

BUTLER DIES IN SWIM POOL

Eugene P. Gibson, a butler, drowned yesterday in a swimming pool on the Atherton estate of his employer, Maurice Oppenheimer, a San Francisco flag manufacturer.

Gibson, 50, dove into the pool on the Oppenheimer estate at 99 Broadacres Road, Atherton. Minutes later Gibson's wife, Mary, saw him struggling.

Unable to swim, she grabbed a broom and offered the handle to her husband, who was too weak to grasp the broom. Her screams attracted Alfred Smith of Los Altos, a gardener, who recovered the body.

Meanwhile Smith's wife called the Menlo Fire Department, which worked for a half hour without success in an attempt to revive Gibson.