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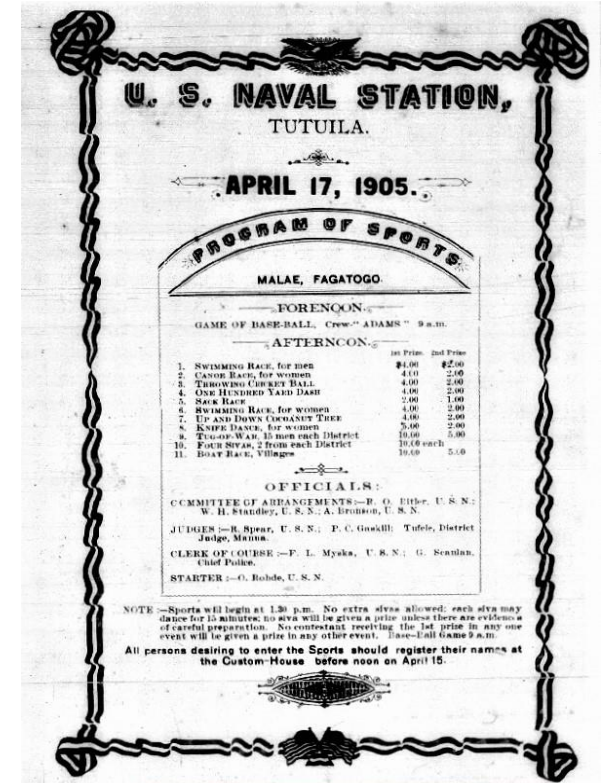
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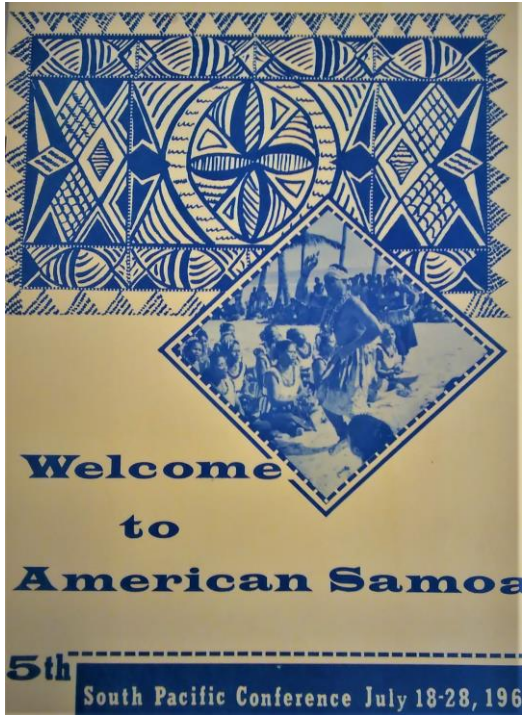
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Cover of an archival 1962 ASG Publication from the Univ. of Washington John M. Haydon papers

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NARA's 1940 American Samoa Census of Atauloma Girls School available at 1940census.archives.gov

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