



## AMERICA'S DOROTHY POYNTON HILL

Dorothy Poynton Hill set the standard from beauty and grace in women's diving. She was the first athlete to win a medal in three consecutive Olympic Games, with a silver medal in 1928 (springboard); 1932 gold (platform); 1936 gold (platform), bronze (springboard).

She was just thirteen years old when she won her first Olympic medal in 1928. She won gold in 1932, despite the fact that she had dislocated three ribs in a practice dive from the 33 foot tower the day before the final events were scheduled.

By 1936 Dorothy was married and part of Hollywood's

social set. Many experts publicly predicted that she was "Over the Hill" and would not even make the Olympic Team. Just as publicly she demanded apologies, which were meekly issued after her performances in Berlin.

Dorothy was the star of the first "National Swimming and Diving Team," a troop of internationally famous swimmers and divers that toured the United States and Canada in 1936 - 1937 and paved the way for Eleanor Holm and the Water Follies of 1937. She continued performing in aquatic shows through the 1950's.