CASTLE SWIM TEAM TO BE REVIVED?

In talking about swimming, Barry mentioned that there is a possibility of getting the Castle Swimming Meet going again. For many, many years it was held on Thanksgiving day and sponsored by the Club. Men contestants swam the mile from the Castle home (later the Elks Club) to the Club. The wahines swam the half mile or so from Public Baths (about where the Aquarium is now) to the Club.

I didn't have time to find when the first meet was held because it isn't catalogued at the Library, which would have meant going through that many newspapers. However, I did find out that our own director, Mariechen Webselau Jackson, won the gals' race in 1922, 1923 and 1924. In 1923 Helen Moses Cassidy, her still good friend, was second and lanice Lovett third

For the men, the 1924, '29 and '32 races were won by Toots Minvielle. At that time he was a resident of Molokai. For him to win these races was an amazing thing to me, because all I've ever heard about Molokai is that it has "no more water." In 1934 Toots came in second. The winner was Henry Sakamoto of 40 & 8. Olga Clark took the wahines' race in 1934 and Mildred Slaght was second.

So you see what happens when Barry merely mentions that they might get the Castle Swim going again? I get carried away.

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