

CARNIVAL

Relay Race Between Surf Club Team and Marines Is Tentatively Put On Card

Plenty of Events Scheduled; Funds Needed for Bleachers for Westervelt Tank; General Comment on Doings in Sports, Here, There and Everywhere

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What promises to be one of the big events of the month is the big water carnival planned at the Westervelt Tank at the Nuuanu "Y" for the night of August 28. Tentative arrangements have been made for a relay race between an Outrigger Canoe Club team and the Marines team which won the Pearl Harbor meet.

The purpose of the carnival is to raise funds to pay for the bleachers for the Westervelt tank. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents, with 50 cents for reserve seats. The tentative program includes swimming races, tub races, tub tilting, pillow fights, balloon obstacles, candle races, clothes races, fancy diving and plain diving. Some of Oahu's leading talent will participate.

Tickets and reservations may be obtained at the physical department office of the Nuuanu "Y."

The complete program will be announced later. The special committee in charge consists of Mr. R. S. Komenaka, Harry Chang, Clifton Yamamoto, James Shin, Ah You Wong and George Iwasaki. Hiro Morita is handling the detail arrangements.

San Francisco newspapers will persist in making the Outrigger Club swim star part Chinese by spelling it "Marie Chen Wehselau."

Incidentally the detailed report of the exhibition races in England in which the American swimmers competed against the British gives Mariechen Wehselau, island star, a neat pat on the back as follows:

"The best race of the afternoon and the one which caused the most enthusiasm among the small group of American spectators, was the 440-yard team race for women, each competitor swimming 110 yards.

"The first pair, Miss Euphrasia Donnelly of Indianapolis, and Miss Tanner finished their course in a dead heat but Miss Mackenzie soon established a lead for the British swimmers and this was increased by Miss Shand, who swam against Miss Margaret Ravior of Philadelphia.

Miss Grant, Great Britain's last swimmer, had a lead of nearly four yards at the beginning of the final lap and it looked as though she would have a walkaway, but Miss Wehselau just ploughed her way through the water and at half of the distance, had reduced the lead of her opponent to about one yard. The English woman began to tire after this and despite her early exertions, Miss Wehselau gained on her opponent at every stroke and finally won easily."

In that meet Mariechen won the 100 meters in 1:12.2, which is the world record for the distance. It is odd that three girls holds that mark—Ethel Lackie of Chicago and Gertrude Ederle of New York being the other two.

As predicted in these columns some time ago Gertrude Ederle has gone down hill so far as speed swimming is concerned. Like all New York Women's Swimming association stars she has "burned out" quickly. She makes the fourth since the association came into the foreground, the other three being Charlotte Boyle, Ethelda Bleibtrey and Helen Wainwright.

But Ethel Lackie of Chicago is a different proposition. Under the eye of Bill Bachrach she can be expected to be swimming in top form for several years to come, perhaps five, and she and Mariechen will probably divide top honors for some time to come. However here is another little prediction and it is to the effect that eventually Mariechen will hold the world record for not only the 100 meters but the 100 yards open also and that she will be acclaimed the champion woman swimmer of the world by all nations.

Her failure in the blue ribbon event of the Olympic games will not discourage her. She is not the type who stays discouraged.

FIRPO NOT TO BE DEPORTED, REPORT

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—United States District Attorney Hayward has stated that it is unlikely that any steps will be taken to deport Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine boxer, as requested by Canon S. Chase of Brooklyn, as head of the New York Civic League. Canon Chase demanded the deportation of Firpo. "In the interests of clean sports and morals."

Chances are that she cried when she lost at Paris but after she got over her cry her teeth snapped shut and with them was the resolve that Ethel Lackie would never beat her again.

That is why we are more than anxious to hear that Ethel Lackie will swim against Mariechen this week when the island star gives an exhibition at Chicago.

Walter Camp says more than 8,000,000 folk are now doing "The Daily Dozen." There is a pun in that line but you can work it out for yourself.

The eagerness with which Jack Kearns has announced his willingness and that of Jack Dempsey to take on Gene Tunney speaks for itself. Also the champion remarks that he had no idea that Tunney was so good that he could lick Carpentier.

The Utah mauler evidently forgets that the Mr. Carpentier who crawled through the ropes on a certain July day some years ago to be flattened by one J. Harrison Dempsey is not the same Mr. Carpentier who sprawled around in the bout with Gene Tunney. The Utah mauler would have the fans believe that Gene Tunney, in knocking out Carpentier, is in the same class as the champion and hence eligible for a tilt at the crown.

As a matter of fact, Gene Tunney is no more a contender for the crown than Tugi, our 70-year-old Japanese gardner, who waters the plants every morning rain or shine.

Gene is a slow thinker and even in his bout with Carpentier the fact was noticeable. The Frenchman outguessed Tunney during the earlier rounds repeatedly. Georges is getting old and as for being trained for the bout, he was anything but. Kissing race horses and giving parties for neighborhood children is no way to train for a ring bout. Yet, Georges believed he was sufficiently trained for his mill when he entered the ring. It took Tunney more than 10 rounds to convince the Frenchman otherwise. Dempsey would have finished the Carpentier who fought Tunney in about half a round, probably with one punch.

And the readiness of Messrs. Kearns and Dempsey to match up with Tunney should be evidence enough that they figure him easy pickings. Tunney, however, labors under the queer belief that he will be another Corbett knocking the Sullivan out of Dempsey.

Sure and we are all permitted our dreams!

Pat Donoghue, son of Steve Donoghue, rode his first race in England recently and finished fifth. If there is anything in this "like father, like son" business Pat should be star jockey from now on.

Johnny Weissmuller swam 100 meters a day or two ago in :58.1, thereby setting a new world record. Johnny has done 100 yards in a tank in :51.4. These are the fastest times ever made in these two distances.

It makes one question the future. When will the limit be reached? Nobody will ever swim 100 meters or 100 yards in one second. That's impossible. When, then, 10 seconds is also impossible. So is 20 seconds. And so is 30 seconds. How about 40 seconds? That still sounds impossible. How about 50 seconds? It seems possible because Weissmuller has made 100 yards in just under 52 seconds.

Yet there are men in this town today who will remember when the world record was broken here by Sid Cavell, who did the 100 yards in the remarkable time of one minute flat. With what lifting of eyebrows the news was received on the mainland. In fact that was the beginning of the long period of doubt entertained by the mainland in regard to all times made in Hawaii.

And today not only the 100 yards but the 100 meters (110 yards) have been made under one minute and it is our belief that before long swimmers will have done the 100 yards in :50 and the 100 metres in :57.

Weissmuller has not yet reached his greatest moment. He will reach it next year provided there is a competitor to push him in the sprints. If that competitor comes forth next year there will be a lowering of the sprint records, but if there is none it is likely that Weissmuller may be the man to push some other new star to new records in a few years rather than be the man to take them.