

MAKES HIT WITH FANS; APPEARS IN EXHIBITION

Olympic Club Swimmers Make Presentation of Diamond Pin To Center

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—It was our pleasure to have been the guest of the Olympic club Sunday evening, May 20, the occasion being the P. A. A. senior diving and swimming championships held in the club pool.

Although not listed on the program, Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, after being fittingly introduced to the large assemblage as the national champion at one mile, swam an exhibition 200-yard solo in the fast time of 2:07 1-5 (as given to the writer by Dad Center). Folks marvelled at "Buster's" steady gait, a noticeable feature being the methodical action of his feet. Coming out of the tank fresh as a daisy, the champion received a splendid ovation, the orchestra at the same time striking up a very opportune rendition of "On the Beach at Waikiki" in such a manner as to make one from Honolulu feel justly proud.

Following the introduction of our own George D. ("Dad") Center, as "one of the leading fosterers of swimming in Hawaii"—and Dad likewise got a fine reception—the big surprise of the evening, a soul-stirring incident to say the least, was the presentation of a diamond pin emblematic of the Olympic club to Dad by Mr. William M. Coffman, Olympic club swimming commissioner, on behalf of the club and members of the Olympic club swimming team which visited Honolulu in 1927. Before pinning the emblem on Dad's lapel, Mr. Coffman said in part, "As a token of respect from the Olympic club and the Olympic club swimming team that went to Honolulu in 1927."

Makes Speech

We believe that Dad, though outwardly appearing to have his presence of mind, was deeply touched. Dad Center's response was: "It is a very high honor that you have bestowed upon me this day, and I want to say that I have never met a finer bunch of athletes than the

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