CENTER HAS DONE MUCH FOR SWIMMING IN HAWAII

George D. Center is the president of the local branch of the National Amateur Athletic Union. Probably there is not more than one person in a hundred who reads this item will realize who is meant by "George D." as nearly every man, woman and child in Honolulu knows him only as "Dad" Center.

Dad has been in the swimming game ever since he was a boy, and has been actively connected with the modern phases of it ever since the organization of the Outrigger Canoe club 15 years ago For a number of years past he has been the captain of that club, and has devoted his attention chiefly to surfboarding and the development of swimming among the boys and girls of the club.

He organized the Hawaiian swimming team which went to the states in 1920 to take part in the tryouts for the American swimming team to go to the Olympic games in Antwerp.

The Hawaiian team under his management and coaching was so successful that ten Hawaiians out of the total American team of 26 went to Antwerp.

The A. A. U. authorities were so pleased with his handling of the Hawaiian team that he was made manager and coach of the entire American team, which went to the Olympic games. The American team won by an overwhelming number of points.