

A. H. Ford, Pioneer Civic Leader, Dies

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dreds of youngsters at Waikiki as "Pop" Ford. Although retired from active organizational work for many years, Mr. Ford recently arranged for the construction of an outrigger canoe to be used exclusively for the training of young boys and girls in the art of canoe surfing.

Since 1906 when Mr. Ford decided to make Hawaii his home, he conceived and organized many enterprises designed to bring about international friendship in the Pacific.

First he organized the "Hands-Around-The-Pacific," the first international and inter-racial organization in the Pacific. It was the forerunner of the Pan Pacific Union.

In Honolulu, Mr. Ford's Pan Pacific Club is the mother club of the widespread civic organization. At the Outrigger club years ago, Jack London, the famed author, was one of the closest friends of Ford when London visited Hawaii.

Ford was the first to call for a Boy Scout movement in Hawaii, and the organizer of the Trail and Mountain club which has made it possible for visitors to hike among hitherto unknown scenic areas of this island.

A work of international importance was Mr. Ford's inauguration of the Pan Pacific Research institution in Manoa Valley. Scientists of Pacific lands were housed there for their research work as well as for conferences.

Born in South Carolina, the son of a rice planter, Mr. Ford began his writing career on the Charleston News and Courier. Later he went to New York City where he became associated with John and Pat Calhoun, grandsons of the famous Carolina senator. Mr. Ford often talked of associating with Jay Gould, Cyrus W. Field and other tycoons of the era in New York.

His first play, "The Little Confederate," was produced on Broadway when Mr. Ford was 21 years old. He had written it at 18. That began his career as a dramatist, author, and magazine writer.

While on a world tour in search of material for his writings he stopped at Honolulu and made his home here ever since.