

# MARICHEN WEHSELAU TO WRITE SERIES OF INSTRUCTIVE SWIMMING ARTICLES FOR THE READERS OF THE ADVERTISER

**T**HE ADVERTISER has a real treat in store for the girls of Honolulu who are interested in swimming, and most girls are.

Marichen Wehse lau, Honolulu's champion woman swimmer, holder of the Hawaiian and American record for the 100 yards free style, has agreed to write a series of instructive articles for the ADVERTISER on swimming. She will discuss the subject informally and from the standpoint of a champion. What she has to say should prove of inestimable value to all girls who want to learn how to swim, and others who seek to improve their style and increase their speed.

Miss Wehse lau earned her swimming laurels by down right hard work. She trained faithfully for competitive events and she achieved success only through her own efforts aided of course by careful coaching from men like Dan Center, of Honolulu, and L. de B. Handley, of New York, who was in charge of the swimmers during the Olympic games and who is recognized as one of the foremost coaches in the country.

## HER LATEST ACHIEVEMENT

Miss Wehse lau last October defeated Miss Eleanor Garatti the champion women swimmer of the Coast who holds the 50-yard women's A. A. U. championship, winning three events from the coast mermaid including the 50-yard free-style, which is supposed to be Miss Garatti's best distance.

In consenting to write these articles for The Advertiser, Miss Wehse lau has notified the Registration Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union that she is to receive no remuneration for her services, so that her amateur status cannot in any way be impaired, but is doing this simply to help

boost the sport in Honolulu especial-



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ly among the swimmers of her own sex.

Miss Wehse lau's letter to the Registration Committee follows:  
January 7, 1936.

Chairman,  
Registration Committee.

Hawaiian Assn. A. A. U.,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Peet of The Advertiser seems very sincere in trying to promote more swimming and has asked me to help him. Talking it over with Mrs. Leo, she has encouraged me and I am glad to know that what little I may do in the way of giving hints to beginners will be of help. I have, therefore, offered to write a series of articles for The Advertiser not only to help them but do so in a spirit of recognition of what the A. A. U. has done in the past to bring many of us out and to help you create your future champions when we will be forced back.

I have not been offered any remuneration nor do I seek any but to safe-guard my status and enable you to reply to any enquiries that may be made wish you to kindly pass upon this letter as asking permission to help the press.

I enclose copy of letter to The Advertiser and await your favorable action.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

MARIECHEN WEHSELAU.

TO START WEDNESDAY.

Miss Wehse lau's swimming articles will start Wednesday morning in The Advertiser and will be carried as news features twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday. She is going to talk to the girls in her own language, to give them the benefit of her advice and to help them in any way she possibly can.

Many of her articles will recount her own struggles in mastering the various tricks of tank swimming, the best method in making turns, starting, when to spurt, how to breathe correctly, proper train-

ing methods, and the entire series will prove one of the most interesting ever published in any newspaper.

Miss Wehse lau today is known throughout the world. She has demonstrated her class at the Olympic games, in the United States, and in Australia. She is as modest and unassuming as she is clever in her great accomplishment, and she agrees that what she has done other girls can do, especially girls who live in Honolulu with the Pacific Ocean as a playground.

In reply to The Advertiser's request for these articles Miss Wehse lau writes:

January 7.

Sporting Editor.

"Honolulu Advertiser,"  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:

I am indeed glad to hear of your paper's renewed interest in promoting swimming and feel that so long as you consider this one of Hawaii's premier sports it will remain so and the public will remain well posted on the subject.

Your suggestion that I help by writing something is accepted as a compliment and as a mark of appreciation of the support given our last Olympic team by the good people of Honolulu, I shall be glad to contribute a series of articles that may be helpful to beginners.

Please have it thoroughly understood, however, that I am an amateur athlete, and that whatever I do to help you and swimming will be done out of my sincere interest in the game and not for any compensation. To insure my status, I am notifying the local Association of the A. A. U. of my proffered help and hope it may encourage other athletes to join in your good work and bring out new talent that will keep Hawaii's name before the swimming world.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mariechen Wehse lau.