few short months, Dixon had earned the Track and Field News' No. 1 ranking in races up to a distance of 10 miles.

"My success in races three years ago made it obvious to me that I was more suited to road racing than for the track," said Dixon, who won the bronze medal in the 1,500 meters in the 1972 Olympic Games and was fourth in the 5,000 meter in 1976.

But if New Zealand hadn't joined in boycotting the 1980 Moscow Olympics, Dixon probably would have never taken to the roads.

In 1981, Dixon won 16 of the 20 races he entered. One of the races he did not win was the Orange Classic 10K, finishing second 21 seconds behind Frank Shorter.

"Dixon may have been the better runner at the time," said Shorter, "but I was emotionally peaked. I'd watched him compete two weeks before in Portland, Oreg., and saw that he didn't run especially well downhill. My plan was to run the downhill hard and try to get a bit of a lead to work with. That's what happened.

"Rod was gracious in defeat, saying he underestimated me. I'm sure he was bothered by the heat (both the temperature and humidity

were in the 90s)." Dixon did not enter last year's Classic, but he'll be back Sunday to provide a strong challenge to Shorter and defending champion Michael Musyoki.

"The addition of Dixon really enhances the international flavor of the race," said John Szefc, general manager of The Times Herald-Record,

co-sponsor of the Classic along with Middletown Honda. "It should be a great race with Musyoki, Shorter and Dixon going head-to-head."

Dixon, 33, has run only a few races since his dramatic victory last October in the New York City Marathon, which extended his winning streak to 20 consecutive

races. His time of 2:08:59 was the eighth fastest marathon ever run.

Dixon has been predicted to win at least a bronze medal in the marathon at the Los Angeles Olympic Games this summer. He spent most of the last seven months in his native Auckland, New Zealand training for the Olympics.



New Zealander Rod Dixon, winner of the 1984 New York Marathon, who finished second to Frank Shorter in the 1982 Orange Classic, returns to Middletown Sunday.

Musyoki to defend Classic title

MIDDLETOWN — For the longest time, no one was sure Michael Musyoki, the winner of last year's Orange Classic, was even going to show up.

In discussions with organizers of the Classic last year, the soft-spoken native of Kenya said very little.

"He gave us one word answers to all of our questions," recalled race coordinator John Szefc. "I wasn't sure he'd be here until I saw

him getting off the plane the day before the race."

Musyoki's status prior to this year's Classic is certain. He'll be back Sunday to defend his title against the likes of Frank Shorter, Rod Dixon and Paul Cummings.

Musyoki, who was the top rated road racer in the world in 1982 and ranked second behind Joseph Nzau of Kenya last year, blitzed a field of 2,625, including Shorter and

Gary Fanelli, in course-record time to win the Classic last June.

Musyoki completed the hilly, 6.2-mile layout in 28:51, shattering the old mark of 29:18.4 set by Shorter the year before. His time was somewhat surprising since he had not run competitively in over a month.

"It was very good race," recalled Musyoki, who attended the University of

Texas at El Paso and won three NCAA titles — the indoor three-mile twice and the outdoor 10K once.

"I normally don't like to set the pace. But the day was hot and someone had to do it. I looked behind once and couldn't see anyone. I was happy with my time."

George Buckheit of Bardonia matched Musyoki's stride for stride for 2½ miles before Musyoki began to pull away. Musyoki enjoyed a 300-yard advantage over Buckheit at the finish.

This year's race will provide a stronger challenge to Musyoki with no less than seven world-class racers entered. Musyoki is said to be in excellent shape, though he has been racing lightly this year.

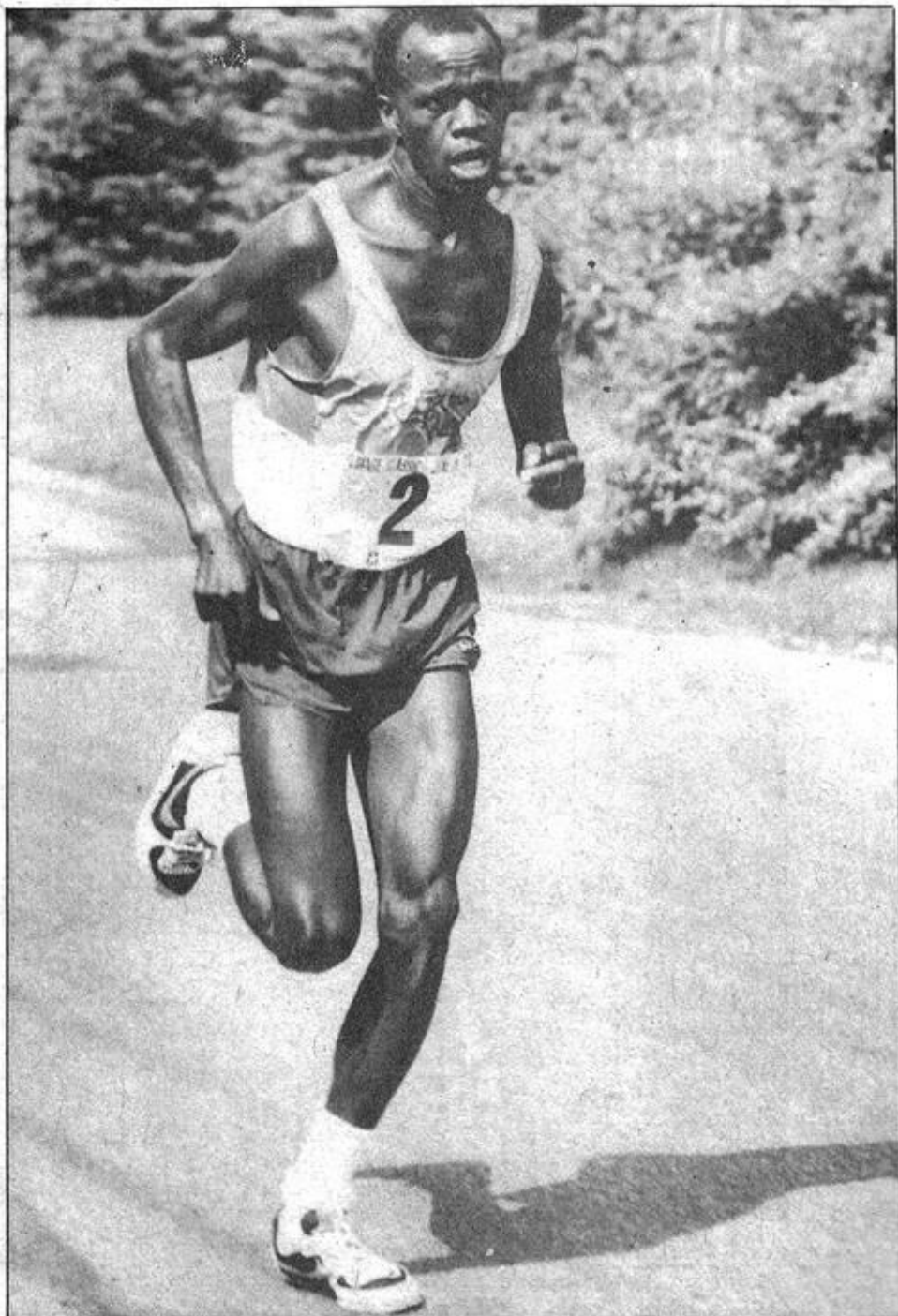
He finished second in the Crescent City Classic in New Orleans in 27:28, and also recorded a good time (27:45) in the San Antonio College 10K on April 28 and at the Texas Relays, where he was clocked in 28:06 in the 10,000 meters on a track.

The 27-year-old Musyoki is another in the tradition of outstanding African runners who have come to the United States to attend college and compete in track, cross-country and road racing.

He first gained international recognition in the summer of 1977 when he ran 27:41.92 in the 10,000 meters on the track — lowering the world record at the time by 11 seconds.

In 1982, Musyoki set world records on the road in the 10K, 15K and in the half marathon.

Last year was the first time Musyoki entered the Classic. Just how fit he was at the time was evident three weeks later, when he ran 42:28 to set a world record for 15 kilometers in the Cascade Run Off in Portland.



Michael Musyoki of Kenya, the world's top road racer in 1983 and winner of last year's Orange Classic, is back this year to seek another win.

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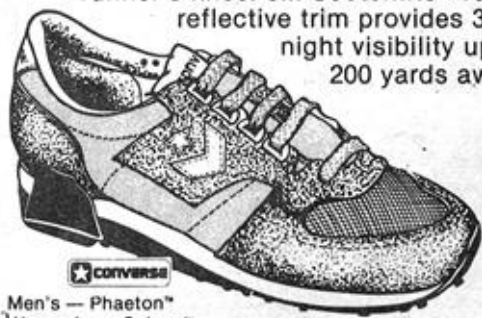


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Best field ever in Orange Classic

MIDDLETOWN — The fourth annual Orange Classic 10K is shaping up as the run to end all runs.

No less than seven world-class athletes, including Rod Dixon, the winner of the New York City Marathon, have entered Sunday's race.

"We were really concerned with this being an Olympic year we'd have trouble attracting a strong field," said race coordinator John Szeffc. "But we've received more inquiries than ever before. We've reached the limit."

Dixon, 33, heads the field of elite runners. The native of Auckland, New Zealand, had a string of 20 consecutive victories going into the May 20 Bay-to-Breakers 7.6 mile run in San Francisco. Dixon had not competed in a race prior to that since his victory in the New York City Marathon, but was reportedly in excellent shape after training all winter in New Zealand.

Among Dixon's strongest challengers are Michael Musyoki, a native of Kenya now living in El Paso, Texas, who was the second-ranked runner in the world last year, and winner of the

1983 Classic in course record time (28:51); local favorite Frank Shorter, a former Middletown resident now living in Boulder Springs, Colo., and the winner of the first two Classics; and Paul Cummings of Provo, Utah, a former world record holder in the half-marathon.

Also entered is David Long of Great Britain, ranked 44th in the world last year. Long finished 16th in the 1983 New York City Marathon. His best time in the 10K is 28:38, which he accomplished in the Run For Health in Philadelphia in March, 1983.

Also running will be George Buckheit of nearby Bardonia, who finished second to Musyoki last year, and Gary Fanelli, who was third in the 1982 Classic.

"We've tried to put together the most representative field possible," said Szeffc, who noted that the Classic is regarded as one of the top 130 road races in the world. "We've got Dixon, who is a good bet to win a medal in the marathon at the Olympic Games; Musyoki, who won last year; Shorter,

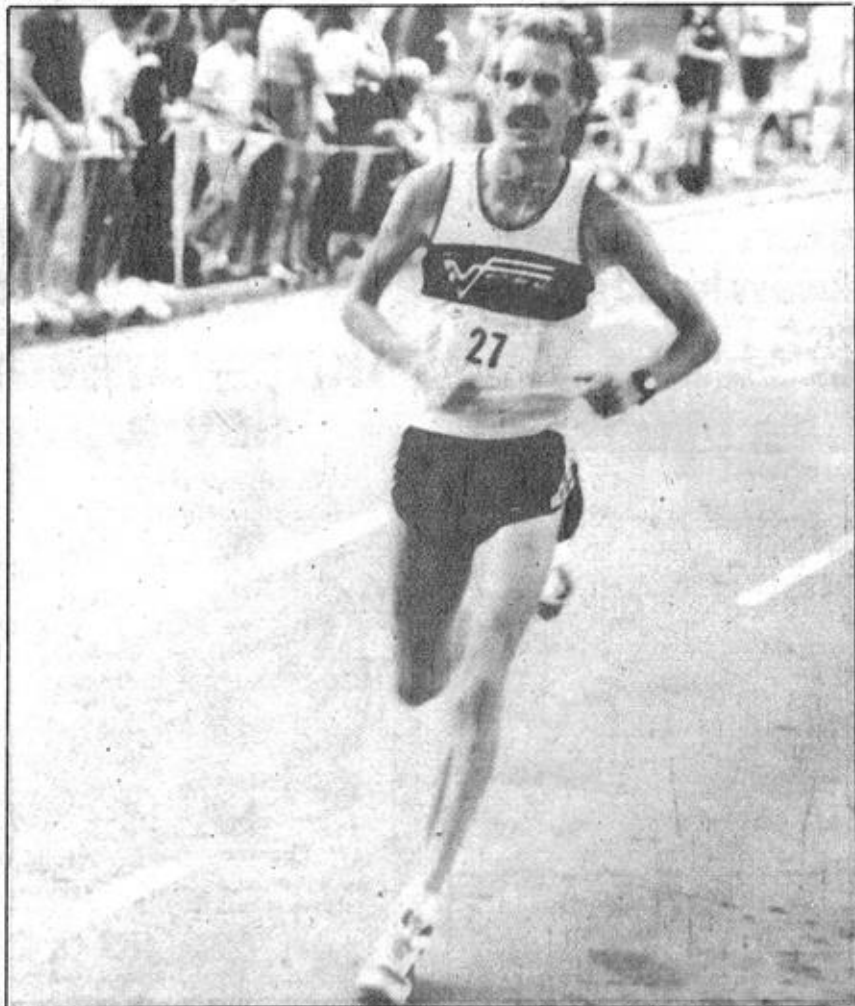
who won twice before and knows the course, and Cummings, who was second to Dixon in last year's Pepsi Nationals.

"It's by far the best field we've ever had for a men's race," Szeffc added. "We have four top-notch runners and three strong people right behind them."

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the women's field. Most of the top women racers are still recovering from the May 13 Olympic marathon trials or are entered in the L'Eggs Mini-Marathon, which will be held in New York City the day before the Classic.

"No strong women were available," said Szeffc. "But there is always the possibility we could add somebody at the last minute."

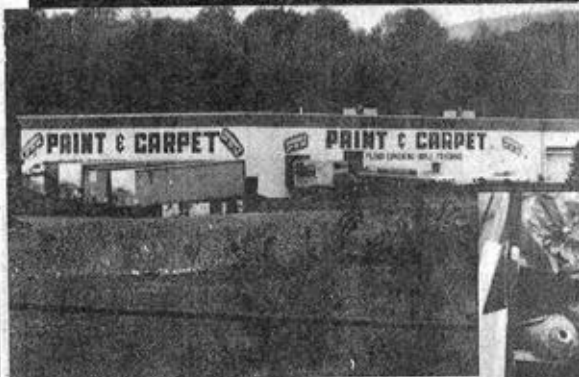
Joan Benoit was the first woman finisher in last year's Classic. She is resting following her victory at the Olympic marathon trials and knee surgery. Last year's runnerup, Anne Audain, who resides in New Zealand, is entered in the L'Eggs Mini-Marathon.



Britain's Dave Long is entered in the 1984 Orange Classic for the first time. Rated 44th with 337 points in 1983 in The Runner/Heineken Road Race Rankings, Long is now one of the top road racers.

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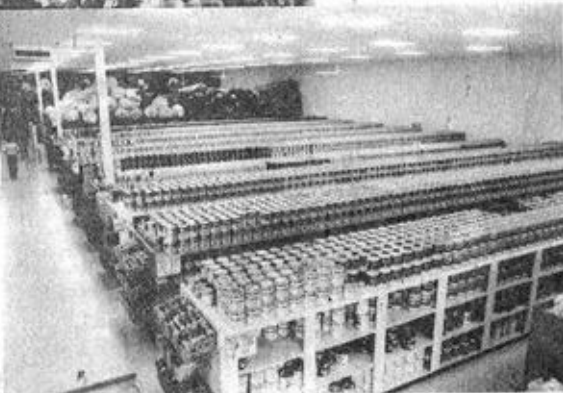


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The Bayonne Bridgemen, of Bayonne, N.J., champions in 1973, 1977 and 1978, will display their musical and precision marching skill in competition with drum corps from Massachusetts, New York and Ontario, Canada.

This competition marks the first time such an event is to be held in Middletown. The drum corps program is co-sponsored by the Marching Middies of the Middletown High School and The Times Herald-Record. Profits will benefit the Marching Middies and United Way.

Other bands participating in the competition are The Valley-Aires from New York, Les Eclipse from Canada; and the Alliance Drum Corps, the Diplomats, and the 27th Lancers from Massachusetts.

A panel of judges will judge each unit for musical and marching skills.

Among the newer faces will be the Diplomats Drum and Bugle Corps of Malden, Mass. Currently in their sixth year of existence, the Diplomats have made great strides in the

'80s.

They were the Eastern Massachusetts Circuit Class A champions in '82; Eastern Massachusetts Circuit Class A champions in '83; number 3 in ranking in Drum Corps East Class A final in Lynn, Mass. in 1983 and their best finish yet, number 2 rank in DCI in Drum Corps International last August in Miami.

Three members of the Marching Middies were recently recruited to join the Bayonne Bridgemen, one of the country's top drum corps.

An admission of \$7 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission will be charged.

Acres of flea market stalls offering for sale a wide spectrum of items from odd-sized and shaped buttons and old post cards to valuable antiques and family heirlooms will be one of the attractions of the Orange Classic.

A leisurely walk through the spacious isles of the fairgrounds will offer an exciting feast for the eyes of buyers and browsers.

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The 27th Lancers, left photo, are one of the most exciting drum corps in the country. A member of the Alliance Drum and Bugle Corps, top photo, impresses judges and spectators.

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This event is a contest for cars of all sizes who will compete against cars of similar size. Front wheel drive cars will compete against similar type cars only.

Registration and technical inspections will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Time runs will begin at noon. The course, about one-half mile long is on the fairground's dirt track and will be held in front of the grandstand at 1:30 p.m. With only one car on the track at a time, each car will race against the clock.

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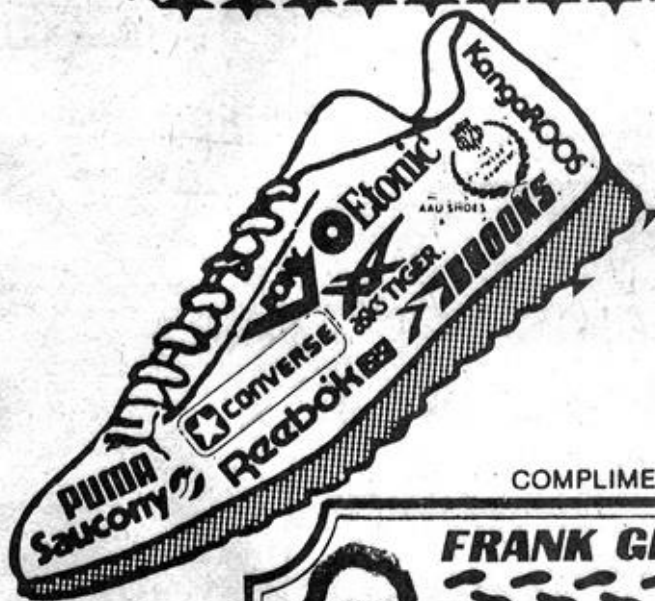
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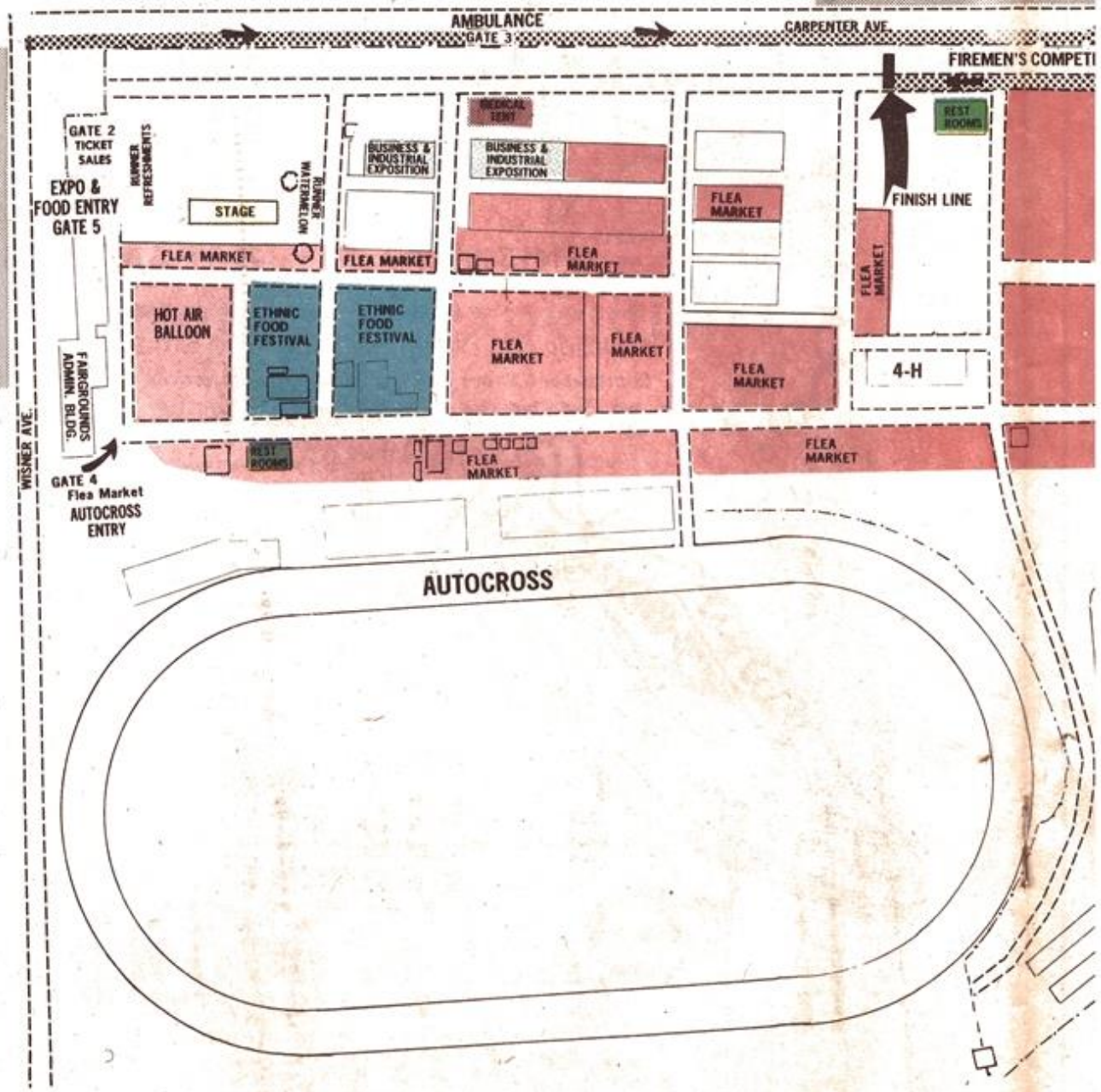
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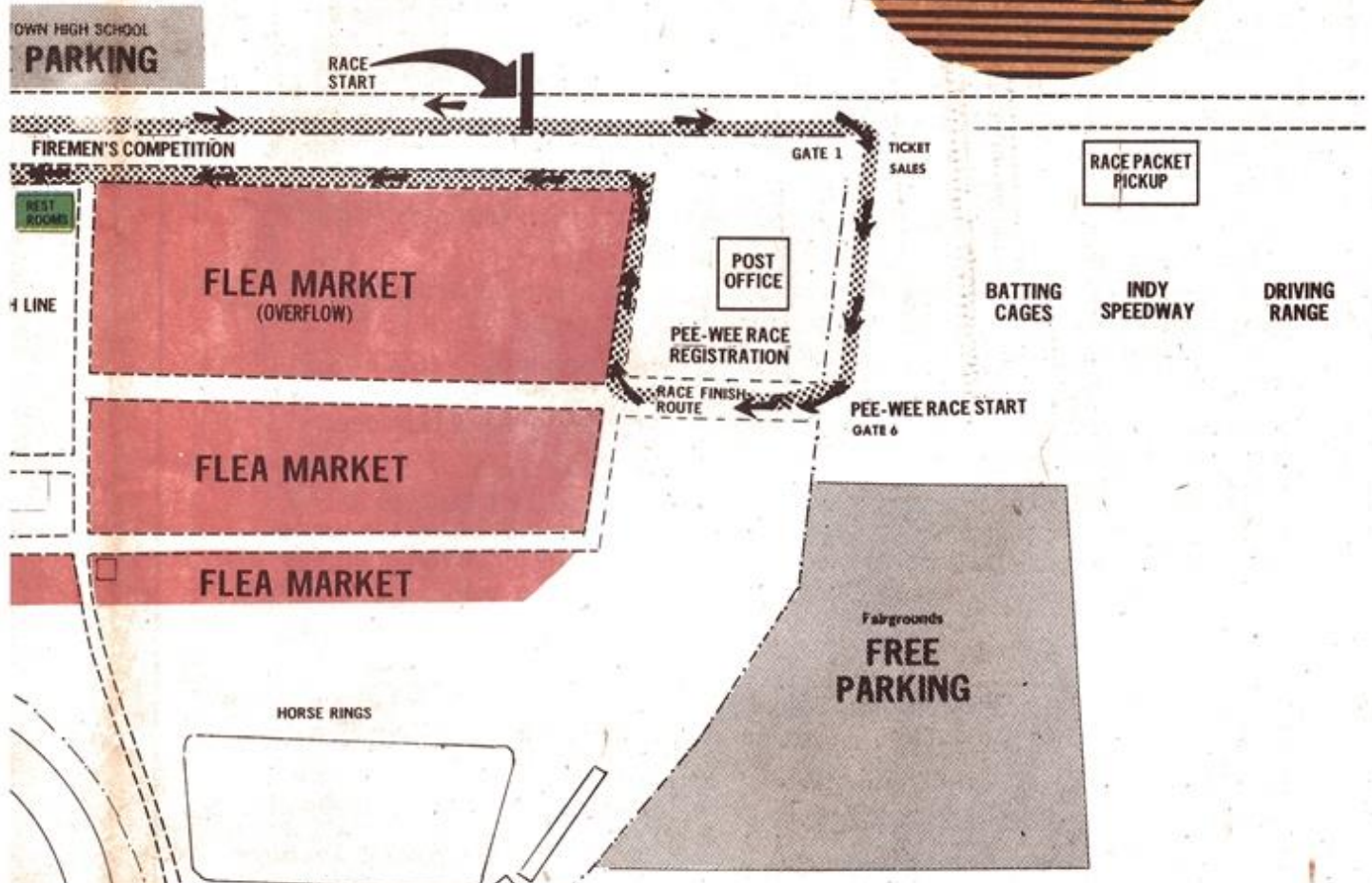
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We invite you and your family to line the streets and cheer on the approximately 2,500 runners we expect. Then, we'd like you to join us at the Orange County Fairgrounds for a day-long festival, profits to benefit United Way.

Our race may cause some inconvenience to those of you who plan to use Middletown's streets Sunday morning.

Police and fire police will be blocking traffic from crossing or entering the race route during the time the runners are passing through.

The map below shows the route of the race, which begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:45. The numbers on the map refer to an accompanying key showing the intersecting streets and the times when the intersections will be closed because runners will be going through.

We hope you'll join us in the festivities, and, if you can't, we ask you to please avoid trying to cross the race route in a car or on foot during the times when the runners will be passing by. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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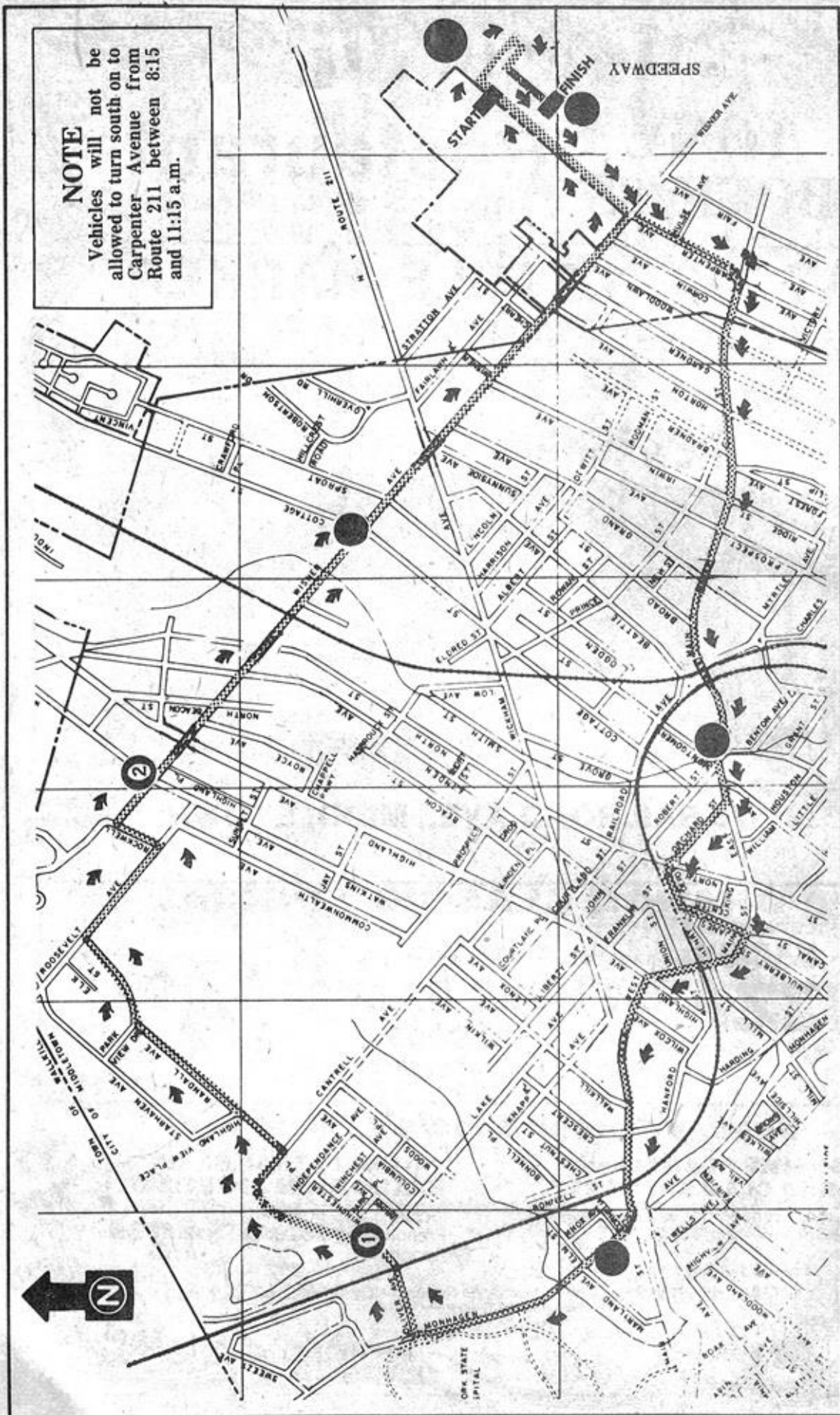
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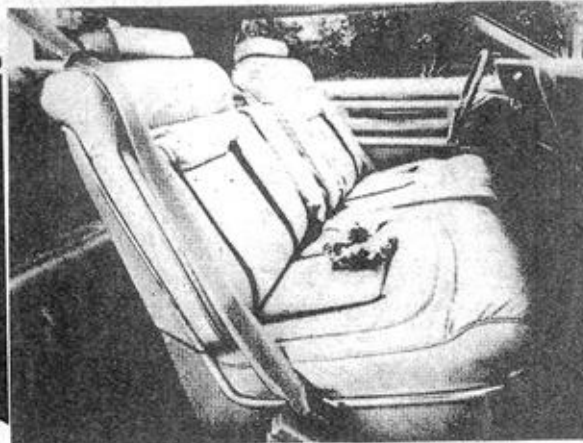
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Running enthusiasts can watch a second race Sunday at The Orange Classic as youngsters aged four through nine will compete in a Pee-Wee Race of about 320 yards at 1:30 p.m.

The runners will match their speed against youngsters of similar ages. Four and five years-olds; six and seven year-olds; and eight and nine year-olds will compete against each other. Each Pee-Wee race will start at the gate at which the 10K runners enter the fairgrounds and will race to the 10K finish line.

The first three runners in each age group will be awarded a ribboned medallion.

The youngsters may not have the speed and stamina of the older runners, but they promise to generate just as much excitement when they speed to the finish line.

If too many runners in any age group appear at the starting line the judges may split the runners in heats. The first three finishers in each heat will be awarded a prize.

The Pee-Wee races are sponsored by the Middletown Savings Bank and coordinated by the Orange Runners Club.

Firemen in competition

Volunteer firemen from Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties will test their skill and accuracy in a competition against the clock in a bucket brigade and ladder raising contest Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Orange Classic finish line.

Each team of firemen will vie for trophies to be awarded to the best three teams from each county and a special trophy for the team with the best time overall.

A panel of three judges will select the winners. Henry Brisky of the Silver Lake Fire Department will be the chief judge. Orange County fire coordinator Erich (Mickey) Lachmann will be the master of ceremonies.

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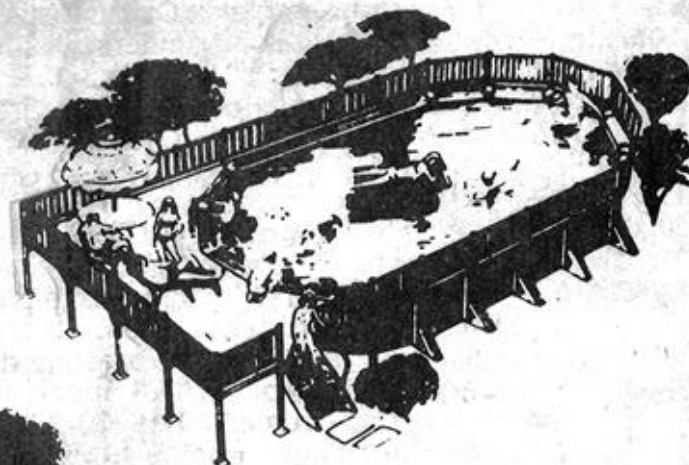


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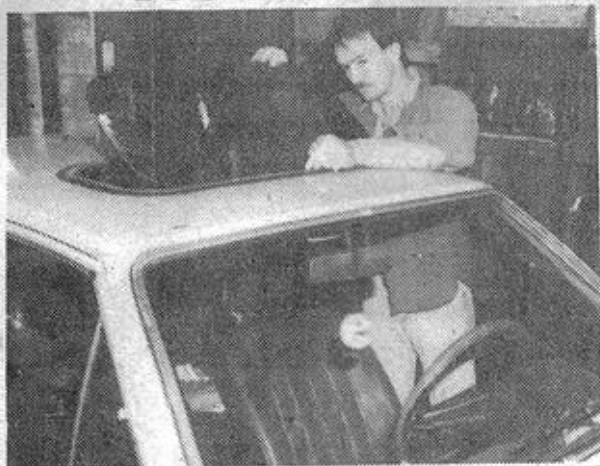
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1984 PROGRAM

- 6:00 a.m.** - Workers arrive.
7:00 a.m. - Gates open.
7:30 a.m. - Race packet pickup opens at batting cages.
9:00 a.m. - Runners assemble on Carpenter Avenue to prepare for start of race.
9:05 a.m. - Final instructions to runners.
9:15 a.m. - Race begins.
9:45 a.m. - Ethnic food tent opens.
10:45 a.m.
to
11:45 a.m. - Band "Wisdom I", stage.
10:45 a.m. - Timing for race ends.
11:30 a.m. - Autograph signing by Elite runners near entertainment stage.
11:45 a.m. - Awards ceremony, stage. Bruce Birnbaum, president Orange Runners Club, master of ceremonies.
Following awards will be presented by:
Gary Fanelli - women 15 & under, 16-19.
Rod Dixon - women 20-29, 30-39.
Paul Cummings - women 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over.
Michael Musyoki - men 15 & under, 16-19.
Frank Shorter - men 20-29, 30-39.
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John Van Kleeck, publisher The Times Herald-Record, men's open winner.
1:00 p.m. - Registration for Pee Wee Race, Gate 4.
1:30 p.m. - Pee-Wee Race starts at Gate 4, finishes at Orange Classic finish line.
2:00 p.m.
to
4:00 p.m. - Band, Kurt Henry, stage.
2:00 p.m.
to
6:00 p.m. - Drum Corps East competitions, Middletown High School athletic field, near fairgrounds.
2:30 p.m. - Firemen's bucket brigade and ladder raising competition.

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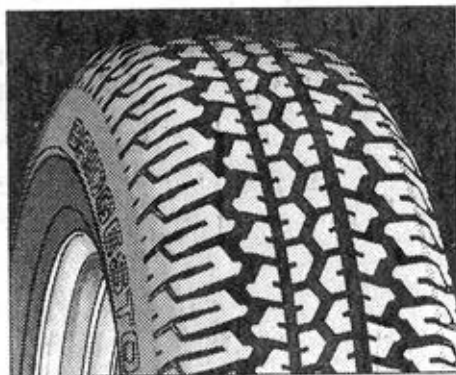
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