

W. T. Rawlins Pioneer In Developing Swimming

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became president of the local branch of the national Amateur Athletic Association in 1912, retaining that office until 1919.

Took Duke On Tour

In 1913, 1914 and 1915 Rawlins organized Hawaiian swimming teams which he took to A. A. U. swimming meets in San Francisco. The teams won all championships up to 220 yards, except the relay race in 1915, which race was decided against the Hawaiian team, although the finish was so close that the decision was questioned by many who saw the race.

In 1916 Rawlins took Duke on a tour of the United States, the latter participating in A. A. U. meets at Pittsburgh, New York, New Haven, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis and San Francisco, maintaining his supremacy as a sprinter at every meet.

Rawlins has promoted and been an integral part of the swimming game for the past 12 years. He "knows what he is talking about" when he says that the Punahou tank is "The Finest Swimming Tank in the World."

It is such public spirited volunteer work as that rendered by William T. Rawlins that has put Hawaii where it is today in the swimming world. Like service in the future on the part of those who believe that Hawaii can be made the "Swimming Center of the world" will accomplish that purpose.