

July 4 Outrigger Races Held in Memory of Walter J. Macfarlane

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In memory of Walter James Macfarlane, a past president of the Outrigger Canoe club, the club sponsors on July 4 each year the Macfarlane memorial canoe races.

Respected and appreciated by all those who knew him, "Walter Mac" was the president of the Outrigger Canoe club exactly a decade ago, 1939.

Ten years ago the Outrigger was not the fashionable, prosperous club that it is today.

TASK OF A BUILDING

With the treasury of the club all but depleted, "Walter Mac" was faced with the laborious task of building up its finance in order that the club might carry on its activities successfully.

With the lease on the grounds owned by the Queen Emma estate about to expire and the club buildings outworn and antiquated, an outlook anything but encouraging faced Mr. Macfarlane.

But Walt was not the type of man to be so easily discouraged.

ZEAL TO SUCCEED

With an indomitable will and zeal to succeed, he took command of the situation and began laying

plans for the construction of a new club.

Some of the members with the memory of the depression years still fresh in their minds felt the going too rigorous and dropped out of membership.

"Walt Mac," however, was not dismayed. Together with a small group of loyal followers, he succeeded in selling bonds and in raising the funds necessary in erecting the club which not only the OCC but also all Honolulu, and Waikiki in particular, can be proud.

Golf Champions Feted Thursday

Hawaiian public links, Manoa Cup and junior golf champions were honored Thursday night at a testimonial dinner given by the Association of Ala Wai Golf Clubs at P. Y. Chong's.

Thomas Ching, president of the organization and its founder, presented monogrammed sweaters to members of the Hawaii publincs team which leaves Sunday night for the national tournament in Los Angeles.