

# "Pop" Ford's Reminiscences

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(Note: This is one of a series of articles by Mr. Ford, founder and for many years director of the Pan-Pacific Union, founder of the Outrigger club, and of other organizations.)

## XX—SURFING FOR THE KIDS

We are really going to have some surfing sports in April. Since my return to Honolulu I have been working daily to enthuse youngsters of a new generation in sporting the surf. I have canoes now I can let youngsters use without asking permission of any one, once they have parental permission to go out alone to the big

Kenneth Emory stopped at my lunch table at the Outrigger a few moments ago and said, "Pop, you used to send me out alone to the big surf when you were beginning the club and I was a very small boy. Now I see you



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are getting the small boys together again, but what about the girls? My little girl is 10 and she is out on her board. Can't you get someone to give a canoe that the girls who want to learn surfing the hard way can use without asking anyone's permission?"

So little Miss Emory is the first member of the small girls Hui. It should be named in honor of Mrs. L. Fullard-Leo and Mrs. Paul, the two women most responsible for inducing the young of the last generation to become swimmers.

Following is the prospectus and list of charter members:

"We, the undersigned, will act as charter members of the 'Dad Center Memorial Surfing Hui,' electing by unanimous vote any future members. The hui is organized to help in reviving surfing sports in honor of the 25 years of active work on the part of G. D., or "Dad" Center in developing all sea water aquatic sports. Our hui is amateur, and will join the AAU.

"We have parental permission to take out a three board canoe without a steersman."

Swinton Aldrich, Patsy Maxwell, Dudley Leo, Ainsley Leo, Don Lord, John Crites, Clarence Philpotts, Donald Wyeth, Pat Martin, Kennedy Johnson, Whitney Gordon, Bob GrosJean, Ronnie Galt, Don Gallagher, Dick Peacock Pump Searle Jr., Kim Woolaway, Billy Fink, Billy Cross, Billy Revere.