

BATHER KILLED BY DIVE FROM STAND OF THE OUTRIGGER

George H. Chamberlin of Rockford, Illinois Victim of Peculiar Accident

HE BREAKS HIS NECK WHEN
SPRINGBOARD TWISTS FALL

Taken To Beach He Dies Before
Medical Aid Can Be
Summoned

George H. Chamberlin of Rockford, Illinois, was killed in diving into shallow water, from the Outrigger club's diving platform, Waikiki, yesterday afternoon. His neck was broken. He was breathing when removed to the beach, but died within a few minutes. He dived about three feet into water only about four feet deep.

Only a week ago Mr. Chamberlin said to his brother-in-law, Fred G. Shoudy, that he knew that the water was shallow and that he would have to be careful in diving from the board.

Persons who witnessed his fall told Harry Evans, Jr., special policeman, that it appeared that the board had thrown Mr. Chamberlin off his balance or had caught him unprepared, inasmuch as he fell almost perpendicularly, head first, instead of in a curve that would have carried him to the surface. When the body rebounded to the surface it was limp, and the chin had been driven against the chest by the impact that broke the neck.

Mr. Chamberlin who was forty-one years old, was born in Chicago, and was unmarried. He and Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy, his brother-in-law and sister, arrived in the Magon December 26. This was his second visit to the Islands. He had a dinner engagement with Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy last evening. Upon their return from an automobile drive Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy learned of the death, when they did not find their brother as expected.

Will Remove Boards

H. B. Campbell, president of the Outrigger club, said that he would have the diving boards removed from the platform this morning. When the platform was erected the water about it was deep, he said, but last summer sand began drifting in, and by September or October the water became shallow. Mr. Campbell said that he knew it was too shallow for diving.

To safeguard swimmers he had two large signs put up, one on the upper and one on the lower platform, reading as follows: "Beware of Shallow Water. Any person diving from this platform does so at his own risk." The first sentence was in large letters. As the signs did not prevent the accident, although Mr. Chamberlin was aware of the danger, Mr. Campbell has decided to have the boards removed altogether.

Swimmer Ignores Call

E. G. Jahnke, 755 B Kinau Street, and Thomas Gege, 1521 Fort Street, were nearby when Mr. Chamberlin dived from the lower board, inshore. They went to him and started with him to the beach. A swimmer, passing on a surfboard toward the reef, was asked to take his board to the injured man, but he continued seaward. The identity of this man was not learned. A surfboard finally was obtained, and Mr. Chamberlin was taken to the club grounds, still breathing, but he was dead long before an ambulance could get to him. Dr. Richard G. Ayer, physician of the emergency hospital, made a brief examination of the body last night and discovered that the trachea apparently had been crushed, which testifies to the force with which Mr. Chamberlin struck. There were slight abrasions above the brow, showing where his head had plunged into the sand.

Brothers In Seattle

Mr. Chamberlin would have been forty-one years old February 1. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy, he is survived by two brothers, John H. and Daniel Chamberlin, both of Seattle.

Love of outdoor life drew him from Chicago to Rockford, where he became a florist and market gardener. Each year, on December 1, he sold out his entire stock and closed shop until March 1, spending the three months in travel. On his visit last year he did quite a bit of climbing on the mountains back of Honolulu, and this year had planned to ascend the higher peaks of the other islands.

He and Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy were to have gone to Kilauea this week. Mr. Shoudy said that Mr. Chamberlin was a thorough out-of-doors man, always keeping in good trim, and that he was a skilled swimmer and diver. On this visit to Honolulu he had rooms at the home of Mrs. Libbie A. Bagwell, 874 South King Street, but took meals at the Vida Villa, where he is a popular guest. Mr. and Mrs. Shoudy are staying at Halekulani, Waikiki. They had intended to sail for home on the Wilhelmus January 24, but will try to sail on the Lurline tomorrow, taking their brother's body.