



HOO MALIMALI

"Kid 'em along"
By RED McQUEEN

MRS. LEO OUTLINES HISTORY OF A.A.U.

THIS BEING Lei Day, pay day and Hoomalimali amateur day, Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, secretary-treasurer of the A.A.U., in a festive mood, avails herself of the opportunity to outline the history of the Hawaiian Association and get a flock of pet peeves off her chest, including several wide-open shots at yours truly... Mrs. Leo has no regard for our space but by robbing a few inches from the University of Hawaii Rainbow Relays today, the Hawaii League opening and a few other things, it is possible to give her the full run of the page... Mrs. Leo, the sheet is yours!

Dear Mr. McQueen:

In view of the fact that the work of the Hawaiian Association of the A.A.U. is of sufficient interest to the community to warrant the introduction of several bills in the present legislature affecting its future service, it seems timely that an outline of its history be given and with your kind permission, I shall endeavour to do so. In a recent publication entitled "Recreation in Hawaii" the following article appears:

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HAWAIIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

By E. FULLARD-LEO, Secretary-Treasurer

"The Hawaiian Association together with thirty-eight others scattered throughout the United States, form the Amateur Athletic Union, largest sports-governing body in the world and claiming jurisdiction over sixteen branches of athletics.

"One of its main objects is 'The promotion of the civic interests of the nation by the country-wide education of all classes of individuals in the benefits, physically, morally and mentally, to be derived from participation in athletics and wholesome recreational sports and the dedication of all our efforts to the attainment of this desired end.' Twenty-five years ago, athletic problems in Hawaii brought local clubs to seek affiliation with this Union 'To help make the athletics of Hawaii clean and rules more uniform and to eliminate professionalism from the amateur ranks.'

"On January 16, 1911, an organizing meeting was held in the law offices of Mr. Lorrin Andrews and the executive committee elected pro tem, consisted of Lorrin Andrews, J. F. Soper and A. H. Tarleton. Their first four activities were on significant days. The Coronation Day sports on June 22; advocating a sane Fourth, they conducted the sports on July 4, 1911, when, too, the first track meet was sanctioned and held on Kaula.

"Their first swimming meet was held on 'Admission Day,' August 12, when Duke Kahanamoku established not only local but American and world's records in the 50 and 100 yards freestyle and started on a remarkable career that still is a credit to Hawaii. The first annual meeting in September, 1911, was attended by delegates from the following clubs: Palama, Healan, Y.M.C.A., Hui Nalu, Myrtle Grammar School League, Outriggers, Hawaii Football Association, Punene A. C., Trail and Mountain, Kaula A. C.

"Since that time it has attained a membership of thirty-five clubs. During its twenty-five years it has, through its champion athletes, afforded Hawaii a measure and quality of advertising in foreign countries that could not be secured by the Tourist Bureau at \$100,000. Apart from tours of the United States by individuals and teams, thirty-five outstanding athletes have at different times competed as guests in Pacific countries.

"In return this Association has entertained fifteen foreign athletes in competition here as well as travelling and Olympic teams passing through this port, thus serving as a valuable link in the great world-wide chain of friendship and good will symbolized by the Olympic Circle. This Association aims at all times to cooperate with any agency that serves the welfare of our youth. In its own line—that of physical culture, the playground is its kindergarten—it helps the athlete to find his event, then jealously guards and protects him on the road to his highest achievement in the athletic world—that of Olympic champion. In this class Hawaii has produced three with a dozen close seconds and a score of American and world record holders.

"At the present time the Association is in a healthier position than at any time of its history in that the great industrial bodies, the plantations, have recognized its worthy objects and are affiliating, and with their complete recreation facilities are unearthing dormant latent talent that at any meet may prove another Kahanamoku, a Paddock or a Dempsey. By according the A.A.U. and its kindred organizations the support they deserve, Hawaii will greatly reduce its juvenile delinquency."

THIRTY-TWO CLUBS IN ASSOCIATION

THIS Association consists of territory originally taken from the Pacific Association and includes the five islands of Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Hawaii and Kaula. For twenty-six years the other islands had been urged but only spasmodically entered competition and only since the beginning of this year has active affiliation been effected by Lanai, Maui and Kaula, in a manner most encouraging. At present the Association is composed of thirty-two clubs—29 on this island. The Lanai A. C., Alexander House Settlement, embracing some forty clubs on Maui, and the Kaula Athletic Union with eighteen members. Its Board of Managers consists of one voting delegate from each member club, augmented by delegates-at-large who are elected by virtue of their service in behalf of amateur athletics. These men are—A. K. Fawcison, vice president; T. F. Trent, chairman, registration committee; E. C. Corn, boxing chairman; Dr. Arthur Duryea, medical officer; Geo. McLane, gymnastic chairman; Reed Detton, wrestling chairman. Also permitted by law and deemed advisable, is the appointment of an athletic commissioner on each of the six islands, who through his interest and service, has membership on the board. These 44 members are drawn from the public as follows—30 professional physical directors, four newspapermen, one army captain, one medical doctor, one school teacher, one lawyer, one high school student, one housewife, 11 athletically-minded working people, one delegate missing from the Outrigger and two commissioners already delegates, account for the 44. It is further interesting to note that of the 32 affiliated clubs, 20 have equipped plants with salaried directors. A larger ratio, I do believe, than exists in any of the 38 Mainland associations. In addition, we enjoy natural swimming facilities every day in the year and a climate from which could be drawn a season for every branch of sport from skiing to horse-shoe pitching. With such representative management, the finest galaxy of physical material the writer has ever seen and our ideal climatic conditions, this should indeed be the athlete's paradise. Neither does this summary include several Plantations and, excepting Roosevelt high, our many public and private schools with further equipment and talent, nor our University—the one organization that by virtue of its ideals and government patronage should lead in cooperation but which prefers to be an athletic outlaw.

A GOVERNING, NOT ORGANIZING BODY

THE A.A.U. is not an organizing body but essentially a governing body. Its member clubs are expected to develop and train athletes, conduct meets or render some service for the good of the cause athletic—under the guidance and supervision of the parent body. It has neither facilities nor means to stage meets unless supported by its clubs or the public. Its net income is derived from the following sources: 20c per year from each registered athlete, 1937 app.ox, \$140; \$5 per year from each affiliated club, 1937 so far, \$160; sanction fees from meets where admission is charged, \$60; such profits as may be made at championship meets by its committees, 1937 amateur boxing season, \$270; total, \$630. As against this the Association is obligated for championship prizes, so far this year, \$85; office rent, \$140; printing, postage, office supplies, \$92; secretary's salary, \$300; total, \$617.

This approximate budget shows how vital it is to stage some meet with a "gate" and why many cities place public halls and fields at the disposal of their Associations.

WHEW! IS MY FACE RED

MUCH unjustified criticism has been hurled at the A.A.U. mostly through ignorance of its objects, rules and obligations. Individual petty grievances and ambitions are played up by a writer who must fill a column and a so-called "war" is on. How much more instructive, were the athlete to find his sporting page devoted to club activities training points, comparative performances and encouragement now and then by way of his paper sponsoring a meet. Some years ago Lorrin A. Thurston had The Advertiser do exactly that when:

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