

THE WILLIAMS

SPORTLIGHT



WILFORD D. GODBOLD President, Outrigger Canoe Club

Extensive Plans

A member of the Outrigger Canoe Club since 1919, Wilford Godbold was recently elected its president for the 1946-47 season. Interested in all sports although he does not claim a competitive background in any major athletics, he plans an extensive revival of the Outrigger's program curtailed by the war.

Swimming Advocate

As leader of the organization which at one time played dominant roles in Honolulu's football, swimming, basketball and other athletic competition, Wilford Godbold feels it is about time the Outrigger club returned to active participation in territorial sports tournaments.

Canoe racing, surfboard paddling and swimming are the first major events on his program. A member of the Kamaaina Beechcombers' Hui as well as the Outrigger, he has always been a strong advocate of developing young swimmers in the Islands.

A kamaaina, although he admits to being a native of Alabama, Wilford Godbold is also a prominent member of Hawaii's law circles. He is chief deputy city and county attorney, a position he has held since February, 1941.

U. of Hawaii Grad

He was born in Camden, Ala., April 3, 1911, but has made Hawaii his home since

1919. He attended Punahou Academy and the University of Hawaii, then received his law degree at the University of Alabama. He received his B. A. degree at the local University in 1934.

His athletic career includes running the half mile on the Punahou track team, and playing volleyball with the University of Hawaii and Outrigger teams in AAU tournaments.

Former Judge

Wilford Godbold passed his bar examination here in 1937, and since has held several responsible positions. He was U. S. commissioner for Oahu from 1939 to 1943, served two terms as a judge at Wahiawa in 1939 and in Honolulu in 1940, and is examiner of titles of the Territory of Hawaii Land Court.

A family man, he was married to Virginia Holmes Ehlert of Alabama in May, 1937, and they have two children—Wilford Jr., and Evelyn Holmes. He likes his law work, enjoys participation in club work, still plays volleyball to keep in shape, and goes surfing whenever time permits.

Canoe Racing

A director of the Outrigger for the past two years before his election as president, his chief objective right now is to revive the king of sports—inter-island canoe racing as held in Kealakekua Bay a number of years ago.