

WAIKIKI - AQUATICS - THE CLUB

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ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL STARTED

Frank G. Atherton (Vice-President of Castle-Cooke) "announced the building of a two-million dollar hotel at Waikiki by the Matson Company, which will pool interests with the Territorial Hotels Company, Ltd.," reported the *Advertiser*, April 29, 1925. The new hotel will occupy the site of the Seaside Hotel—15.21 acres owned by the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate. On July 6, 1925, Theodore Hopkins, Chief Engineer of the Territorial Hotels Company, broke the first dirt for the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on the Beach of Kings. However, the Royal Hawaiian Hotel did not open until early 1927.

OUTRIGGER CLUB ENTERTAINS "THE FLEET"

Thousands of officers and men of Our Navy and Marine Corps were entertained at the Outrigger Canoe Club and hotels of Waikiki at the conclusion of the mammoth Joint Army-Navy-Marine-Corps Maneuvers in the Spring of 1925. The "Outrigger Canoe Club Party" to representatives of the Press took place on May 2, 1925 at which time the Women's Auxiliary also served tea. For weeks the Club held "Open House" to our Nation's armed-forces.

The old *Matsonia* docked at Pier-Fifteen about half-past seven o'clock on the morning of July 14, 1925 and on board were Major Edwin North McClellan, USMC, Mrs. McClellan and their three children—Dick, Anne and Don. The "Colonel" was in Hawaii for his fourth visit, this time for over two years on duty at the Pearl Harbor Marine Barracks.

OUTRIGGER - CHAMPION TRACK AND FIELD

The *Advertiser*, on March 28th, reported that "the Outrigger Canoe Club will enter a Track Team in the Rainbow Carnival and the AAU Track and Field Meet, April 11, 1925, following the decision of the Punahou Track Team to

participate for the Beach Club. The Outrigger Team was formed of Burton Hooper, John Watt, Dick Gartley, Milton Carter, Harold Harvey, Wayson Williams, Ralph Ault; also the following-named Punahou athletes—Bill Jones, Bernard Farden, Al Giles, Ray Melim, Charlie Cooke, Herbert Deverill, Al Lemes, Napihaa, Mel Peterson, 'Kanny Ross, Gannon, Norman Ault, Walter Fernandez, Lloyd Smith, Danford and N. Davis. It was announced that Jack Slade would be coach of the Outrigger Canoe Club team.

"The Outrigger Canoe Club Track and Field Team, on paper, looks like the strongest entry in the First Annual Rainbow Relay Carnival," explained the *Star-Bulletin*, April 6, 1925. Harold Harvey is captain, Ralph Ault is manager and Jack Slade is coach.

Upsetting predictions, the University of Hawaii's Rainbows, defeated the Outrigger Canoe Club in the Rainbow Relay Carnival on April 11, 1925, by the score of 87 to 65. The O.C.C. was second in the half-mile-relay (the Surf-Quartet was R. Melim, H. Deverill, B. Farden and W. Jones); and second in mile-relay the Outrigger runners being V. Danford, A. Giles, Jim Landers and H. Deverill. The Club won the four-mile-relay race with T. Thomas, J. Swezey, Jim Sanders and Burt Hooper. O.C.C. was third in the two-mile-relay but won the quarter-mile-relay with sprinters Freitas, Giles, Jones and B. Farden. Dick Gartley won the pole-vault with Harold Harvey taking second-place.

The Outrigger Canoe Club won the AAU Track and Field Meet on April 18, 1925 by three points from the Deans (or Rainbows) of the University of Hawaii, the score being, Outrigger 65 points, Deans 62 points and Palama 46 points. The final result was in doubt until Al

Lemes of the Outriggers won the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet, 1 inch, beating Ching of the University. The broad-jump was the last event and it made the Waikiki Surfers, Champion of Hawaii.

Bernie Farden won the 100-yard dash with W. P. Jones, second; Burt Hooper won the mile with F. Thomas in third place; John Watt was second in the high-hurdles; H. Deverill won the quarter-mile; N. Sanders won the two-mile, Burt Hooper taking second place; B. Farden finished second in the 220-yard dash and W. P. Jones, third; Ray Melim was second in low hurdles; R. Ault was fourth in the half-mile; O.C.C. was second to the University in the mile-relay; second also to the Deans in the half-mile relay; R. Gartley won the pole-vault at a height of 11 feet, 8 inches, N. Sanders, second; Milton Carter won the high-jump at 6 feet, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches; and Lemes won the broad-jump with R. Ault second.

This was not the first time the O.C.C. had won the T&F Championships for they did in 1920. A picture of the 1920 team in the Cocktail Lounge of the Club shows these names: G. Canario, M. Lydgate, R. Mott-Smith, A. Cleghorn, Joe Stickney, S. Deverill, Sam Poepoe, T. C. Melim, W. A. Inman (Coach), Allen McGuire, D. Crozier, G. Lindley, W. Bryant, W. Leal, H. Harvey and C. J. Willis.

On June 11, 1925, Burton Hooper, of the Outrigger Canoe Club, won the A.C.A. Club's six-mile modified Marathon. This race started at Queen-and-Richards Streets and finished in front of the *Advertiser* Building.

Bernard Farden and Burton Hooper were entered in the AAU Nationals at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, early in July, 1925. They sailed from Honolulu aboard the *Ventura* for San Francisco on June 6, 1925. Soon, word came back that Farden had been injured and was unable to compete.