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By DON WATSON

The Star-Bulletin's annual Memorial Day swimming meet will be staged on May 30 again this year. . . .

The place where the meet will be held and the time of day will be announced shortly. . . . The swims, one mile open for men, one mile junior for men and half mile for women, cannot be held at the War Memorial natatorium and will have to be staged in a shorter pool. . . . For that reason the records cannot be broken, as they were made in the long pool. . . .

Theodore (Pump) Searle, president of the Hawaiian AAU, Bobby Rath, chairman of the AAU swimming committee, and Charles McBride, in charge of recreation for the USED, are working with The Star-Bulletin AA committee in arranging for the event. . . .

It is planned to make the program much bigger than in the past. In addition to the three blue ribbon events, in which medals are awarded by The Star-Bulletin, there will be other swims. . . .

It has been suggested that some shorter races be staged, and that one be for defense workers and another for service men. . . . In addition there might be a water polo game and local girl swimmers will probably put on one of their exhibitions. . . . We also hear there is a comedy diver and swimmer here who has performed with Harold (Stubby) Kruger on the mainland. . . . The added events on the program can be announced shortly, which will give the mermen and mermaids a chance to go ahead with their training. . . .

STARTED IN 1925

The annual Star-Bulletin Memorial Day swims were started in 1925 and this year will be the 18th program. . . . They were held in the Ala Wai, then called the Waikiki canal, for several years and were then shifted to the War Memorial Natatorium. . . . The first mile open race was won by A. E. (Toots) Minvielle Jr. who covered the distance in 25 minutes 28 seconds. . . . He swam for the Outrigger Canoe club. . . . George Harris Jr. of Hui Nalu finished 10 yards behind Minvielle, while K. Makinney of the Outrigger club placed third. . . .

Gay Harris of the Outrigger club was fourth and Johnny Wobdd, whom swam for the Central Y, placed fifth. . . . About 2,000 persons lined the banks of the canal. . . . L. Fullard-Leo was referee, W. A. Anderson the announcer and Arthur K. Powlison the starter. . . . Other officials were P. G. H. Deverill, George D. (Dad) Center, Lt. Cmdr. L. F. Reifsnider, Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, Ralph J. Borden and Victor Ligda. . . . The time of the swim was set at high tide so that swimmers would not be hindered or helped by the movement of the water. . . .

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Several years after the swims were moved to the natatorium the Hawaiian Association of the AAU recognized the three races as Hawaiian AAU outdoor championship events. . . . This year, of course, the races cannot be called title events. . . . A number of the topnotch swimmers of the territory, who reside on Maui, will not be able to compete as they have in past years. . . . However, it gives a chance for up and coming swimmers to break into the limelight. . . .



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Waimanalo Bouts Set

Defense workers and men in the armed forces near Waimanalo as well as plantation personnel are assured of action Sunday when boxers of the Catholic Youth Organization stage the third smoker of their tournament at the Waimanalo plantation gym.

Ten bouts have been lined up with the first scrap listed to go on at 4.

The bouts are held under the auspices of the Hawaiian Constructors, USED.

Louis (Ding Dong) Bell, classy naval air station battler will meet Willy Vega in the main event instead of Bill Parvin as the latter is sick. The pair met a week ago Wednesday with Bell copping an unpopular verdict. Vega had the navy welterweight on the floor in the second round.

The semifinal will show Victor Saggang, one of the most promising featherweights in the tourney, meeting Danny Borero. Borero is a topnotch battler, losing only one scrap last year and that to Champion Yasu Yasutake in the semifinals.

Reyes to Fight

Bobby Reyes, who fought for many years under Palama A. C. colors and until last week was stationed with the army at Waimanalo, will appear on the card. Reyes is a bantamweight.

Jackie Wright, head coach of the CYO team and William Kim, manager, announced that ring seconds for the bouts will be Jose Mercado, Bobby Wright, Estong Anoran, Dado Marino, Henry Oshiro and Arthur Kawaoka.

Handling the arrangements for the smoker are Charles McBride, recreation director for the Hawaiian Constructors, USED; George Bennett, Waimanalo plantation manager, and Adam Ornelles, CYO general director.

Following the bouts the boxers will be guests at dinner.

Serio Mendoza On Fight Card

Fort Shafter's standout featherweight Fil fighter, Serio Mendoza, makes his third pro appearance at the Civic auditorium ring Sunday afternoon, April 19.

The former California main eventer squares off against Don Ponce in a four round bout.

If the classy Shafter boy disposes of Don like he did Kid Waianae in his last bout, Serio will in all probability get a main event shot soon.

Clever Henry meets Herman (Dutchy) Kaakua in the welterweight main event bout. This scrap will go eight instead of 10 rounds, as originally announced.

Makes Pro Debut

Joe Sanchez, ex-CYO and Wai-pahu amateur bantam star, makes his pro debut against Kid Rustia in a four rounder.

Other four round bouts lined up show a Schofield welter, Gene Goloto, taking on Kid Ramey; Charley Goff meets Caesar Farrel and Verne