

Amateur Athletics



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(Note: Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo is on her way to the Olympic Games in Finland. Her observations and comments will appear from time to time in The Advertiser in this column.)

Have you ever found yourself humming a tune and then hear it being whistled blocks away? All of which leads us to Mr. McQueen's Hoomalimali column of June 20th anent a Swimming Hall of Fame for Hawaii. After visiting that wonderful athletic shrine—The Helm's Foundation in Los Angeles last December, we tried to describe this place and its functions and suggested in this column from New Zealand, February 9th, that Hawaii create its own athletic hall of fame, recommending a modest start in a room loaned by the Mayor or the University. On April 20, we learnt that the Honolulu Quarterbacks actually had a **building Fund**.

Outrigger Canoe Club gets an idea; Stubby Kruger sends an idea. Ain't it wonderful how great minds work together?!!

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Now just what would the Quarterbacks plan with a building fund? We immediately dream up an artistic, compact, durable construction in appropriately land-scaped grounds with ample facilities for parking to serve Honolulu like the Sports Club on Hunter Street, which serves not only Sydney but all New South Wales. It works this way—any organized club that lives up to the required conditions, may rent an office or desk space. Board rooms for large meetings. A central office will take telephone messages for clubs that do not employ a full-time secretary. In time a lounge, cafeteria, swim pool, etc., This would be the logical building to house our proposed athletic shrine.

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As for names of persons to shine in this place of honor, that could wait but if nominations are in order now, we beg to submit—DUKE, George Freeth and then every other Hawaii athlete who won a point for United States at an Olympiad.

Outrigger's Aquatic Hall of Fame is a splendid idea but presumably limited to its own members and since there have been no Outrigger swimmers for lo, these many years, the list might soon resemble an "In Memoriam" plaque.

We are flattered to be called

upon to lend assistance to further this idea and have already asked Bill Schroeder of the Helm's Athletic Foundation here in Los Angeles to send a copy of his interesting brochure to Red McQueen and to Joe Anzivino, president of the Quarterbacks.

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In the matter of selecting our AAU official swimming team to the final Olympic trials, we were surprised to be accosted by a father who claimed that we personally ruled against his daughter. So—all interested, please be advised of the procedure followed in selecting our team. While the national entry form states that any United States citizen is entitled to enter the trials, Olympic officials at the AAU convention in Florida last December decided that in order not to "flood" or make the trials unwieldy with many slow swimmers, a time limit would be sent to Association officials with the recommendation that it be followed in selecting their official teams.

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At the Olympic Games each country is allowed only three entries in any one event so naturally United States would select its three best with a possible fourth as alternate (funds permitting).

As a vice-chairman of the national swimming committee and Hawaii's delegate on the Olympic Committee, we were given these precious figures and published them in this column just before our trials. These times were those of the fifth place winners of the 1948 Games in London. They were handed to our Swimming Committee and its six members also compared the time of each place winner with those of the eight finalists of the last outdoor championships.

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