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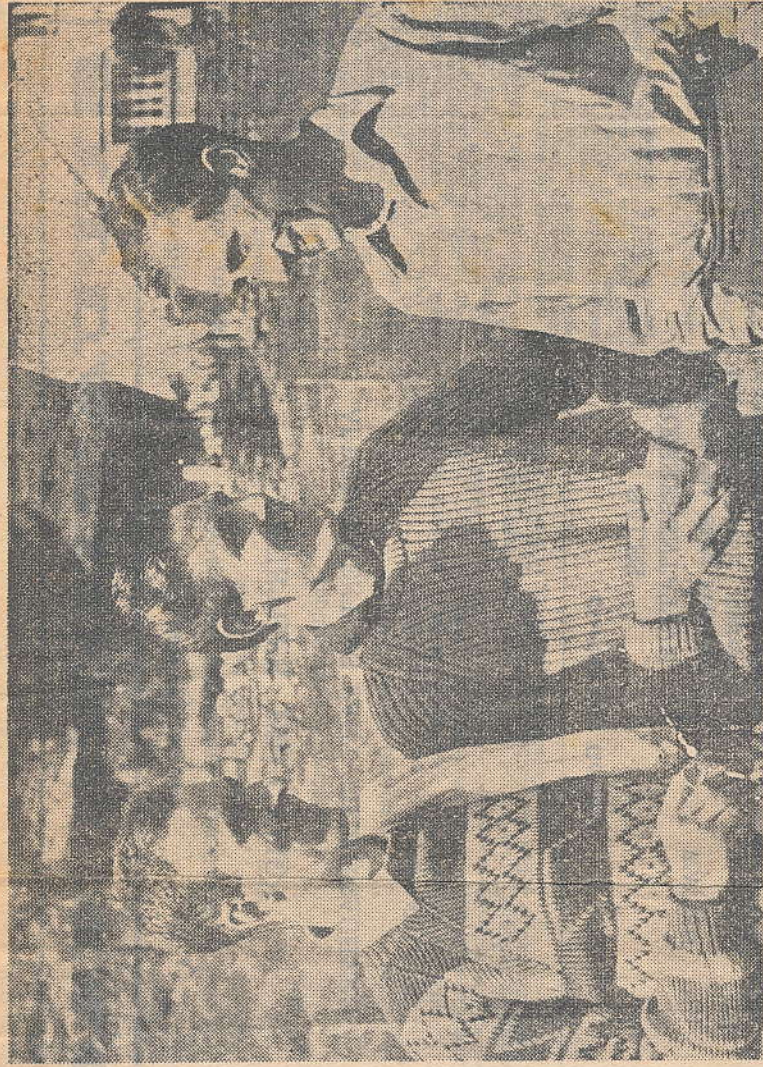
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In contrast with last year's event, held in appalling conditions with only one competitor finishing, the race was run in near perfect weather, although runners met some mist on High Raise, and had to navigate by compass.

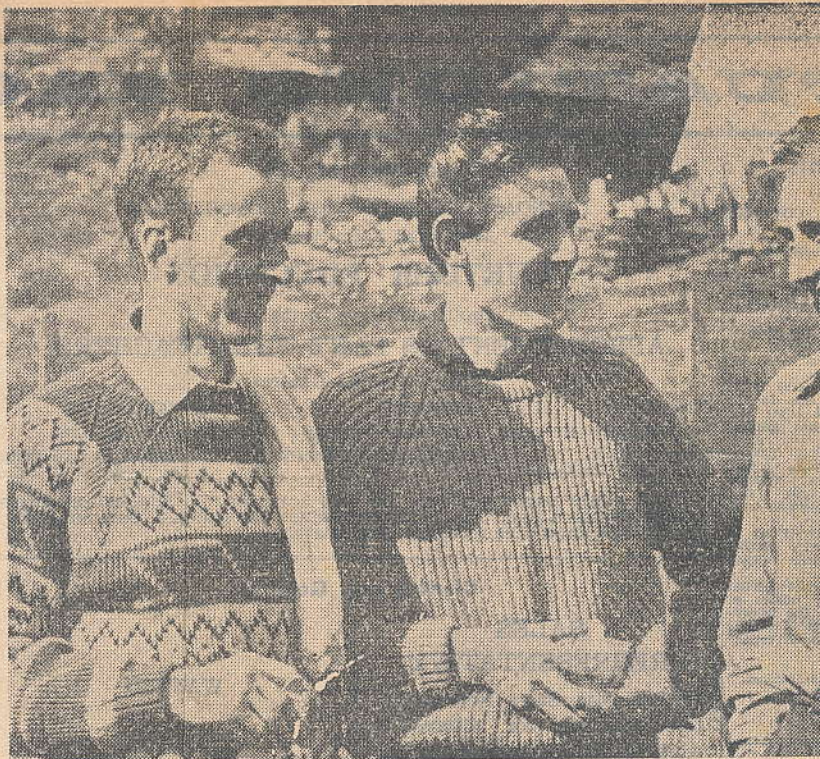
Hall was running fourth for most of the way, but on the way to Cold Pike he overhauled the leaders.

For food, he relied on Kendal mint cake and water. Once or twice he found some difficulty in following the route, as he is not completely familiar with the Lakeland fells. He told me at the finish: "In bad weather, I would have found the course very difficult indeed. I was just dead lucky."

Peter has just completed a wonderful running year. Last year he won the Ben Nevis race—he was too young to enter for the Lakes trial—and this year he has won the races at Pendle Hill, Rivington Pike and Burnsall.

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