

Big Drive Ends Today When the Sum Needed Is Sure To Be Subscribed

Miss Wehslau Plans to Sail Wednesday—May Go
Direct to Florida, to Taper Off In
Her Training

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THE Mariechen Wehslau fund is still shy. The entire amount needed to send Hawaii's champion swimmer to the National Women's events in St. Augustine, Florida, has not been subscribed, but the drive closes tonight at 6 o'clock, and The Advertiser believes that when final returns are in, the amount estimated, \$1,150, will have been collected.

So sure were we of this that Mariechen was notified on Saturday to prepare to sail for the Coast Wednesday, and she is making her plans accordingly.

But a final, last minute appeal is made herewith so that the fund can go over the top if possible, as the amount estimated covers just the bare expenses of the trip and does not provide for emergencies such as sickness, accidents, or the like.

MAY SWIM ON COAST

Miss Wehslau has been invited to compete in San Francisco either before or after she swims in St. Augustine. She has been promised a percentage of the receipts to go towards her Florida trip expenses, but THE ADVERTISER is unwilling to take chances. We are not counting our chickens before they are hatched. We want to be prepared to furnish the full amount the trip will entail and not figure on the San Francisco exhibition.

It has been suggested by leading coaches here that Miss Wehslau lose no time in reaching her destination in Florida, so that she may taper off in her training where the championship events are to be held and thus in a measure, become acclimated.

When Johnny Weismuller and other champion swimmers compete for a title event they go direct to the scene of activities and round out their training there, but accept invitations for exhibitions en route home, and it is believed that Miss Wehslau will pursue the same course.

The local champion is elated at the opportunity to clash in championship events once more. She posed for pictures at Palama tank yesterday and swam the length of the pool several times. She appears to be in fine condition physically, in fact she never allows herself to get out of condition, all of which speaks volumes for her success in the Florida championships.

OUT TO WIN

"I am going to do my level best

Local Swim Committee to Meet Today

Chairman Victor Lidga of the Swimming Committee of the Hawaiian Chapter of the A. A. U. has called a meeting for 12 o'clock at noon today. Business of importance is up for consideration and action. Every member of the committee has been urged to be present.

to win down in Florida," she told me in all modesty. "Of course I know that I will be up against some real competition, but that's what counts, for if I am able to win, it will mean something to me and to Hawaii."

THE ADVERTISER'S appeal for public support and the ready response with which the citizens of this community met the appeal, was the one absorbing topic yesterday, and has been endorsed on all sides.

Judge William T. Rawlins, president of the Hawaiian A. A. U., who has been confined to his bed by illness during the past week, complimented THE ADVERTISER upon its enterprise in throwing open its news columns to the fund. He feels that Miss Wehslau should be given the opportunity to compete in the Women's National Championships and also feels that she will compete with credit.

Today is the final day of the drive, friends. The fund is still short, so hand in any contributions by cash or check to the treasurer of THE ADVERTISER by 6 o'clock this evening.

Let's put it over big.