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Spring Lake Bather, Swimming Far Beyond Life Lines, Is Killed Yesterday by Shark--Both Legs Are Bitten Off Just Below the Knees---Dies On Beach.

**BLEEDS TO DEATH
DESPITE SPEEDY AID**

SPRING LAKE, July 7.—Both legs bitten off by a shark yesterday afternoon while he was swimming in the ocean about 100 feet offshore, far beyond the established bathing grounds, Charles Bruder, an Essex and Sussex hotel bellboy, expired a few minutes after being brought to the beach by the lifeguards at the death and mutilation. His legs were taken off just below the knees and in his left side was an ugly gash where the shark had snapped him.

Bruder left the hotel early in the afternoon to go bathing, accompanied by Henry Nolin, the elevator runner, and a number of the other employees of the Essex and Sussex. They dined at the hotel, the employees bathed and then plunged in the water.

A native of Lucerne, Switzerland, Bruder was a strong and fearless swimmer, and had but recently expressed his contempt of sharks. He was one of the first in and men out-distanced the other bathers. When Nolin and the others went ashore for a rest, Bruder went far out, directly opposite the South End pavilion. He was the only bather in the water at the time.

Captain George White and Chris Anderson of the South End life guard corps were notified by a call for help. Looking out to sea, they saw Bruder struggling in the water and making frantic efforts to keep afloat. They collected a net around him, on it from a shark.

Anderson and White hauled the lifeboat at once and made their way to the injured man. When they reached him, an oily tan slick cut and Bruder by a surprise effort pulled himself out of the water, retaining the loss of both his feet. "A shark bit me!" he gasped and fell unconscious in the bottom of the boat.

Doctors by Dr. Cornell, house physician at the New Montmouth hotel, to revive Bruder were in vain and he breathed his last on the beach and Dr. William W. Frost assisted Dr. Cornell.

News of the accident spread quickly and before the body was removed to the Sexton undertaking establishment in
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Asbury Park, a morbid crowd had gathered, intent on seeing the remains.

So far as is known, Bruder has no relatives in this country. He was about 28 years of age, short and stocky. Before coming to this country several years ago, he had served in the Swiss army. A number of years ago he was employed at the Essex and Sussex hotel, and last winter was at the Green in Pasadena, Cal. He returned to the Essex and Sussex hotel this summer.

But four days have elapsed since a Philadelphia member of the summer colony at Beach Haven was killed by a shark while bathing. That was the first accident of its kind recorded in the annals of the Jersey coast and created considerable excitement early this week. Doubt as to the veracity of the dispatches from Beach Haven was frequently expressed.

Bellhops at the New Essex and Sussex hotel yesterday afternoon told of Bruder's views of the Beach Haven accident. He declared that he was unafraid of them and had come in contact with sharks while bathing in the Catalina Islands off the coast of California. That it was not a man-eater who attacked Bruder is the belief. Fishermen say that it was probably a blue-nose shark, varying in length from 14 to 15 feet. They are rarely seen off the Jersey coast but of late have frequently departed off-shore.

Few Bathers.

The scare has already made itself felt on the bathing. Where yesterday there were between 400 and 500 bathers in the surf today there were but half a dozen in at the South End pavilion and about a dozen at the North End grounds.

The entire length of the beach is being patrolled by life guards in power boats. At each ground one boat is stationed and one plys between the two grounds. In each are two men, one of the helm and the other in the bow armed with a rifle. This morning nothing resembling sharks had been seen by the men.

On July 4, a school of sharks or porpoises passed the Hulmar and Asbury Park building piers and were seen by holiday crowds on the boardwalk.

These sharks do not often come close inshore and following the accident at Beach Haven, some authorities were inclined to the belief that the shark had been washed into shallow water and did not purposely seek the bathers.

The water was about 6 feet deep where Bruder was knocked and the tide was going out. Yesterday high water was at 11:20 in the morning and low tide at 6:12. Bruder died just before 3 o'clock.

The body of Bruder will be returned to Spring Lake from Asbury Park tomorrow morning for funeral services. Later it will be sent to New York for cremation, since Bruder at one time expressed a wish to have his body cremated. Neither the time nor the place for the services have been decided upon.

high tide level. A big force of men will be put to work on the job, and as soon as the Fourth avenue grounds are enclosed the other grounds will be similarly treated.

Spring Lake councilmen and Mayor Oliver H. Brown met in special session last night and arranged with Superintendent Edward White for the patrolling of the beach with motor boats this morning. Lamb was thought to be the best bait for sharks and huge pieces of the meat were procured. Early this morning the boats began cruising along the coast in an effort to locate some of the sea monsters.

Joseph L. Cliver, the bathing lessee at Spring Lake, is exerting every effort to protect the bathers at both the north and south end grounds. Life-guarders in boats, equipped with rifles, are patrolling the grounds out beyond the life lines, each boat being equipped with a harpoon. It is likely, also, that the grounds will be enclosed with wire.

Sharks Often Seen.

Appearance of sharks eight and 10 feet long only a short distance from shore along the coast in this section is not at all unusual. Last summer several big ones were caught by fishermen with rod and line from the beach opposite the Takamasee hotel, West End, landing them after more than an hour's battle, during which the fishermen were obliged to wade into the surf to their arm pits. No sharks have been caught this year.

That the sharks are attracted by fish offal, heads and other parts, and dead fish, thrown overboard from the boats of pound fishermen, was said by one of the pound fishermen this morning to be hardly likely. Few of the pound men cut up their fish, but market them direct to New York, and those who do clean their fish dispose of the offal at the plants rather than carry it to sea, this fisherman said. Sharks feed on big fish, which they sometimes chase far in there, and as fish are plentiful now, said the fisherman, it is quite unlikely that they would be attracted by the small amount of offal that would be thrown overboard in these waters.

The unmuffled exhaust of the motor boats patrolling the beaches will have a strong tendency to scare away the big fish. Noise of any kind frightens fish, and the continual chugging of the motor craft is calculated to keep the sharks from invading the bathing grounds.

Fish Expert Amazed.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—"Presence of sharks on the Jersey shore or any other point on the east coast is not unusual, but the fact that any one has been bitten by them is unprecedented," said Dr. Hugh M. Smith, United States commissioner of fisheries, last night, upon being told of the second death by a shark on the Jersey shore. "It is an established fact that every summer great numbers of sharks visit the eastern coast. It is not infrequent for them to be in the surf. I never have heard of any one being bitten by them before. The only reason I can assign is that they are unusually hungry for some cause, difficult to explain.

"When we consider that there are hundreds of thousands of bathers on our eastern coasts every year and that for as long as any one can remember no one has been bitten until these two recent cases, I think it is a word in favor of the sharks. Our domestic animals, horses, dogs and others, have not anything like this record. The sharks are not vicious and the new deaths possibly have resulted from unusual hunger."

Doctor Smith declared the sharks are lured to the shore by the food fish they seek and the deaths have resulted from their possible inability to distinguish between humans and fish.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—Frederick Morris, chief engineer of the steamer Mohican of the Clyde line, plying between this port and Norfolk, Va., twice a week, said last night that he had observed the man-eating shark species, especially when the weather is warm off Cape Charles. When the weather is extremely warm Engineer Morris said that they come to the surface and the fins could be seen clearly. He ascribed the movement of the sharks northward to the continued bombardment now going on at the government testing ground off Cape Hatteras.