



**DUKE KAHANAMOKU** as he looked years ago. Thursday the Duke celebrated his 60th birthday. Saturday is designated by the Outrigger Canoe club as Duke Kahanamoku day. There will be many swimming, canoe and surfboard events in Waikiki Saturday to honor the Bronze Duke of Waikiki who has brought many honors to Hawaii.

## **Duke Kahanamoku Celebrated 60th Birthday Thursday**

Champion, hero, movie actor, civic officer and businessman.

Probably there are not many persons who can fit that title, but one of them is Duke P. Kahanamoku, often called the Bronze Duke of Waikiki.

The Duke has won swimming trophies galore and has startled the universe by breaking world records.

He became a hero on June 14, 1925, when he saved the lives of eight persons at Newport Beach, Calif. A yacht capsized in heavy seas. Of 17 persons aboard, only 12 were saved. Mr. Kahanamoku saved eight of those by making several trips on a surf board.

For this, he was presented with a medal for heroism on behalf of the people of Hawaii.

### **IN MOVIES 28 YEARS**

Duke has played in the movies since 1922. He has played in such pictures as "The Wanderer," "Lord Jim," "Golden Journey," "The Rescue," "Wake of the Red Witch," "Decatur" and "Pony Express."

In 1931, Mr. Kahanamoku turned to politics. On a Republican ticket, he ran unsuccessfully for the board of supervisors. But he was appointed as superintendent of the city hall by Mayor Fred Wright.

In 1934, he ran for sheriff and defeated Pat Gleason for the job. He's been sheriff ever since.

### **SPORT SHIRT DESIGNER**

Recently he designed a sport shirt, which will soon be on the market.

Thursday, the Duke personally celebrated his 60th birthday. But Saturday, his hundreds of friends are gathering at Waikiki to honor Duke. Saturday is Duke Kahanamoku Day.

The celebration is under the auspices of the Outrigger Canoe club.

### **WATER EVENTS**

A number of water events, including canoe races, are scheduled by Ted Magill, club manager and Robert D. Fischer, coordinator of the club's athletic committee. Both men are longtime friends of Mr. Kahanamoku.

Duke is scheduled to appear on the Hawaii Calls broadcast Saturday afternoon. George (Dad) Center, Sam Harris and other "old-timers" have challenged Duke to a 25 yard sprint race.

There will also be surf board races, swimming races, volleyball games. Toward the end of the day's festivities, there will be a beach party.

The first Duke Kahanamoku day will be climaxed with a dinner dance at the Outrigger Canoe club. Club officers advise those attending to leave their coats and ties at home. The dance will be a hoku-aloha shirt affair.