

Last year's champion

Dr. Joseph Dolezel follows his usual route along Fosters Road just on the edge of Midland in preparation for the third annual Half Marathon set for Sunday, April 27. The running event is being organized by Paul Noack of Meatland. Dr. Dolezel tries to keep in shape by running five or six days a week. He states he has never had a weight problem thanks to his enjoyable exercise program.

Watson family plans 50 years celebration

"I'm going to sell the walls bare," quoted Budd Watson when describing his 50th anniversary sale scheduled for May 26.

The Watson's Gallery will be opening its doors for this sale, celebrating 50 years of business in Midland by the Watson family.

Budd Watson says, he plans to continue the sale through to August and this will be the first time the family has offered such an opportunity to the public.

He will also be offering

special recognition for past customers of his and his father's. Budd explains, he still has all of his father's photographic equipment and negatives.

Budd Watson is well known throughout Canada and the United States for his photographic work and has brought great attention to this area with his famous photos of Georgian Bay being the only photographer to be invited to show his work in the McMichael Gallery at Kleinburg.

Roger Jaiko obit

The late Roger Jaiko or R.R. 1, Perkinsfield, died suddenly in Huronia District Hospital, Midland, on March 31, 1986, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Jaiko was born in the Ukraine and moved to France as a child. He was educated in France and served with the French navy for five years. He immigrated to Canada as a young man and lived in this area for the last 18 years, mostly in the Perkinsfield area, where he farmed.

His funeral mass was held in St. Patrick's Church, Perkinsfield, on April 3,

with Rev. V. Laurin as the celebrant.

Interment will be later this spring in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Perkinsfield.

Jean, Remi and Justin Marchildon, Michel and Pierre Moreau and Luc Marchand were his pallbearers.

His wife Georgette (Marchildon) Jaiko of R.R. 1, Perkinsfield, son Alaim of Elmvalle, daughters Claudette of Toronto, Denise and Monique of Perkinsfield, granddaughter Alicia and brother Daniel of Montreal survive him.

Marathon runner expected to run

There's more than beef at steak in next Sunday's third annual Half marathon road race sponsored by Meatland.

The winning challenge between runners and personal records will be with the over 50 runners expected to take part in the 13.1 mile race through Midland, Tay, Penetanguishene and Tiny township.

The runners, leaving the Midland YMCA at 1 p.m. on the 27th will be placed in one of two categories. Classy for those 39-years-old or under and Masters for those over 40.

The half-marathon event was started three years ago by Paul Noack as a special 25th anniversary celebration for Meatland. "I've been running for years, I love running," commented Noack when asked about the race. He felt it was a good way to celebrate the anniversary of his business, "you feel so damn good after, it's a celebration," he said explaining the beginnings of the now annual event.

For the past two years, Chris Wright has held the honours of being the first to cross the finish line, however, Wright and his fellow runner Angela Schmitz will be in Orillia this year competing in the four-seasons competition.

Evans Cameron,

Scotland's leading marathon runner has recently taken up residence in Midland and is expected to enter the race. According to Noack, Dr. Josef Dolezel will be Cameron's biggest challenge so far. Dr. Dolezel holds the fastest course record at 1:23:25 set last year.

Information given to Noack states Cameron has completed half marathons in his native Scotland in 65 minutes. This would better Dolezel's time by 18.25 minutes.

Noack says the race is well organized and has excellent competitors and he is hoping the public will line the route which travels along Colborne Street from the YMCA to Manley, turning along Bayshore Drive toward Vinden Street crossing over to Sunnyside Drive at Mike's Milk on the corner of Fourth Street. The runners will run along Bayview Avenue, turning at the Masonic Temple and following Midland Point Road turning toward Penetanguishene at Robert Street and following along to Highway 93 going east to Yonge to King and back to the YMCA starting point.

"I just hope the people will turn up to see the runners and put their hands together and cheer them on especially as they approach the finish line," Noack said.

In last year's race, there

were 38 runners in the Classy division with four not finishing the race and nine runners in the Masters division with only one marked as not finishing the race. According to Noack, Don Foster took the wrong course and had to be marked

as not finishing the race. Prizes will be awarded in both divisions with the first place winner taking home \$50 worth of sirloin steak. Second place will receive \$25 worth of steak and third prize will be \$10 worth of steak.

Other prizes will be awarded from Freda's Borsari's and Gianetto's, Garm's Sanoco and McDonald's.

The race will take place rain or shine. Anyone wanting more information is asked to call Paul Noack at 526-9331 or 526-7400.

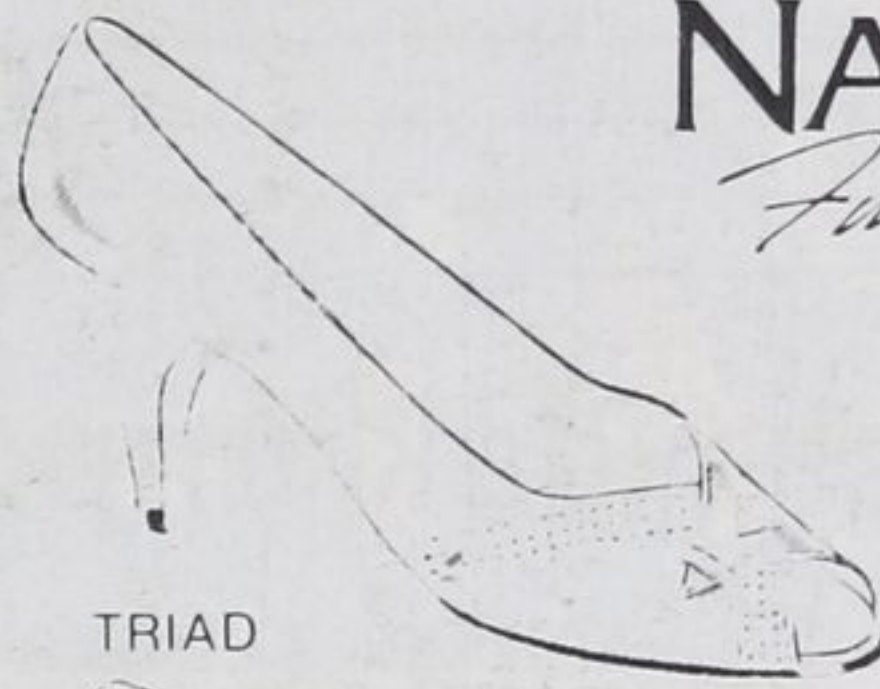
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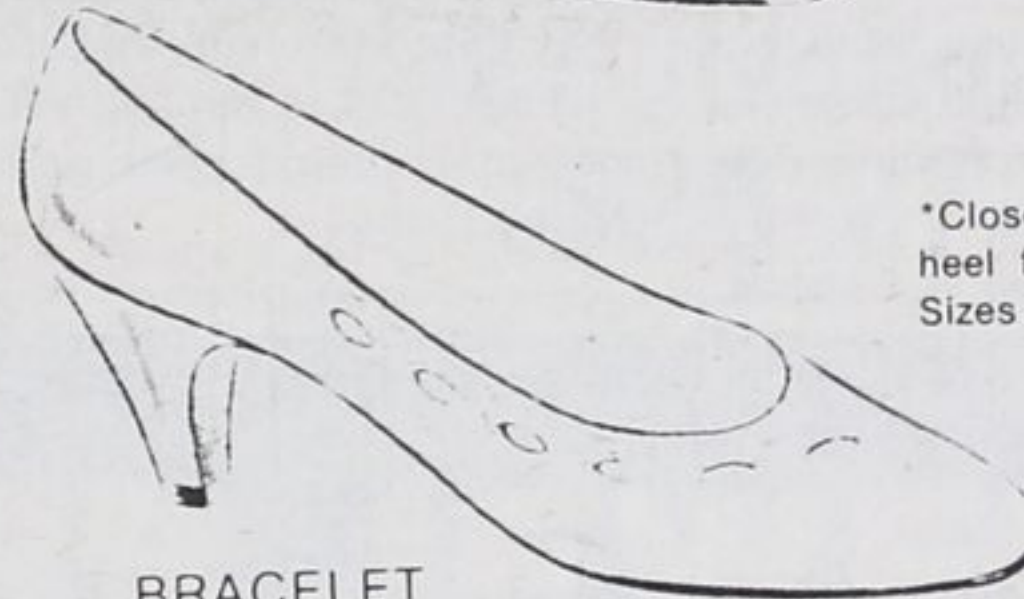
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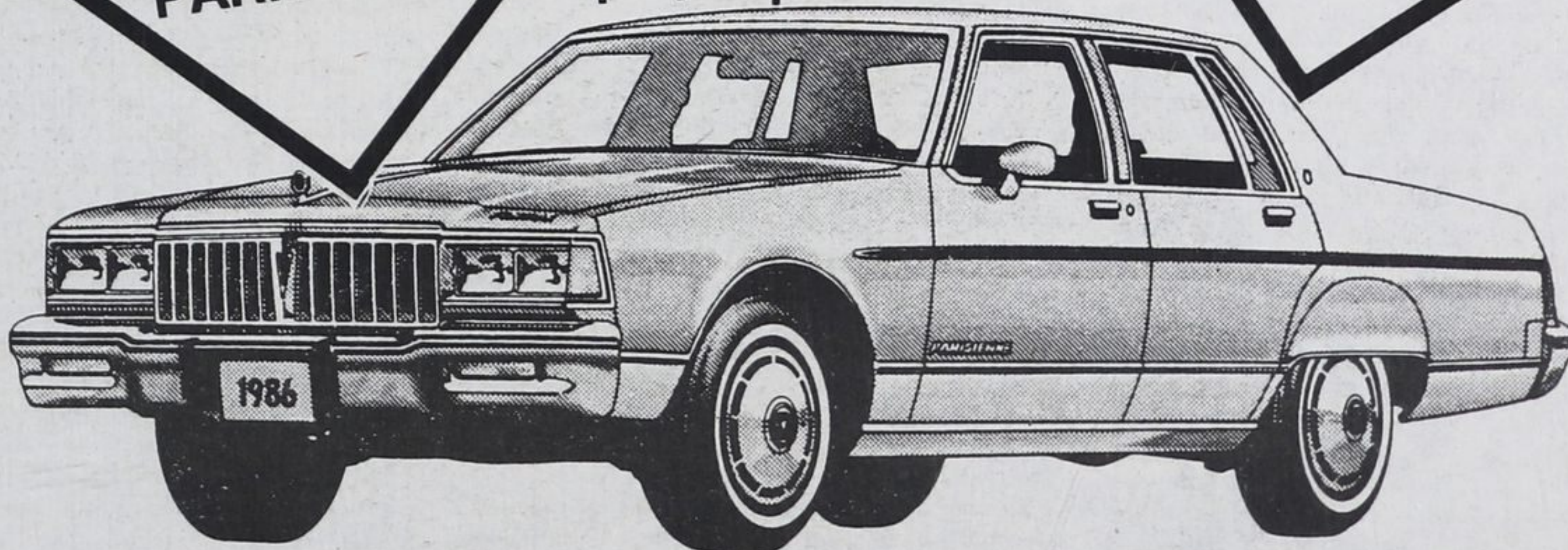
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