

MARIECHEN WEHSELAU IS NOT GOING AWAY

There was considerable consternation in swimming circles last week when the rumor passed the rounds that Mariechen Wehselau, champion swimmer of Hawaii, was going away to the mainland for good. The story was that Mariechen's folks had decided to move to the mainland and that the little star was going along. It looked like a sad day for the islands to lose such a world beater.

"No. I'm not going away at all," declared Mariechen in reply to the rumor.

"I'll tell you how it happened. We all asked 'Dad' Center to get us fancy bathing caps and 'Dad' said plain caps were better. So I told him that I was going away to Texas, just fooling, and 'Dad' thought I was serious," she explained.

"No, this is my home, and I'm going to stay here, so far as I know, for good except perhaps to go to the Olympic games in 1924, if the chance presents itself," she added.