

The Outrigger Canoe Club in Spring of 1910

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"The Outrigger Canoe Club emerged from its annual-meeting," Tuesday, February 15, 1910, "a purely amateur organization . . . open only to amateurs," reported the *Advertiser* of February 16, 1910. Among those present were: Sidney Ballou, J. R. Galt, J. P. Cooke, James and John McCandless, F. T. P. Waterhouse, Allan Herbert, P. M. Pond, R. H. Trent, P. L. Weaver Ed Dekum, W. W. Hall, C. D. Wright, Charles Crane, Ralph Lyon, H. Herrick Brown, G. H. Tuttle, Rev. Simpson, Fred Lamb and a number of others.

Officers elected were: Sanford Ballard Dole, President; A. H. Ford, First Vice-President; P. L. Weaver, Second Vice-President; G. H. Tuttle, Secretary; F. T. P. Waterhouse, Treasurer; Ralph Lyon, Auditor, and Kenneth Brown, Captain. The meeting was held at a luncheon-spread at the Commercial Club with about fifty members present. A constitution and by-laws was adopted. At the time there were about 150 members, not including the Women's Auxiliary.

"The House Committee of the Outrigger Club is getting down to work," explained the morning newspaper of February 19, 1910. "Allan Herbert entertained its members at a Fish-Chowder on the Club grounds" on the afternoon of Friday, February 18, "and, while the chowder was cooking, the members of the committee strolled about the grounds and many suggestions were brought forth. Artist [D. Howard] Hitchcock will be asked to submit a sketch showing the grounds and buildings completed, the Hawaiian effect being maintained. The grass-houses, retaining their thatch-coverings, will be alluringly fitted up within as Club-rooms. The roofs will be made waterproof and the *lanais* extended. The Beach Grass House will be used as a reading-room with spacious *hikiees* on the *lanais*. The other grass-house, occupied by the caretaker ["Charley"], it is proposed to complete by flooring and extending the present *lanai*, which will be used as a lunch-room for members; Charley, the caretaker, being provided with a kitchen."

"The Ladies have begun work on their Tea-Room *Lanai* under the Lagoon Hau Tree, and this will soon be completed," continued the news report of February 19th. "The rustic Hawaiian effect of the chief buildings will be maintained. Work will probably begin at once on the retaining-wall, called for in the Club lease and the Coconut-Log Bridge across the *makai* end of the Lagoon. About \$300 is needed for the retaining-wall and bridge to which fund Frank Clark contributed \$100 during his recent visit. But \$50 is now needed to cancel the debt on the Bath-House."

FLORAL FESTIVAL AND PARADE

Next came the Floral Festival and Parade on February 22, 1910—Washington's Birthday—and the Outriggerites took a leading part in the Carnival. "Floral Fete Plans Are Moving," were the headlines in the newspaper explaining that Harold Dillingham was its Director; R. H. Trent, Treasurer; L. S. Conness, Secretary, and J. R. Galt, chairman of the Committee to raise funds. On February 5th, J. R. Galt (Chairman of the Floral Parade Finance Committee) had on his desk 27 replies to letters requesting funds. The first Floral Parade was held in 1906. It was enlarged and improved in 1907 and the following years until in 1910 the entire community supported the Fifth Floral Parade. Of course, the Promotion-Committee (Visitors' Bureau) guided the whole affair. The Floral Parade postal-cards and stickers were printed from the design of Harry Mist, a Honolulu boy studying art at Dresden, Germany.

CLUB COLORS BLACK AND YELLOW

Washington's Birthday of 1910 was a gala affair. There were Island Princesses; Pa-u Riders in charge of Senator C. F. Chillingworth; an Elks Hula Automobile; even the military participated with Major Charles G. Long's Battalion of *Leathernecks* from Camp Very headed by field-music. "An outrigger-canoe with a surfboard at each side, riding down a huge ocean-wave (which was breaking into white foam just above them) was

the attraction presented by the Outrigger Club," reported the *Advertiser* of February 23, 1910. "The canoe was ridden by Sam Carter, Malcolm and Albert Tuttle. Willard Ables and Sibble Carter were on the surfboards. The canoe was painted in Club Colors, black with yellow trimmings."

"The grass-house which was entered in the Floral Parade by the Trent Trust Company is to be used as a Girls' Boat-House," explained the news of February 25, 1910. "The Outrigger Canoe Club prepared the Float for the Trust Company and the day following the Parade it was hauled back to Waikiki Beach. The house arrived there just as members of the Club and friends were feasting at a picnic luncheon. The gentlemen of the Party arose from the repast, took off their coats, and juggled the structure into its permanent position for the girls' use." And the *Advertiser* of May 15, 1910, explained that "an addition by the [Outrigger] Club to the Women's Hau Tree Lanai, was under contemplation, a coconut-tree for the four additional-need posts for the Diamond-Head side of the Hau Tree Lanai having been given." On this same date the newspaper published a letter of A. H. Ford in which he explained that during the past year "the documents of the Outrigger Club have been misplaced and lost." The same gentleman in the *Hawaiian Annual* of 1911 wrote that "the Outrigger Canoe Club is practically an organization for the *haole*." In this same publication Mr. Ford wrote that "during 1910, it was necessary to build a new bath-house for men with lockers for 100 and before the year was out it became necessary to double its size, besides enlarging the one for boy-members; a new and enlarged bath-house for the women is also in course of construction."

"CORAL KNUCKLES" OF WAIKIKI

In the meantime the unattractive features of Waikiki Beach had been discussed. The Clark visitors of January and February had publicly criticized the "Dirty Beach" at Waikiki. "The Merchants' Association" at its Board of Directors Meeting in March of 1910, had taken up the "subject trying to remedy the

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present disgraceful conditions at Waikiki Beach." The *Advertiser* of March 12th reported that "Waikiki Beach,

which is advertised all over the world by the Promotion Committee as the finest resort in the world, is now in reality one of the worst." This report mentioned the dangerous, vicious "coral knuckles" which "stick up almost everywhere."

These criticisms—known before they were published—resulted in some action. "Waikiki Beach will be dredged of coral if Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell and H. P. Wood can bring it about," reported the *Hawaiian Gazette* of March 4, 1910. "Some time ago Doctor Judd brought it to the attention of Mr. Wood that coral on the Beach is rapidly increasing to such an extent that bathing is made very uncomfortable."