

# Mainland Mermaids Decide To Make Their Future Home In These Islands

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"Well," said Claire Galligan, the National champion from New York, before she had landed in Honolulu. "I packed my grip and I've come to stay. I've seen enough of your Paradise of the Pacific to insure my liking it and if I can find anything to do I shall surely remain."

This news spread, as news does, and before the young woman had been in Honolulu six hours she had the offer of two or perhaps three positions. Miss Galligan has practically decided to accept an offer from the Pleasanton Hotel. But that's not all. No. Seriously, both Miss Dorothy Burns and Frances Cowells are anxious to remain in our city. Miss Burns is an excellent stenographer and Miss Cowells is capable of handling a switch board and doing bookkeeping and clerical work. Does Honolulu want to keep such talent within her bounds? Is it a dream?

## WELCOME WAS SPECTACULAR

The welcome to the swimmers was a spectacular one, at least, so say the swimmers. Somewhere out in the ocean a large sail canoe manned by swimming enthusiasts from the Outrigger Canoe Club met the Maui and sailed in to the harbor with her. At the quarantine dock a launch with the reception committee, several of the prominent swimmers and Dude Miller's quintette hailed the visitors.

Those who boarded the good ship were: Mrs. L. Fullard Leo, Gerd Hiorth, Ruth Seybolt, Miriam Stacker, Kathleen Law, Mid Hawk, Ruth Stacker, William T. Rawlins, Glenn Jackson, Duke Kahanamoku, Owen Merrick, Bert Hursch, Harry Decker, Norman Ross and Captain Pepin.

The swimmers were then decorated with leis and the usual greetings were exchanged. During the morning a short tour of the city was made. At noon the women swimmers, Norman Ross and Duke Kahanamoku were guests at the Ad Club. Short speeches were made by Miss Galligan, Miss Cowells, Norman Ross, and Duke Kahanamoku, who gave a splendid talk welcoming the visitors and thanking the Ad Club for their courtesy. It was regretted that "Davy" Jones and Abe Siegel were unable to attend, but Mr. Bachrach, their trainer, felt that the boys needed a rest after the trip and a short swim at the beach.

## MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF WAIKIKI

After a ride to the Pali, the swimmers motored to Waikiki and went into ecstasies over the water and sights, including surfing. Miss Galligan took a short swim of about a mile, while Miss Cowells renewed her acquaintance with the surf board.

It was a pleasure to be at Fort De Russy in the afternoon to watch the young stars and upstarts in training. There were stopwatches by the dozen, coaches by the score and spectators—but that's enlarging on it.

The Outrigger Club has established a regular training table and about twenty swimmers are seen every evening at a long table on the Hau tree lanai, headed by "Dad" Center. Mr. Center says this is the on'y way he can "keep an eye on them."

The girls have entered for every event but the novice races. Needless to say none of them are eligible for that distance. This morning will see them in the Palama Settlement tank and the afternoon at the beach.