

OCC THANKSGIVING, CASTLE, OPEN-WATER SWIMS

Tradition is the source of *esprit de club*. The Thanksgiving Day Swims hosted by the OCC have added to the indestructibility, and spiritual part of the Club. The tradition and *spirit* helps to make the OCC live forever. They sustain the Club at its present site and will uphold it when it arrives at its new location—somewhere on Waikiki Beach.

The November Swims were started in 1917; a silent period, 1918-1921; revived in 1922 and continued to and including 1936; and resuscitated for a year in 1945. In 1952, promises for another revival of the Great Swim Program, failed; but, in 1953, under the inspirational leadership of "Toots" Minvielle, the Thanksgiving Day and Castle Swims re-started and are still alive this year.

A TRADITION PERPETUATED

Thousands of OCC-ers helped to create and continue this wonderful tradition and *esprit de club* of the Thanksgiving-Castle Swims. Among them are Chester Swan, Dad Center, Duke Kahanamoku, Josephine Hopkins, Mariechen Wehslau, Alec R. Tulloch, H. Makinney, Bob Askew, Bouldin Burbank, Pauline Laird, Albert E. Minvielle, K. Makinney, Benton Wood, Leilehua Judd, Gay Harris, Bill Harris, Janice Lovett, Edric Cook, Hans Bahr, Beatrice Newport, Buster Crabbe, Billy Newport, Sam Fuller, Cliff Gessler, Alice Mitchell, Kenneth Wood, Mildred Slaght, Lillie Bowmer May, Wilbur Craw, Lorena Hines, Olga Clarke, Gladys Slaght, David Harvey, Dot Hammond, Jack May, Jimmie Hurd, Bob McWayne, Harold Sexton, the Hollingers, Georgiana Cooper, D. Pope, Betty Stevenson, Ian Kinnear, Blaine Boyden, Jane Wiley, Butch Hemmings, Cynthia Hemmings, Bill Danford, and hundreds of others.