

Learn To Swim

LEARNERS IN COMPETITION

Results of Campaign Illustrated

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF GILBERTON CLUB

Boys and girls who had learnt to swim only in the last fortnight competed at the carnival arranged to mark the closing of "The Advertiser" Learn-To-Swim Campaign at the Gilberton Amateur Swimming Club's reserve in the River Torrens on Saturday afternoon. Most of the races were for those still attending school.

Two State championships were included in the programme, and in each—the girls under 16 and the public schoolboys—the championship title changed hands. A State record was established by Miss M. Fry, of the Rosewater club, in the girls under 16 100 yards State championship.

Coincident with the carnival the 21st anniversary of the Gilberton club was celebrated. Before the president of the South Australian Amateur Swimming Association (Mr. H. E. Irving)—who is also chairman of the executive committee of the Learn-To-Swim Campaign—opened the carnival, a memorial archway erected at the entrance to the club was unveiled. Built of river stone, with money collected by public subscription, the archway commemorates the foundation of the Gilberton club by Mr. Percy Jervis.

At the conclusion of the carnival, the News Editor of "The Advertiser" presented Miss R. Craper and J. Doyle with the cups given by Advertiser Newspapers Ltd. for winning the learners' races. He also presented L. Schenk, of the Ethelton club team with "The Advertiser" Shield, won by the Ethelton club in the 300 yards men's free style teams' championship of South Australia. That race was contested in January at the Crystal Pool, Unley.

Original Minutes Sealed In Arch

After having read a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the club was founded the secretary (Mr. F. J. Broomfield) assisted the treasurer (Mr. Frith) in sealing them in a bottle, and then cementing the bottle in a crevice on top of the archway. The acting chairman of the Walkerville District Council (Mr. H. Gill Williams), who is also a vice-president of the club, had charge of the official opening of the arch. After having handed framed copies of the minutes to Mr. Jervis and Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Gill Williams called on Mr. Jervis to speak.

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In declaring the carnival open, Mr. Irving said that this year's Learn-To-Swim Campaign had been more successful than the 1935 movement. He congratulated the Gilberton club on being one of the most progressive clubs in the metropolitan area.

The patron of the club (Mr. W. A. Sneyd) opened the arch by severing the centrepiece of a huge paper replica of the club badge. Mr. Percy Jervis was the first person to pass through the archway.

Ability Of Beginners

The most interesting events of the day were the two races for the boys and girls who had learnt to swim during the Learn-to-Swim Campaign. In the boys' event two heats were necessary, and in the girls' race three heats, before the finals could be swum. Spectators gave the beginners an ovation for their creditable efforts. The races were a graphic illustration of the remarkable progress made during the movement.

It could be seen that in some cases the beginners had developed the foot action almost perfectly—the most difficult movement in the crawl stroke—and although they were only "dog paddling" a little practice is all that is necessary for the learners to bring their arms out of the water.

Although the course was watched closely by other swimmers while those races were in progress, one girl, J. Kernke, got into difficulties at the start of the second heat. She had drawn the outside lane in the deepest part of the river, and in the start fell flat on the water. She did not lose her confidence and tried to swim along. Realising that she was in serious trouble, Mr. R. J. Dillway the association handicapper, dived fully clothed to her rescue.

State Record Broken

The closest race of the day was the 100 yards championship of South Australia, for girls under 16 years. There were four starters, and, judged by her past performances, Miss N. Davies, of Victor Harbour, was named as the likely winner.

All four left the board together, and at the first turn (50 yards) little more than a yard separated them. Miss Davies had a slight advantage, and the winner, Miss M. Fry, of the Rosewater Club, was a little distance behind the others.

At 75 yards Miss Fry challenged the others, and, maintaining a good pace, went to the front. She won by a touch from Miss P. Mesecke, of Solomontown, with Miss Davies third.

Miss Fry's time, 1 min. 19 3-5 sec., lowered the previous record established last season by 5 2-5 seconds.

Christopher Schoolboy Champion

Five heats were necessary in the 100 yard public schoolboys' championship of South Australia. D. Christopher, of Walkerville, swam impressively in the fourth heat to win in 1 min. 22 sec. That heat was the fastest. Christopher won the final in 1 min. 18 sec.

Following his recent success in an open handicap event, E. Long, the one-legged swimmer of the Crystal Pool Club, scored another win in the 50 yards men's open free style handicap event. He defeated E. Rouse (Gilberton) into second place in 31

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100 Yards Public Schoolboys' Championship (under 14).—First heat—C. Perry, H. Bulling; time, 1.22 2-5. Second heat—R. Herriman, R. Hoffman; time, 1.24 3-5. Third heat—R. Ellis, J. Baggott; time, 1.29 4-5. Fourth heat—D. Christopher, R. Williams; time, 1.22. Fifth heat—S. Penberthy, L. McCauley; time, 1.30.

Final—Christopher, Penberthy, Herriman; time, 1 min. 18 sec.

50 Yards Schoolgirls' Handicap (under 16).—D. Fitzgerald, L. Stanway (hdcp. 7), dead heat, K. Williams (4); time, 40 sec.

25 Yards Boys' Paddle.—First heat—T. Griggs, A. Roberts; time, 54 sec. Second heat—J. Doyle, M. Murphy; time, 42 sec.

Final—Doyle, Griggs, Roberts; time, 45 sec.

50 Yards Men's Open Handicap.—First heat—W. Bridgland (2), H. Simpson (4); time, 27 4-5 sec. Second heat—B. Chisholm (2), S. Burch (3); time, 27 sec. Third heat—R. Ingram (1), J. Hastwell (3); time, 26 3-5 sec. Fourth heat—E. Rouse (2), R. Lush (5); time, 26 3-5 sec. Fifth heat—E. Long (6), R. Malone (3); time, 32 sec.

Final—Long, Rouse; time, 31 sec.

100 Yards Girls Under 16 Championship of South Australia.—M. Fry (Rowwater), P. Meschke (Solomontown), N. Davis (Victor Harbour); time, 1.19 3-5 sec.

Men's Invitation Handicap (100 yards).—L. Schenk (1), D. Aitchison (5); time, 61 1-5 sec.

50 Yards Schoolboys' Handicap.—First heat—R. Brideson (6), R. Williams (8); time, 43 sec. Second heat—D. Aitchison (scr.), D. Drewer (5); time, 28 4-5 sec. Third heat—L. McCauley, T. Hill (6); time, 39 1-5 sec.

Fourth heat—J. Shields (6), O. Siddall (5); time, 29 1-5 sec. Final—Siddall, Aitchison; time, 33 1-5 sec.

35 Yards Dog Paddle (girls).—First heat—R. Craper, J. Read; time, 50 sec. Second heat—P. Flavell, M. Jones; time, 50 sec. Third heat—R. Skewes, B. Halliday; time, 55 sec.

Final—Craper, Skewes; time, 33 sec.

Penny Diving.—T. Herriman (hdcp. 10 points), 70.3, J. Combe (scr.), 62.8, C. Kallousche (15), 60.1.

MOONTA.—In connection with "The Advertiser" Learn-to-Swim Campaign, about 275 children and adults received instruction at Moonita Bay, and 130 became eligible for certificates. The instructors were Messrs. W. Davis, G. Chapman, Russel Gregory, Charlie Evans, Jim Simmonds, I. Bowden, C. Goldsworthy, L. Goetzecke, and K. Beardsdale, and Misses Muriel Hill and Beth Major.

PETERBOROUGH.—The Learn-to-Swim Week, sponsored by "The Advertiser," was concluded at the Peterborough swimming pool, and was successful in every way. The first campaign of this kind was conducted three years ago, with Mr. H. H. E. (Boss) Williams in charge, and acting in the interests of the local amateur swimming club. Mr. Williams has been responsible for the production of many fine swimmers. Mr. F. Briggs, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., took full charge of this year's learn-to-swim, and he was assisted by Messrs. Eric Nelson, Jack Chapman, Les Linchfield, Herb Beese, Miss Pat Lewis, and the school teachers, Messrs. Peiberrick and Bees, and Miss Harvie. It is estimated that 60 children of both sexes have mastered the art of swimming during the week's campaign.