

Champion Carries Mail for Demeter

George Demeter, former state representative who has made a practice of crowning the marathon victor with a laurel wreath, had a proprietary interest in countryman Stylianos Kyriakides yesterday.

Demeter requested that Kyriakides be given No. 77, with all its lucky connotations; he added blue and white ribbons, the Greek colors, to the wreath so it would be appropriate if Kyriakides should win; and just before the race he handed Kyriakides a tiny slip of paper bearing the admonition given ancient Greek warriors before battles—"Ei Tan Ei Api Tas"—meaning roughly, "Come back with your shield or on it."