

WAIKIKI CLUB'S EIGHTH YEAR ENDS THIS MONTH

Outrigger Canoe Club Shows Un- usual Growth Since Founding

With the annual meeting, scheduled for the latter part of this month, the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club will complete its eighth year. In eight years of successful operation, the greatest amount of interest in the Outrigger Club and the greatest number of improvements have been made since the last annual meeting a year ago last January.

The club is known throughout Honolulu as one of the most popular places to spend an afternoon and evening; and its 500 members with their invited guests form a large part of the Honolulu folk who swim at Waikiki. Built up from an organization having but twenty-five members and one small cottage for a bath house, the Outrigger Club has grown to be one of the largest outing clubs of its kind in the world. Its membership roll now numbers over 500 regular members and a number of monthly members. The equipment now includes two large bath houses each having nearly 300 lockers, two open lanais, a spacious kitchen, a smoking lanai, and a large dancing pavilion. The improvements since the last meeting have amounted to \$4000.

The club has grown and shown its influence in local sporting and athletic circles in the same degree as in its growth of membership and equipment. The Waikiki club has always been represented in the canoe races on the annual September regatta day, and by offering prizes in special races has caused much interest in canoe and board surfing. Nearly every man and boy in the organization owns a surf-board or outrigger canoe, and it is these to a large extent who keep alive the old Hawaiian sport of surfing.

About two years ago, the club placed a diving stand an eighth of a mile off shore for the use of members who prefer swimming to surfing and the popularity of this stand, not only among members but among others as well, has resulted in the increasing popularity of the Outrigger Club itself.

This club has an influence in local sporting circles in addition to that shown at Waikiki. There has been a representative of the Outrigger Club in the local branch of the A. A. U. ever since the latter organization came into existence in the Islands. In fact, the first president of the local A. A. U. was taken from the beach organization.