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Dear Sir:

The Syracuse Journal-American invites you to participate in its sixth annual marathon race, which takes place in Syracuse on Saturday, April 8th. The race, covering a course of $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles, has heretofore been restricted to residents of Central and Northern New York. Commemorating its One Hundredth Anniversary, that takes place this year, the management decided to let the bars down and invite all marathoners of amateur status to compete. The Niagara Branch of the A. A. U. will conduct the race. The starting point is at Chittenango, approximately $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Syracuse, and the course follows the state highway, into the city, the finish line being at the Syracuse Journal-American building. Numerous elaborate trophies, as well as sets of silverware, will be awarded to those finishing among the leaders, in addition to the usual club prize.

Inasmuch as this race takes place just eleven days before the Boston marathon, it will serve as a "tune-up" for those who compete in the Bay State competition. The Syracuse race is patterned after the Boston race. Last year approximately 30,000 from the Central New York area witnessed this race. This year, with many of the national stars entered, we expect a crowd double that size. This letter is being sent you now so that, if you intend to compete, you can start training.

Please let us know, using the enclosed envelope, whether you will compete and also send us a picture of yourself in running togs and a history of your experiences so that we may properly publicize it in the columns of our newspaper.

Official entry blanks will be sent to you later.

Very truly yours,

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