

# Dad Center Retires

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Three old timers at Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., are retiring at the end of this month. Their combined service with the company totals 123 years. Heading the list is George "Dad" Center who has spent 49 years with Davies, most of that time in the sporting goods department. A. K. Smythe is retiring after 44 years in the drygoods department and R. J. Lawrence, manager of the drygoods department, retires after 30 years' service. Lawrence is retiring because of illness.



Dad Center began his official service with Davies in 1901 although as a boy he worked off and on part time as an office boy. He has been a pillar of the Outrigger Club since its organization and was noted for the famous wahine swimming teams developed by the club on which such well known champions as Mariechen Wehslau, Helen Moses, Janice Lovett and Olga Clarke performed. Dad also developed such male stars as the Crabbe brothers, Buster and Buddy.

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Two promotions are also announced by Davies. W. C. Koch, former assistant manager of the drygoods department, becomes manager while J. S. Bothelo moves into the assistant manager's job.

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