

Neptune Family Arrives For Big Swimming Meet Next Week

Royal Reception Given Swimmers Who Come Here to Meet the Leading Natators of Hawaii—Outrigger Club Party First on Scene—Music Features Welcome—Claire Galligan, Dorothy Burns, Frances Cowells, Bachrach, Jones and Siegel Arrive

Honolulu has extended many greetings to visitors to Hawaii, but no greeting has ever been more impressive than that which was given to the mermaids and mermen who arrived this morning to participate in the big September aquatic meet.

Honolulu swimming devotees were up with the sun this morning, and the three champion mermaids, together with the Chicago contingent, were given a real reception. Those who arrived this morning were Miss Dorothy Burns of Los Angeles, Miss Claire Galligan of New Rochelle, N. Y., and Miss Frances Cowells of San Francisco, all American champions. With the mermaids were Bachrach, "Davy" Jones and Abe Siegel of Chicago.

The Early Birds

Members of the swimming colony began to say farewell to Morpheus about 4 o'clock this morning. A party from the Outrigger Club left the beach at 5 o'clock in a big outrigger canoe to greet the swimmers. They arrived off the harbor early enough to extend a greeting to the visitors. It was the first opportunity that many of the passengers had to see an outrigger canoe, and the merry party, garbed in bathing suits, extended a royal welcome to the guests of honor. This was one of the real features of the reception, and shows keenly the interest taken here in aquatics.

Among the members of the party were the Misses Katherine Johnson, Clemence Gifford, Josephine Hopkins; Doris Tackabury, Herman, David Kahanamoku, Clair Tait, R. F. Rogers, Ronald Higgins, Ronald Watt, Maynard Davidson and Francis Bowers. Music, too.

Miss Ruth Stacker, a friend of the swimmers, and Glenn Jackson, chairman of the reception committee, arranged a royal greeting for the visitors. A large party went out on the Sea Scout to welcome the sons and daughters of Neptune. They had a jolly time going out as Duke Miller's orchestra played in the manner in which only this orchestra can play.

When the Sea Scout neared the Maui, the orchestra struck up a real Hawaiian selection, and the crowd on the boat gave them a big hand. After quarantine the party climbed the long ladder, and many of the girls made an ascent which would have done credit to a sailor.

"Now I Ask You"

The orchestra played on board, and introductions were given all around. It was unnecessary to ask Frances Cowells and Dorothy Burns if they were glad to be back, and Claire Galligan, who came across the continent to compete in the big meet, looked immensely pleased. She is known in aquatic circles on the mainland as one of the most charming girls who pay homage to the king of the sea. Ruth Stacker said to Miss Galligan "Now I know you" and the Eastern feminine champion, who resides just 25 minutes from Broadway, replied that she was more than pleased with her first impression of Hawaii.

Davy Jones, who if a name counts for anything, ought to be a wizard mermaid, and Abe Siegel were immensely pleased with the greeting received. Bachrach, who has charge of the boys, is an old friend of W. T. Rawlins, and when the band struck up a lively tune the two swimming enthusiasts did a trot which would have made Vernon Castle look like a soiled two spot.

As the Maui neared the dock the band struck up a welcoming tune, and the swimmers were introduced and reintroduced to Hawaii. When they arrived at the wharf, the party stopped for a minute for a picture and were whisked away in a big Super-Six to their hotels. Gen. Johnson was on hand to do his bit in extending a welcome to the visitors.

The Party

The members of the party who made the trip on the launch to extend their greetings were, Mrs. J. F. Leo, the Misses Kathleen Law, Ruth Stacker, Mid Hawk, Gerd Hiorth, Ruth Seybolt, Miriam Stacker, and W. T. Rawlins, Glenn Jackson, Capt. Johnson, Duke Kahanamoku, Norman Ross, J. F. Leo, Dude Miller, Otto Theiss, Harry Decker, Kanalu Evans, Tom Holstein, Lakela Kaupfko, Howard Hensch, Dan Makenu and Ben Johnson.

The appearance of the three leading swimmers in one meet is the best card of its kind ever booked for Hawaii. With the exception of one other meet, the appearance of the three mermaids with the local swimmers will give Honolulu the right to claim superiority in staging feminine events.

Taking into consideration the fact that the feminine stars will compete in four events, it gives the meet in September recognition as the most important event in the history of feminine swimming. These swimmers, with Olga Dorfner have met once before. That was in the 100-yard national championship.

Best in History

They have not met before in a series of events, and with the 50, 100, 220 and 440 staged, the swimming devotees of Hawaii will have an oppor-

tunity to state that September meet outranks any other in the history of feminine aquatics.

In the recent mile swim held at Neptune Beach, Claire Galligan defeated Dorothy Burns by less than one yard in 33 minutes and 4-5 of a second. This was a new Pacific coast record. Frances Cowells was third. Miss Burns was gaining at the end of the race, and promised to give a good race in the next appearance. It was the first time the Los Angeles girl had appeared in the mile event.

The mermaids will reside at the Pleasanton hotel during their stay in the city. The Chicago trio have quarters at the Seaside hotel. The reception committee gave the visitors a ride around the city this afternoon, visiting the Fall later.

Claire Galligan Holds Records

Miss Galligan in competitions 12-year smashed every existing record in open water from the 440 to the four mile. She recently capped the climax by winning the Metropolitan 100-yard classic in 1:09 2-5. This mark is still shy of Miss Dorfner's record, but only one other swimmer in America has made better time.

Long distance swimming is really Miss Galligan's forte, but her mark in the century is proof that she is to be reckoned upon over any distance. Those who have competed against Miss Galligan say that it is almost a pleasure to lose to her.

The New Rochelle mermaid flashed across the swimming horizon last year when she won the 500-yard championship in 8:05 2-5. She has the distinction of being the first swimmer to leap from the novice class into the first rank in a year's time.

Those who have seen Miss Galligan in action say that she swims with a long, even stroke. In the longer distances she relies upon the trudgeon crawl with a four beat. Miss Galligan is one year younger than Dorothy Burns, and has a similar build, though if anything she is even more slender than the Los Angeles star.

Los Angeles Mermaid

Dorothy Burns, who established new records in Hawaii last February, is the most brilliant girl swimmer Southern California has ever produced. She first attracted attention at Ocean Park, one of the Los Angeles' beaches, where Vance Veith discovered her.

At that time she was using the single overhand stroke, but with so much polish and power that Veith knew that she would be a wonder at the crawl. She acquired the more difficult style in record breaking time, and entered her first race in May, 1912. It was a 50-yard event, and she won easily.

Miss Burns continued to improve and in 1915 was entered in the famous surf race, and to the astonishment of the spectators, defeated Aileen Allen. Miss Allen decided to forsake swimming, and turned to diving, winning the national championship. She came to Honolulu last year with Miss Burns, and proved to be an excellent drawing card in her diving exhibitions.

A Great Finish

Miss Burns has lost but one race, and this was in the San Francisco 100, when she finished third to Olga Dorfner and Claire Galligan. That race may be used as an example of how closely the mermaids were matched in the 100-yard event. Claire Galligan finished in 1:10; Dorothy Burns was third in 1:10 1-5, and Frances Cowells was a close fourth in 1:10 2-5. This race was a sensation, and with the mermaids competing in the 50, 100, 220 and 440, Honolulu is certain to see some excellent finishes.

Miss Burns has recently taken up the back stroke and has been making a big success. She already has made one American record in this event. Dorothy Burns is 5 feet, 9 inches in height and weighs about 117 pounds. She is 19 years old, according to rumor, and she can swim. Miss Galligan and Miss Cowells will be able to testify to that fact.

Been Here Before

Frances Cowells, who recently set a new record for the 880-yard event, is well known to the swimming devotees of Honolulu. She appeared in Honolulu last year and carried off the honors in the various events. Miss Cowells is acknowledged to be the premier swimmer of Northern California.

Gustav Peterson, who was in Honolulu last year, was the first to interest the San Francisco girl in swimming. Following a performance by Margaret Brack, the California mermaid decided that she would take up racing. Miss Cowells won her first race, a 50-yard event. The time was around 28 seconds.

Her ambition was given a big boost when she won from Margaret Brack, who is now Mrs. Ernest Smith. She then met Dorothy Becker, and tied the former record in 33 2-5 seconds. Miss Cowells later established a coast record of 31 2-5 seconds.

In the exposition meet Miss Cowells won the 50, 100, 220 and 500-yard back stroke. She established a new record in the latter event, making the distance in 43 flat. Miss Cowells established new records in the 440 yards at 6:50, and the 500 yards in eight minutes flat.