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FOREWORD

It is now twenty-five years since the recreation park of S. W. T. S. T. C. became the college recreation center and "Riverside" came into being. Many changes have taken place in this quarter century. The bathing suit worn in 1915 was of the horse and buggy age, a garment that covered the wearer from head to foot in modest flannel or substantial cotton. It is a moot question, but many advanced thinkers are converts of the idea that the educational methods of 1915 matched the swim suits. That be as it may, just as education here at S. W. T. S. T. C. has kept pace with the age, and has become streamlined and integrated, during this twenty-five years the bathing suit has also lost its inhibitions. Riverside is no longer just the college swimming hole. It is departmentalized and socialized. Curricular as well as extra-curricular activities go on here. The smooth and placid beauty of the stream, deep, clear and pebbled, the grass, the modern walks, bath house, diving towers and slab are a far cry from the near bog holes and marsh from which this beauty spot evolved.

The man who is responsible more than any other person for this college recreational center, recognized all over the state as distinctive and outstanding, is Dr. S. M. Sewell. Dr. Sewell retired from the college faculty at the close of the second summer semester of 1941. He has placed at the disposal of the writer the accumulation of clippings, pictures, and printed material which he systematically saved

during his years of service to the college as director of activities at Riverside, and he has sat patiently with the writer and by word of mouth told of the development. The material is therefore all from a primary source. As will be shown, Dr. Sewell was present when the idea of a recreational park was born. From that time until the present Riverside has been his avocation. He knows more about its growth than any other person. The writer feels fortunate to be able to set down these facts concerning the early background of this phase of college life, while Dr. Sewell is willing to make himself available and permit the use of his personal notes and clippings.

At seventy-three Dr. Sewell is a glowing example of the result of healthful habits and right living. Riverside is in a great degree the result of his interest and labor.

No tribute paid to Dr. Sewell for his devotion and lasting contribution to Riverside is complete without mention of Mrs. Sewell. Wherever his heart has been and wherever his energies have been expended she has been an enthusiastic helpmate. For years, as matron of Riverside, her duties were heavy and responsible. She saw to it that rules and regulations were kept. Difficult situations were handled with wisdom. Unofficially she has given of her time and energy to this enterprise.

It is the unofficial tasks, done so unselfishly and well, that endear Dr. and Mrs. Sewell to us. They have entered heart and soul into "extra-curricular" activities,

as we may call the legion tasks completed so cheerfully for Riverside and student welfare.

Idleness and wasted energy are unknown to them. It has always been their pleasure to do yet one more thing for the recreation park and for the students with whom they were in contact.

To hundreds of boys and girls who have come and gone from this college, and who got to know them, they stood for the honorable and good, and there is a smaller circle who treasures the privilege of calling them "Aunt Julia" and "Uncle S. M.".

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The writer selected for her problem the telling of the story of Riverside, the recreational center at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, because no previous study has been made of this particular part of our college.

Enough of interest has occurred in the twenty-five years since Riverside became our college recreational center and swimming pool, to make this record of its growth worth while. Riverside had a modest start and at first it was used by the physical education and health department for swimming instruction, and by students and faculty as a place of relaxation and picnicking.

The physical features of the park make it outstanding. The expansion of its program is noteworthy. It has kept pace with the new educational movement until now all departments take part in programs there. Riverside is an example of integrated activities. It is known all over the state for its beauty and the unusual features included in its program.

The method of procedure is a chronological record from the day the park was selected as a site and the lease of the land obtained, until the summer of 1942, twenty-five

years later. The physical features, grounds, buildings, activities and special feature programs, and improvements are described.

The source of the material in this study is primary or original and all the facts not actually known by personal observation and actual experience of the writer were obtained from Dr. S. M. Sewell.¹

Dr. Sewell preserved through the years clippings, copies of leases, student work schedules, student salary schedules, records of expenditures for equipment and work at Riverside, figures on the various floods, Red Cross Life Saving data and a vast minutiae about the improvement and activities of Riverside. Blue prints of the park made by himself from his own surveys, and numerous photographs have been given to the writer for use in this study. His personal file was turned over to the writer for study. During personal interviews occurring the last week in December, 1941, June 1st, June 11th, June 26th, June 30th, and July 1st, July 2nd, July 4th, and July 5th, 1942 every scrap of the material in the files used in this study was checked and rechecked as the writer used it. Nothing is recorded here that has not been adjudged authentic and correct in detail.

Because of the fact of the unique source of material only three footnotes have been made in the entire study as others would be monotonous repetition. No bibliography or

1. Personal Interview and Personal Files: Dr. S. M. Sewell

appendix follows the last chapter. Dated clippings, the original ones from Dr. Sewell's personal file, and presented to the writer for the purpose, are incorporated in the various chapters to which they apply. Photographs are placed in the body of the manuscript for the convenience of the reader.

The writer studied available back copies of the College Star and found no data that added in any way to the facts already submitted by Dr. Sewell. Upon examination and comparison errors in dates were discovered. The writer considered it advisable in such case to follow the original source.

A thesis² written during the summer of 1939 furnished no additional material on Riverside. Very brief mention was accorded the park.

It is the writer's belief that such a record as this one may prove valuable as local college history. It may in some future time serve as background material for a continuation or similar study along the same line.

2. French, Roger Franklin, A History of Southwest Texas State Teachers College, Master's Thesis, 1939, Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

CHAPTER II

EARLY HISTORY OF RIVERSIDE

During the summers of 1915 and 1916 the pool immediately below the present power house was used for swimming. This is the first time the college had instituted this type of recreation. A large canvas tent of the circus variety was pitched on a grassy knoll just below the utilities power house between the river and the present road. There was a partitioning off for dressing rooms.

In relating this, Dr. Sewell recalls that the bathing suits were of wool or heavy material. Bloomers came down below the top dress of the girls' suits. This top part had a full knee length skirt. Hose were worn as a necessary adjunct to what the well dressed girl swimmer wore in 1915.

One day during the summer of 1916, four men strolled along the bank below the highway to look over the land and discuss the possibilities for a college swimming pool there. These four were President C. E. Evans; Dr. C. Spurgeon Smith, the coach at that time; P. T. Miller, the chemistry teacher; and Dr. S. M. Sewell. Dr. Sewell was elected to wade around, as he had on his bathing suit. The water averaged about two or three feet in depth, the deepest places being only waist deep. There was soft

mud everywhere and the stream was choked with old trees and limbs embedded in the mud. The space stretching from the river to where the bath house now is was a bushy, densely weeded marsh. There were no trees save three or four big willows. This group of four men constituted our first Riverside committee, we might say. It was their decision that the site was suitable for their proposed park.

The Riverside ground lying west of the river contains four acres and was, and still is, a part of the federal fish hatchery grounds, and the first lease from the government was in the fall of 1916 - September 26, to be exact. This lease was obtained from the Bureau of Fisheries in the Department of Commerce. According to Provision III no excavation or other work shall be done or temporary structures, etc., placed on this land without the consent of the local fish hatchery superintendent and the Department of Commerce Bureau of Fisheries. A copy of a letter sent to President Evans concerning the 1939 improvements is attached, with a copy of one of the five year lease renewals.

The west boundary of the first lease, dated September 26, 1916, was a line from a point just above the lower foot gate north of the bath house running southward through where the basket room is, to a point near the high diving tower. The second lease of 1921 added more land along the

highway, but no more riverfront. In 1926 the third lease was obtained and this lease took in the river bank down to the bend above the federal pump house. In 1930 there was a fourth renewal and all the land on the west bank, under fence, was taken in. The lease must be renewed every five years. A copy of the 1935 lease is given at the end of this chapter and all the leases are marked on this map.

Dr. Sewell informed the writer that the plan of the college buying Riverside from the government for a nominal sum is being worked out at present and may be an actual fact at the time of the completion of this paper.

The island and all the play territory east of the river is leased from private owners. This land was first owned by the San Marcos Utilities Company and then later it passed to the Wilson Brothers. It is from the Wilson Brothers that the college leased it. This portion contains seventeen acres, and the tennis courts and high school practice grounds are located there.

Early in 1917 the late Mr. J. A. Clayton, at that time general yard man, took his workers down to Riverside. With a mud scraper and two teams, one on each side of the river, and with the aid of hundreds of team loads of rock and some gravel and cinders for a bank, he got a pool ready by the summer of 1917.

This pool extended only as far down as the present walk leading down from the east side of the bath house,

a very modest pool indeed compared to its size now. A photograph of the pool in 1918 accompanies this chapter.

During the summer of 1942 a hole was drilled under the elm tree near the care-taker's cottage at Riverside. This was done to ascertain how deep under the soil solid rock is to be found. The drill went down twenty three feet. At seventeen feet beneath the surface the drill passed through a log lying on its side. From indications of crustation on the log it was at one time upon the bottom of the river. This only confirms various other evidence that the river has shifted its bed. This log would lead us to believe that the current once passed over the spot under the big elm, where now the care-taker's cottage stands.

About one hundred years ago, the main course of the stream was east of what is now known as the island. Where the main stream now flows there was a mill race. On the spot now occupied by the high diving tower on the west bank, where the bend of the river now occurs, there was an old corn mill. The mill race had been constructed to bring water from the river to the mill and from the mill back to the river again. During flood times the mill was washed away and the main stream took unto itself the mill race channel and cut its main bed there. What had once been the main river bed is the shallow stream passing to the east of the island. The old mill was never rebuilt after it was washed away by this flood.

When Mr. Rufus Wimberley, our present yard man, was dragging that part of the river where once the mill wheel turned, he pulled from the stream the old mill shaft. The interesting wooden pinning or mortising and the antiquity of the wooden shaft made it a museum piece. The relic was put in the college lumber yard and Mr. Dudley R. Dobie, the curator of the college museum, after talking with Dr. Sewell concerning it, is trying to locate it for our college museum.

Another interesting item is the following:

When Mr. Wimberley was first dredging that area of the river a little way below the island, something kept hanging the drag out in mid-water. Mr. Wimberley thought it to be an old fence post imbedded firmly in the mud. He fastened a chain firmly around it and started to pull it out with the tractor. He soon found that it was more than a fence post. He put on his leverage pulleys and began pulling harder and longer. He soon managed to loosen it up a little, and discovered that it was a much bigger job than he first thought. He kept pulling, first in one direction and then another, until finally he pulled a tree out onto the bank. It was thirty feet long, about fifteen inches in diameter at the base, with at least five or six stubby limbs from two to five feet long and three to six inches in diameter. The entire tree was imbedded in the mud of the river bottom, except the one limb that gave trouble in the dredging. It seems impossible that a

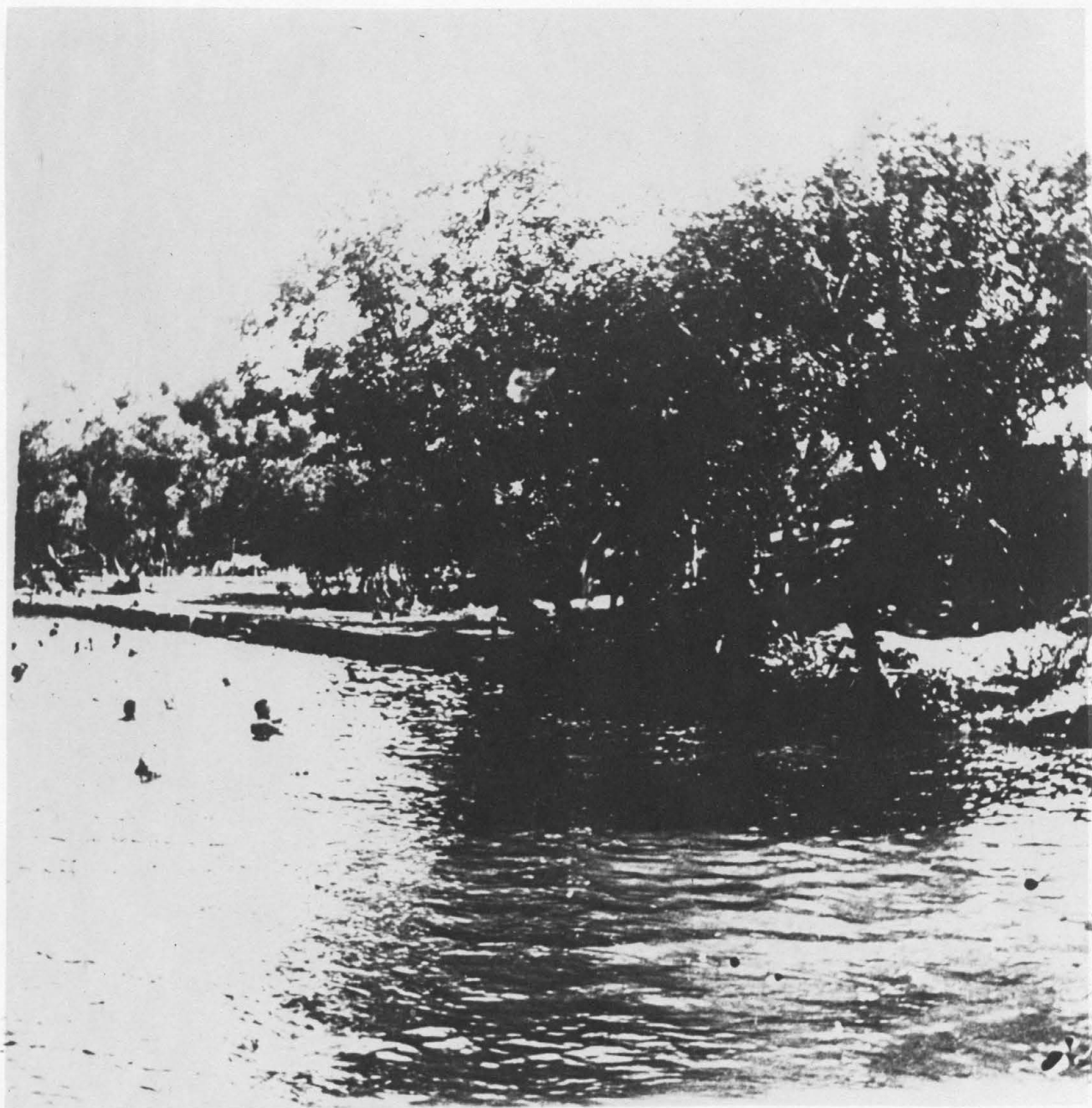
small tractor could perform such a feat.

The accompanying drawing is no exaggeration.

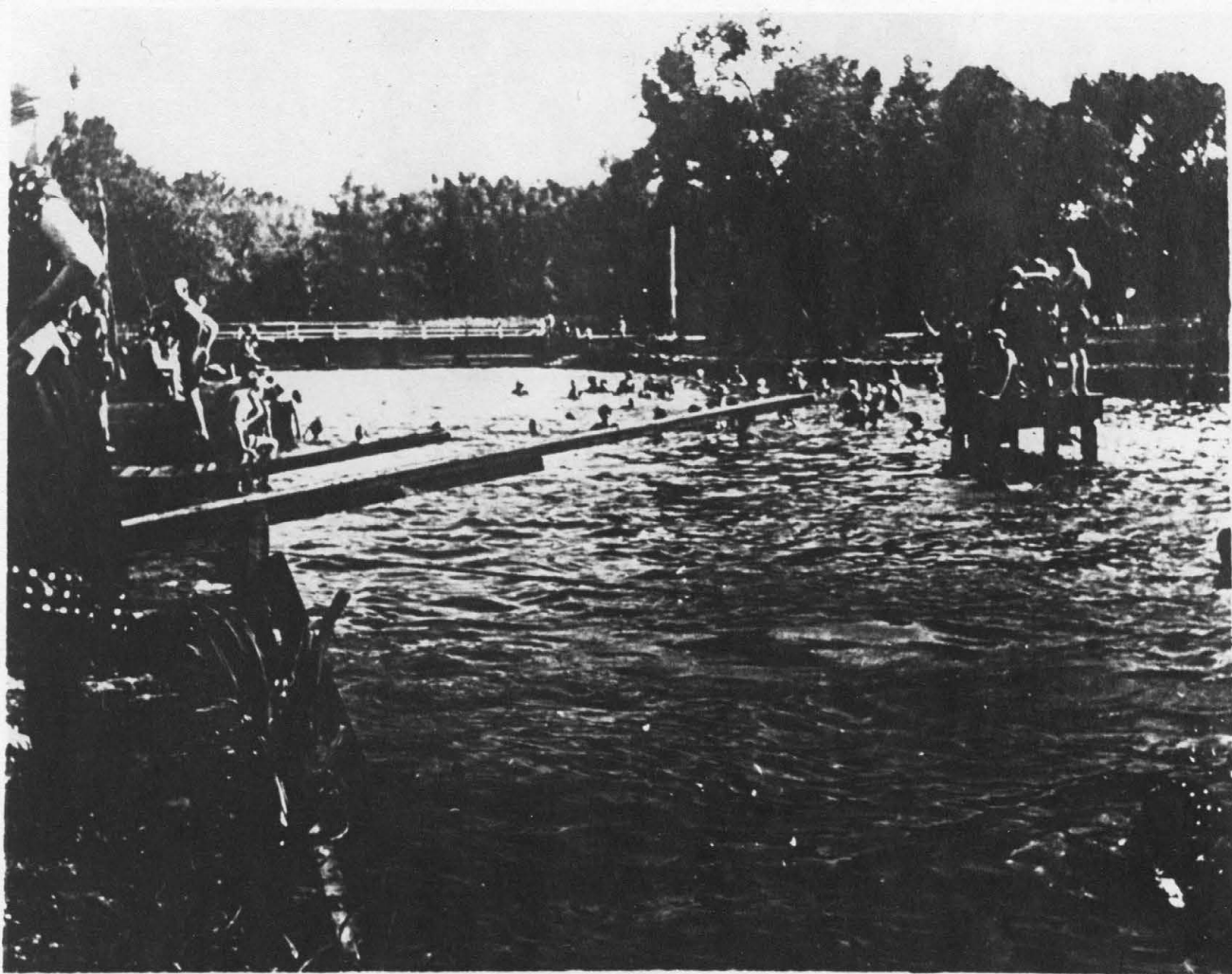




View down the river from a point opposite the south end of the island,
on the west bank of the river. Taken April 1926, before improvements
of the new lease.



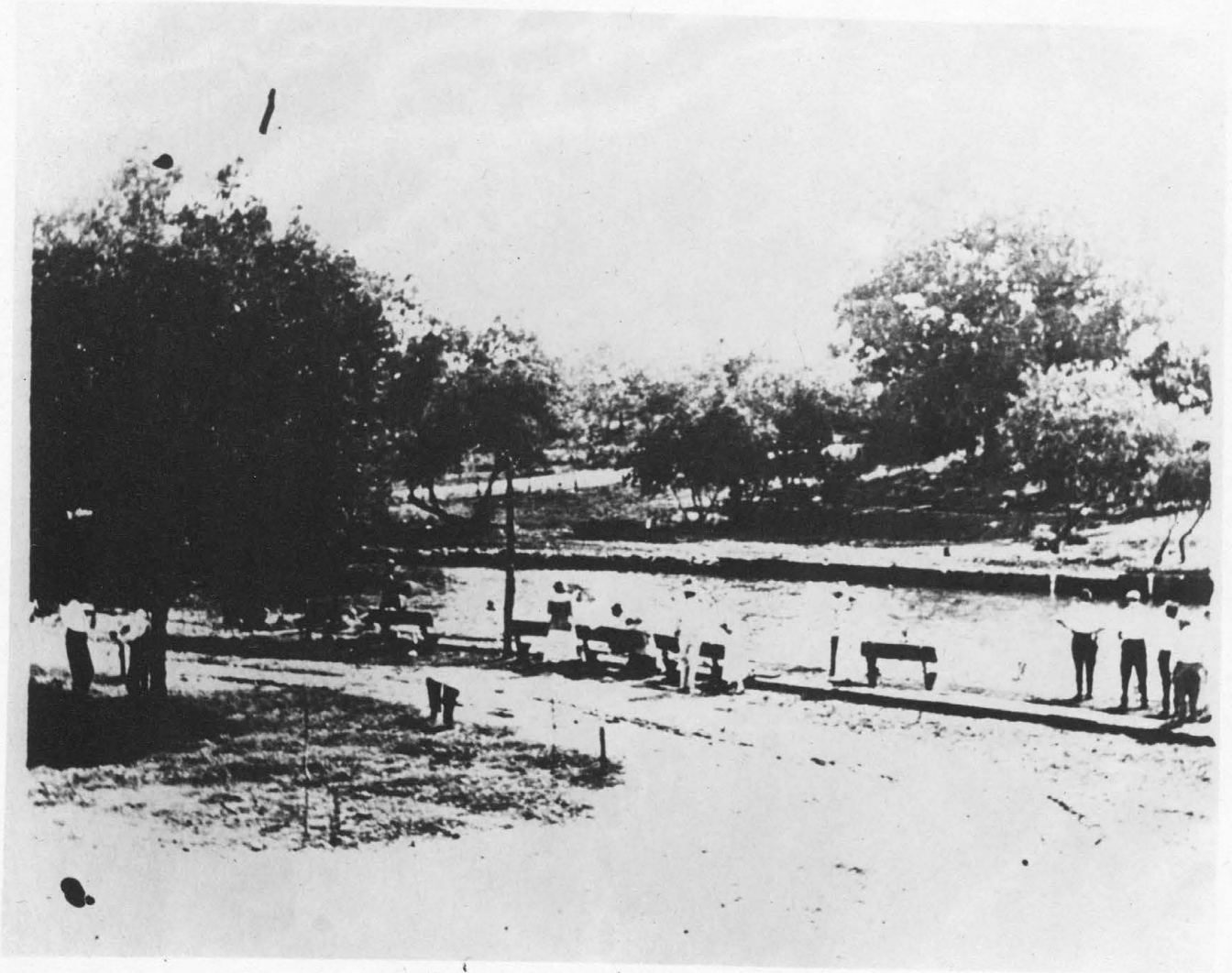
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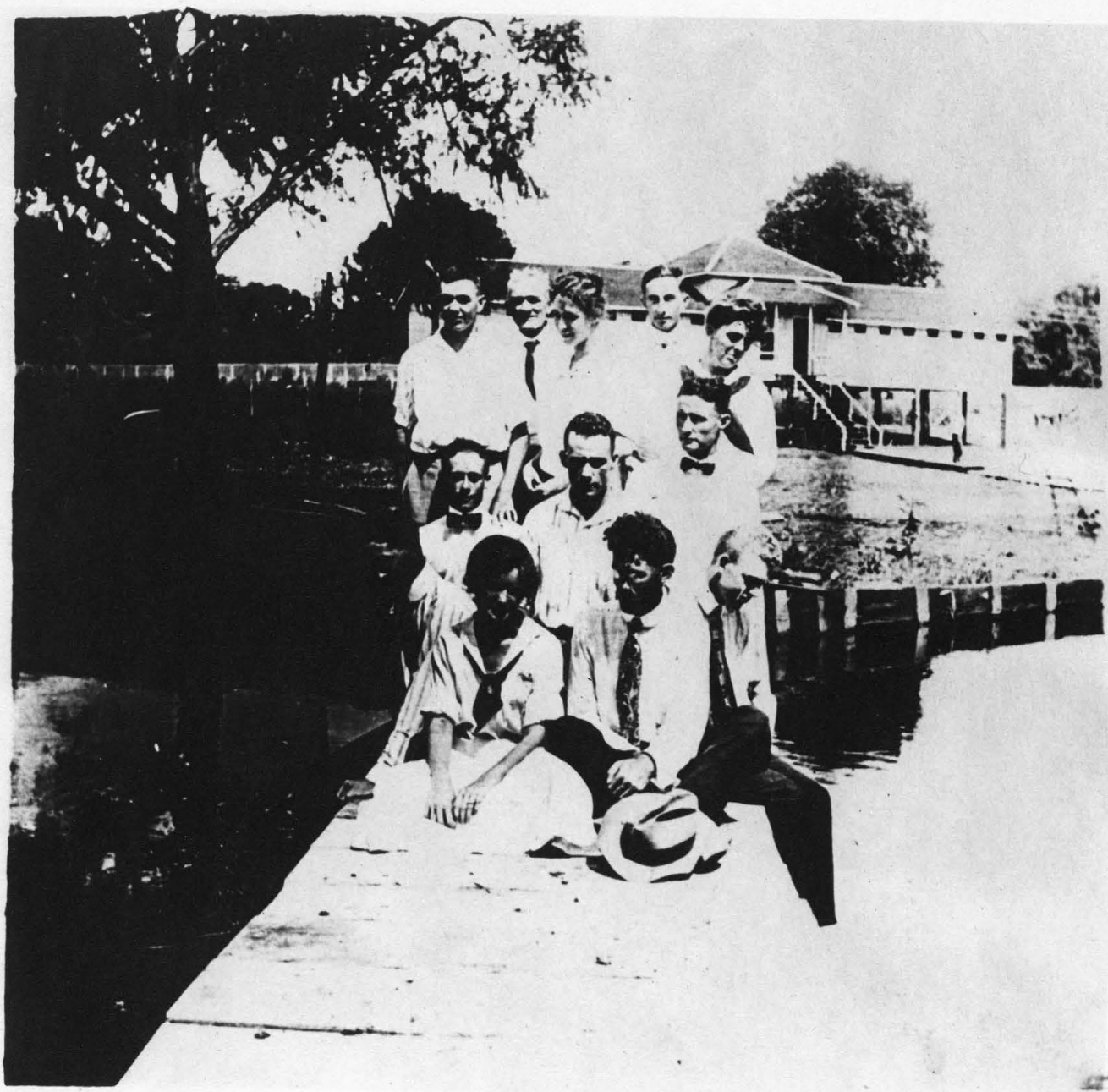
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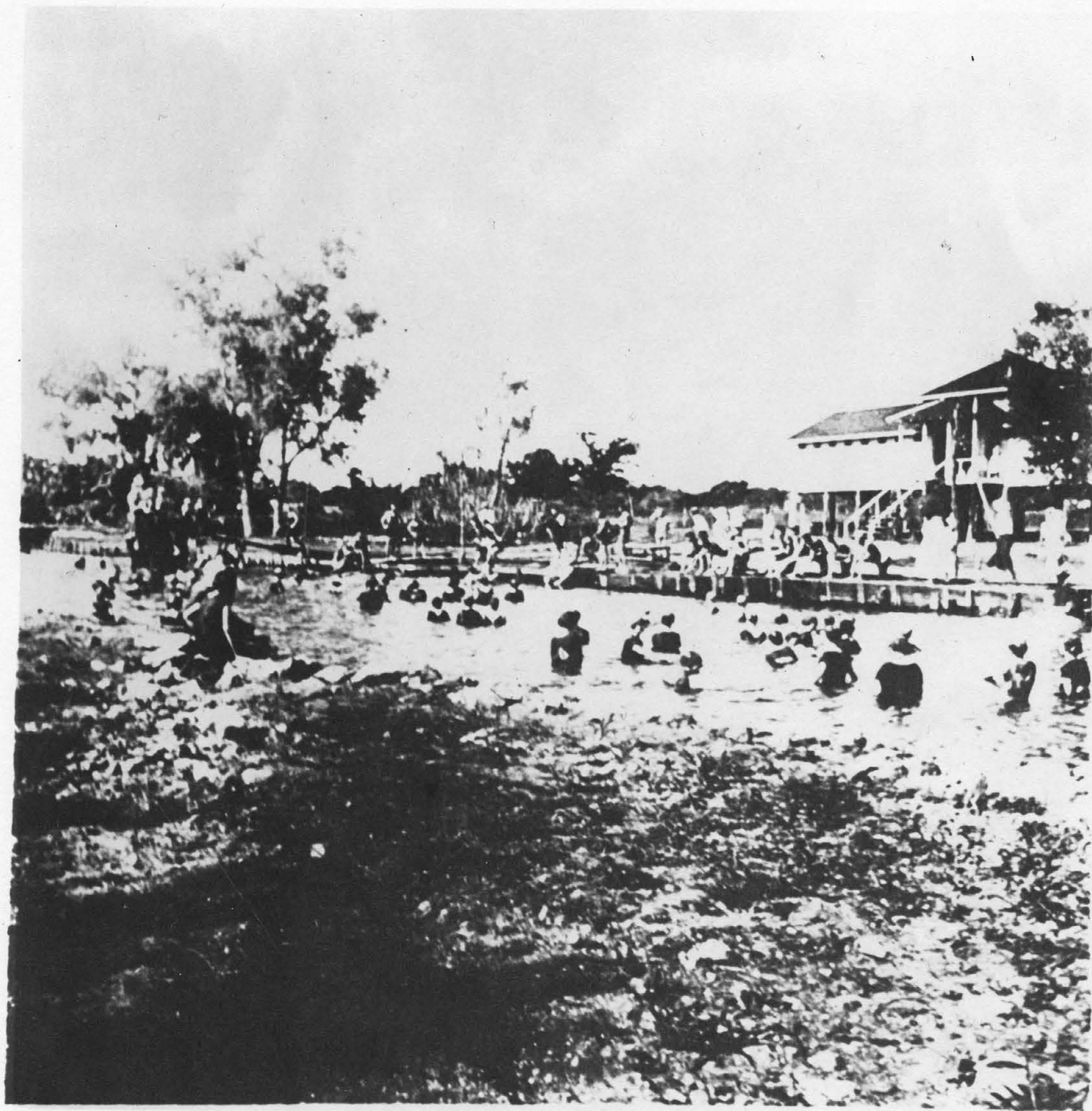
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Riverside 1918

San Marcos, Texas
June 1, 1929.

President C. E. Evans,
Southwest Texas State Teachers College,
San Marcos, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that you have my permission as Superintendent of the Federal Fisheries in San Marcos, to make the following improvements on the grounds now under lease by the Teachers College from the Federal Government for use as a swimming resort.

1. To construct a substantial cement retaining wall along the river bank throughout the extent of the swimming pool.
2. To construct cement walk ways along the river bank and elsewhere about the bath house, as may be deemed serviceable
3. To construct a diving tower and a swing tower on the river bank.
4. To construct a well-covered pit for kitchen and bathtub drainage in connection with the keeper's cottage.
5. To construct wooden or cement bases for diving boards and platforms along the river bank.
6. To construct buried cement blocks along the river bank for use in dragging the river.
7. To construct a cable-supported foot bridge across the river to the west side of the island.
8. To construct a good cement drive bridge instead of the old wooden bridge that washed away.
9. To construct a temporary wooden foot bridge for use until the drive bridge may be built.
10. To set posts for installing an adequate lighting system for the park.
11. To make such construction as may be desirable in the development of a Spring that exists at the river's edge.

Signed by local superintendent
Fish Hatchery in San Marcos

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Fisheries

Washington

In Reply Refer to File

June 13, 1935.

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Subject: Extension of Revocable License.

Mr. C. E. Evans, President,
Southwest Texas State Teachers College,
San Marcos, Texas

Dear Sir:

In accordance with what is understood to be your desire, the Revocable License dated April 29, 1930, granting to the Southwest Texas State Teachers College permission to use, for bathing purposes, certain land fronting on the San Marcos River within the boundaries of the San Marcos, Texas, fisheries station, is hereby extended for five years from the date of this communication. It is to be understood, of course, that the continued use of the property in question is to be subject to the same terms and conditions contained in the Revocable License referred to.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Frank T. Bell,
Commissioner.

Copy

REVOCABLE LICENSE

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Southwest Texas State Teachers College, of San Marcos, Texas, for permission to use a certain portion of land fronting on the San Marcos River, Texas, for the use of its teachers and students for bathing purposes; and

WHEREAS, the said land is the property of the United States, under the control and jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Commerce that the use of the said land for bathing purposes will in no way interfere with the use of the station by the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, This agreement made this ~~..30th..~~ day of ~~.....April.....~~, 1935, by and between the United States of America, byActing, Secretary of Commerce, party of the first part, and the Southwest Texas State Teachers College, of San Marcos, Texas, by its president, C. E. Evans, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part does hereby grant to the said party of the second part permission to occupy and use for a bathing beach that portion of the aforesaid property particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a cedar post on the east side of the San Marcos-Austin road, being the southwest corner of the present Riverside enclosure, from which a 24-in hackberry bears

S. 72 deg. 30' W 69 feet, and an 8-inch pecan bears S. 58 deg. 47' E. 70.5 feet.

Thence S. 34 deg. 15' W. 25 feet to an iron stake, this being the southwest corner of lease boundary as described in contract of May, 1926.

Thence onward S. 34 deg. 15' W. along the southeast line of the San Marcos-Austin road 400 feet to a turn in the road.

Thence S. 25 deg. 30' W. along the southeast line of said road 197 feet to an iron stake near the Fish Hatchery pump house.

Thence S. 62 deg. E., passing about six feet north of the pump house, 71 feet to the edge of the San Marcos River.

Thence up the west bank of the river with its meanders to a 4-inch willow tree, the most southern point of the boundary of lease dated May 17, 1926.

Thence on up the west bank of the river with its meanders to the new cement bridge on the San Marcos-Austin Road.

Thence in a southwesterly direction along the arc of a circle whose radius is 210 feet 131 feet to a point in the southeast edge of the San Marcos-Austin road, near the second telephone pole from the river. (See release of June 7, 1929).

Thence S. 34 deg. 15' W. along the southeast line of the San Marcos-Austin road 160 feet to the place of beginning, to be used exclusively by the teachers and students of said college and for no other purpose, upon the following provisions and conditions:

FIRST: That the period of occupation by the party of the second part under this agreement is limited to five (5) years or less, commencing on the 30 day of April, 1935, and terminating on the 30 day of April, 1940, unless the same shall be previously revoked as hereinafter provided.

SECOND: That this license shall be subject to revocation by the Secretary of Commerce at his discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the term of five years for which it is made.

THIRD: That no excavation or other work shall be undertaken or temporary structures, etc., placed upon said land by the party of the second part until authority therefore is obtained in writing from the said superintendent and approved by the Commissioner of Fisheries; that all structures, etc., so erected, shall be maintained at all times in a safe, good and serviceable condition; and that all expenses of whatever nature, incurred in the erection of temporary structures, etc., and the maintenance of the said bathing beach is to be borne by the party of the second part.

FOURTH: That no expense of any kind in connection with the said privilege shall be charged to or borne by the United States; and that the party of the second part shall save the United States harmless against any claim or demand growing out of the use of said portion of land for bathing purposes.

FIFTH: That the United States reserves the right to use the property licensed at any and all times as it may desire.

SIXTH: That the said party of the second part shall not sublet or assign this license in whole or in part, to any party or parties whatsoever.

SEVENTH: That all property of the party of the second part shall be removed within two months from the date of the revocation or termination of this license and the premises left in as good condition as when occupied by the licenses. All property not removed within the limit of time mentioned shall become the property of the United States.

And the party of the second part, for itself and its successors, hereby agree with the party of the first part to be bound by all the terms and provisions of this license.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; the party of the first part, the said United States, bySecretary

of Commerce, and the said party of the second part, the Southwest Texas State Teachers College, by its President, C. E. Evans, hereto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed and sealed in the presence
of:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY _____ (L.S.)

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

By C. E. Evans (L.S.)

PRESIDENT

CHAPTER III

FACTS ABOUT THE SAN MARCOS RIVER AND THE PHYSICAL FEATURES OF RIVERSIDE

The water in the San Marcos River comes from springs located half a mile above the boundary line of the recreation park. On July 1, 1927, the San Marcos Record carried an interesting article about the San Marcos Spring as one of the large springs of the United States.¹ We quote from the article.

Of the 65 springs of first magnitude in the United States four are in Texas, the Geological Survey recently announced. The largest springs in Texas are the Comal Springs, near New Braunfels. Other springs of the first magnitude in Texas are the Goodenough Springs 12 miles southeast of Comstock; San Marcos Springs at San Marcos, and San Felipe Springs, two miles northeast of Del Rio. The historic San Antonio Springs are nearly if not quite of this magnitude. These springs issue from lime stone in a great fault zone that extends through a great part of the State.

Any of the four springs in Texas issues through enough water daily to supply the daily need of such cities as Dallas and Houston combined, or Fort Worth and San Antonio combined.

A spring of the first magnitude, according to the classification adopted by the Geological Survey, is one that has an average discharge of at least 10 cubic feet a second, or 65,000,000 gallons a day. This is enough water to supply a city of half a million inhabitants and is, in fact, about the quantity that is consumed in Washington.

The report shows that there are about 65 springs or groups of springs in the United States which supply that amount of water.¹

Dr. Sewell made further investigation and his notes provide the following information.

The San Marcos Spring at San Marcos flows 135 second-feet. This figure is based on six years of daily gauge at San Marcos, 1915 to 1921. In 1900, 1903, and 1906 the gauge measured 150 second-feet. The minimum average over the later six year period, 1915 to 1921, was reported. This is 61,000 gallons a minute or 88,000,000 gallons a day. Thus in comparison with the sixty-five first magnitude springs in the United States, San Marcos Springs ranks thirty-third.

A minimum first-magnitude spring is defined by the Geological Survey as one that flows 100 cubic feet per second. This is 45,000 gallons per minute, or 65,000,000 gallons per day. Some mathematical computation shows that the 88,000,000 gallons a day, from the San Marcos Spring, would furnish 100 gallons a day or 3,000 gallons a month, to each man, woman, and child in a city, or group of cities with the combined population of 880,000.

Local rains have no effect on the flow. These springs are limestone springs. Limestone is readily worn away by percolating ground water and it becomes full of crevasses and natural tunnels. In many limestone regions surface

1. San Marcos Record: July 1, 1927.

streams are absent and drainage is through natural tunnels. When these tunnels come to the surface large springs result.

It is characteristic of these springs to yield clear water a beautiful delicate blue in color. The water is transparent. Objects may be seen in detail forty or fifty feet under water in the river head lake just above Riverside north boundary. Vegetable growth and color forms are varied and beautiful.

In August 1927, Dr. Sewell tested the temperature of the water at the spring. The air was 90° and the water 70° . In the mid-winter following, when the atmosphere was 32° the water was 70° , the same as in the summer. The water at Riverside showed 72° in summer and 67° in the winter, only 5° variation between mid-winter and mid-summer.

On another occasion, Dr. Sewell took a thermometer to the pool when the mercury registered 5° above zero. He stood on the ice covered bank and swung the thermometer out, from a telephone guy wire, deep into the water and left it several minutes. It registered 67° . Swimming is indulged in all the year around.

On seeing the little artesian spring - the natural drinking fountain - near the river in the Riverside Park, many ask how it is constructed, and what is its source. It is not connected with the river or with the city water supply. It is a natural spring.

Before the cement wall at that point was built, cutting off a triangle of the river and necessitating filling in behind the wall, the spring was discovered in the bed of the river. It was throwing up a little white gravel and the water was colder than the river water about it. Considerable excavation in the bed of the river was necessary, following the spring's exit straight down about nine feet to where the earth through which the spring was coming was perfectly hard and firm.

A four-inch iron pipe, nine feet long, was put into use and welded in one end of this pipe was a funnel-shaped flange a foot in diameter. The flange was jammed down firmly over the spring's exit. The excavation around the pipe was filled with adobe to prevent the water from coming into contact with the pipe. A smaller pipe was fitted to the upper end of the four-inch pipe and thus the spring flow was brought up above the level of the river.

A cement basin was constructed around the spring so that one can walk down into the basin and use the spring as a drinking fountain. The cement does not enclose the pipe cavity and the water thus passes out into the river.

Samples of the spring water were tested by the State Health Department at Austin and the samples adjudged "Good; No Contamination". The date of the test was 1927.

Riverside begins at the present highway bridge and on the west bank of the San Marcos River takes in the land south of the highway as far to the south as the federal

pump house. It comprises four acres in all and is held by lease from the federal government. The land east of the river composes seventeen acres. The island contains two-thirds of an acre.

The map included* shows the lay of the land with relation to the state highway and bridge. This map is made from an actual survey, and was provided by Dr. Sewell, who made the various surveys himself.

The construction of the pool from its beginning through various improvement periods is an interesting story. As previously stated, the bottom was originally deep, soft mud. All of the stream now known as the pool was in this condition with the exception of the section under the high diving tower. This was fifteen feet deep.

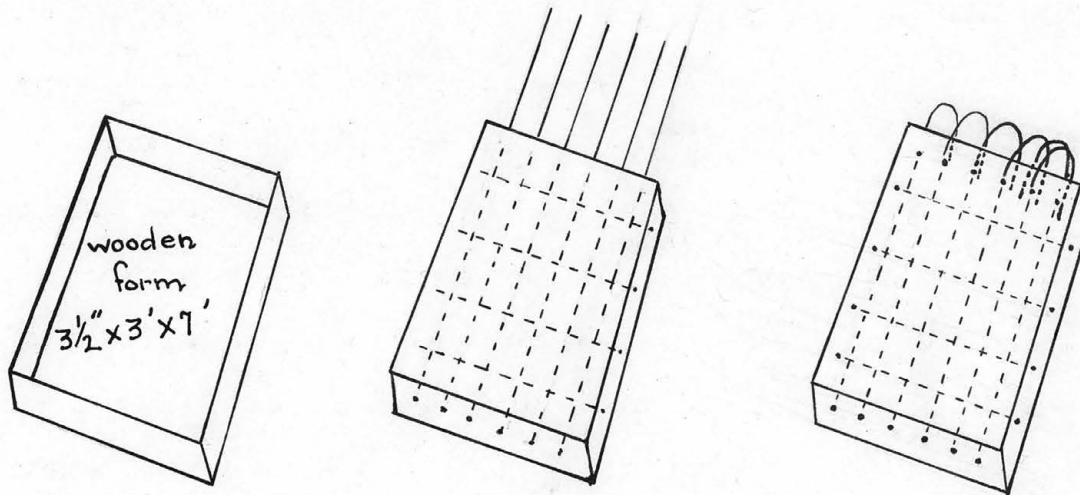
The first big job of work was with mud bucket and dredge - principally the dredge. The dredge was pulled back and forth and the dirt was carried off by the current, the gravel and sand remaining. This procedure left a section about five feet deep with gravel bottom just east of the bath house.

The next important step was the construction of retaining walls and walks. The first retaining wall was made of cedar posts driven down side by side along the water's edge. These were fastened together at the top and tied back to embedded "dead men" or big rocks or logs firmly buried in the ground. But soon it was evident

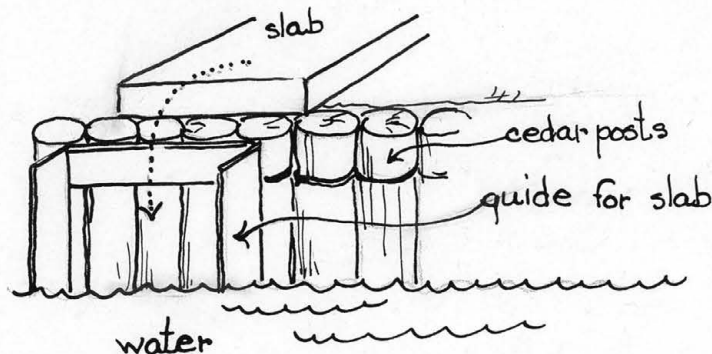
that these posts would not serve. Bids were called for cement walls and walks in 1928.

The lowest bid was \$22 a running foot for walk and wall. Mr. Clayton was now employed in the manual arts department as assistant; he put his talents to work and it was Mr. Clayton who really worked out the plan used. He was assisted by Mr. Rufus Wimberley, the yard man. The type of structure they worked out cost \$7 to \$8 a running foot of walk and wall. The cement mixture used was the standard mixture for any work of this kind. All the work was done by the college crew of workers.

Forms were constructed on level ground and slabs three and one half inches thick, and three feet wide and seven to twelve feet long (depending on the depth of bank) were made in these forms. Half inch reenforcement rods were used, six being laid length-wise with a space of six inches between them. One rod every foot was the method for cross-wise reenforcement. The length-wise rods came out much longer than the form. These lengths of reenforcement rods were turned back into the cement several feet - or nearly to the bottom of the form. Thus loops were left into which the hooks could be fastened and used when the tractor lifted the slabs into place. The slab was allowed to set and harden three or four days before the tractor was used to put them in place.



Along the bank wooden guides were used made of two by four, two by twelve, and two by six, timbers. The old cedar posts remained and these guides were along the front side of the posts. These guides were built to fit each slab. The guide frame was constructed like the following diagram:

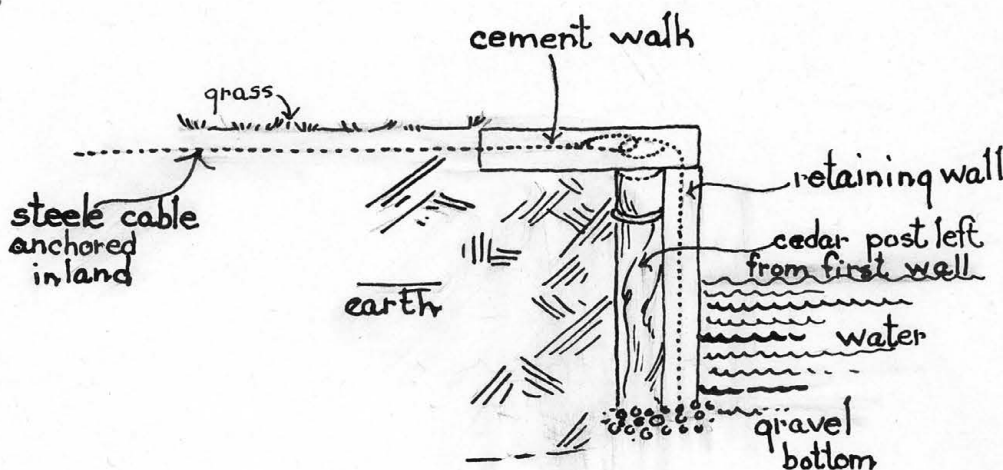


The guide did not go entirely to the bottom of the river. In each case it was found that when the derrick lifted the slab, held it up in the guide for several feet and dropped it from enough height between the guide boards, the cement

section settled into place nicely. To make sure that the unfastened lower edge of the slab, the part under water, was embedded the derrick lifted and jammed each section several times. The guide boards were removed, another guide set for the next section and thus the retaining wall progressed, each section resting snugly against its neighbor.

The top of the cement sections were broken off down to a certain point even with the lower edge of the cement walk, in an evening-up process. The jagged iron reinforcement bars, the ends of the one-time loops used to lift by, were bent back and embedded in turn into the cement sidewalk that follows the line of the bank, or water's edge, on each side of the river. This walk was in turn anchored with steel cables to rock or trees many feet inland.

It might be said that the cement walk and the retaining wall are joined to form a right angle. This angle fits over the edge of the river bank, and line of cedar posts.



As far as is known this cement construction is entirely original. It has proved satisfactory. Many tests of strength have been given to it, as floods occur often in spring and fall during the rainy months. Only one section, just east of the foot bridge, needs repair. There is a strong current at this point.

In order to make a pool of wading depth for beginners, the children of the faculty, and the laboratory school children, at least fifty or sixty loads of smooth creek gravel were put below the foot bridge, and about one hundred loads in the so-called "beginners pool" on the northeast side of the island. The children and beginners have an area forty feet by one hundred and fifty feet and two to four feet deep on the northeast side of the island. Below the foot bridge there is an area about fifty feet by seventy feet that is three to five feet deep for the intermediate swimmers and for those who are less skilled but who enjoy the pleasure of the sport.

There is an area just below the highway bridge some sixty by one hundred and fifty feet where the water is four to five feet deep. There is an area near the west end of the island fifty feet by one hundred and fifty feet of eight to ten feet in depth - ten feet near the diving tower. Just above the foot bridge an area sixty by one hundred and fifty feet provides a depth of from six to seven feet. There is plenty of space and varied depths for all sorts of swimming activities. Wire cables are stretched across the pools at

various places, one near the highway bridge, one in the children's pool, and, at times, one below the foot bridge. Cables run along the retaining wall and offer a hand hold as needed. There are eight ladders of iron piping fastened into cement walks at one end and extending down into the water, for the convenience of swimmers in entering and leaving the pool.

The dragging of the pool is interesting. Moss and weeds from the river bottom are profuse. Every six or eight weeks the part of the pool used for swimming must be dragged. For this purpose a cotton gin auger, weighing six or eight hundred pounds, is dragged back and forth in the bottom of the river. A wire cable one thousand feet long is used. The tractor uses a forward and reverse gear alternately. The weeds and mud are torn loose from the bottom and carried off by the current. Three or four days is usually spent on one of these draggings.

At times, when the head of the river lake, above the dam, is being mowed to free the lake of moss and weeds, the weeds are brought by the current into the pool at Riverside and cause inconvenience when the pool is in use. The writer has seen islands of moss and water hyacinths floating by that were firm and compact enough to hold up swimmers who would climb on them. When covered with the exotic orchid-colored flowers these floating islands are very beautiful, but also very troublesome.

A net of wire or steel mesh is often dropped into the water from a wire cable or telephone poles stretched at the highway bridge. During special activities, and during the water pageant, the stream is thus kept clear of floating moss and weeds. It has been the custom to try and have the weed dragging at Riverside and Spring Lake coincide so that all debris floats away at one time. The average visitor at the park sees only the clear stream and knows nothing of these river cleaning projects.

The island contains two-thirds of an acre and it is primarily a natural island. Earlier in this paper it was related how the river changed its bed and helped to cut it off permanently. The current went around the east side about one hundred years ago, but now the main current follows the west side along what was once the mill race. The land was so low and marshy and covered with weeds and brush that it was necessary to fill it in with many loads of rock and other material.

About 1920 or 1921 the island was cleared and graded and prepared for use, primarily for picnics. A wooden drive bridge was built from the mainland across to the island. The bridge was below the present concrete foot bridge. Two other wooden bridges were built - one foot bridge and one drive bridge - and all these were washed away by floods before the present foot bridge was constructed of cement in 1932, at a cost of seven hundred dollars. Three years later a swinging bridge of wooden foot boards and steel cable rail was built just above the lower tower on the west

corner of the island. A few years later this was washed away by a flood, and not rebuilt.

The two central supports of the concrete bridge were moulded on the ground. They were pointed at one end and were seventeen feet long. These supports were driven down to solid earth with a pile driver constructed by Rufus Wimberley, the yard man. The pile driver was operated with the little Ford tractor we often see being used to drag the river.

A wooden drive bridge was built in 1928 at the east side of the island. It was located where the present concrete drive bridge is located. The wooden bridge soon rotted out and the present concrete drive bridge was constructed in 1934 at a cost of five hundred dollars.

The island has been used for various kinds of picnicking. In 1930 a barbecue pit was built close to the end of the drive bridge on the east side of the island. A temporary out-door stage was constructed for the use of commencement exercises and political rallies.

It was in 1935 that the "slab" was constructed, at a cost of \$2,300. The slab is located on the west end of the island, and covers a space sixty feet by one hundred and twenty feet and is eight inches thick. The cement was poured and finished in one day - from about 5:00 A.M. to about 4:00 the next morning. The first pouring was of coarse cement and the second pouring was of a finer, smoother kind with terra cotta coloring added. A steel reenforce-

ment frame was made of three-quarter inch steel reinforcement bars placed eight inches apart both ways. The slab is heavily reinforced but is not permanently or immovably anchored to any cement posts or iron work. Its type of construction provides for a certain amount of elasticity and tensile strength that prevents cracking. The slab is as smooth as paper and there are no serious cracks.

The slab, even more than the pool, is very useful in various ways. The recreational and instructional features will be discussed in the next chapters.

The dressing house now used by the girls was moved to its location from somewhere else. A boys' dressing room, a much smaller one than that of the girls, was built a little to the south, and it rested on the ground. This smaller house was washed away by a flood in 1921, and it was not rebuilt. Flood data is given at the end of this chapter. After the loss by flood of the boys' bath house, the girls' bath house was divided, the south wing being given to the girls and the north wing to the boys. Two rooms in the north end were used as quarters for the caretaker.

The bath house was utilized in this manner for two years. The boys' dressing house, as we now know it, was moved from "somewhere" outside the park, and set up. During the second year following the addition of a boys' dressing house the basket room was built as it is now. It joins the boys and girls section, and forms the leg

in a crude T-shaped building. Up to this time ninety well-board boxes had been provided for the girls in what is now the lobby of the girls' bath house. Clothes were stored in them. Wire baskets and number pins were adopted with the advent of the present basket room.

The caretaker's cottage was built in the spring of 1926 and the first occupants were Mr. Walter McKinney and his wife. This building is two stories high. The caretaker has a comfortable, well-furnished apartment upstairs. The lower floor is the storage room, and also has a counter and shelves for skates and equipment issued to students. This equipment is kept here and checked out. A soft drink ice chest is also provided.

There are two ten-foot diving boards; four three-foot boards; and one seven-foot. This seven-foot board is "Off height" and is intended as a transition from the low to the high board. There are two diving towers. There are two swings twenty to twenty-three feet high and built of heavy iron pipe, set in cement, so constructed as to reduce the danger of using them to a minimum.

Equipment for such games as table games, volley ball, soft ball, ping pong, croquet, badminton, horse shoes, and skates is kept in the caretaker's cottage and set up or issued as called for. The record playing machine with loud speaker on the slab, which furnishes music for skating and dancing, is operated from the caretaker's cottage also. This public address feature was introduced in 1933.

The customary picnic tables, a drinking fountain, benches and a barbeque pit are on the island. There are plenty of benches on the mainland also. The high west bank of the river has been improved by a rock and cement wall which prevents dirt from sliding and insures a neater appearance. The park is wired for all types of lighting, including flood lights over the pool when the pageant is going on. At present Burmuda grass covers the lawn. No carpet grass has been used. Trees that now furnish shade close to the water were set out when the park was first improved.

The grounds slope from the fence to the river. A natural amphitheatre is provided for the pageant and water events. The northwest section of the slab, pushed out into the curve of the stream, makes an excellent out-door stage. Seating accommodations are provided on the curving, sloping bank opposite. The most unusual feature is the stream between the audience and the stage. A beautiful reflection of the stage is cast on the water. Swimming events climax in this bend in front of both the audience and the stage. The accompanying newspaper clippings from the San Marcos Record illustrate this feature.

An order form is attached which shows the type and amount of supplies ordered for Riverside. An official statement of flood conditions at Riverside is attached and the statement is self explanatory. Following the flood data is a map of Riverside with markings showing where the various lease renewals placed the boundary lines.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
TEACHERS COLLEGE

Order No. _____

by Sewell

San Marcos, Texas, Apr. 12, 1941

Please fill, for immediate shipment, the following order.
Send the bill of lading with invoice direct to the Accountant.
Ship via _____, consignment marked _____
_____ Southwest Texas State Teachers College,
San Marcos, Texas:

QUANTITY	ARTICLE	PRICE
10	Tennis Table Tops -----	\$38.25
10	Table Tennis Nets -----	\$12.50
12	Table Tennis Paddles -----	2.60
24	Table Tennis Balls -----	1.00
3	Volley Balls -----	21.45
2	Volley Ball Nets -----	11.65
6	Soft-ball Bats -----	4.85
5	Skate Keys with chains -----	(?)
24	Badminton Shuttle-cocks -----	6.25
2	Springboards -----	10.50
2	Cork Life Buoys -----	8.00
100	Number Pin Blanks -----	2.50
5000	Mercury Bichloride Tablets -----	19.00
	Bolts and rope	

Total ----- \$138.55

Weed screens. This will be mainly labor---probably
a little financial outlay

Plumbing and lighting repairs. This will involve some
materials, and some work. One big point
in this will be to raise the south end of
the boys' dressing house and put in a new
sill, in order to repair the plumbing.

Janitor supplies. These should come through Bolton.

First Aid Supplies come from the Doctor's Office.

December 3, 1936.

Historical statement of flood conditions in the past eighteen years at Riverside, the College Swimming and Recreation Park, at San Marcos.

The highest flood of this period came in May, 1918, and in September, 1921; at each of these times, the water (sic) getting up within about a foot of the eaves of the bath house, which means about eighteen feet deep on the island.

The next highest was in April, 1929; the water getting up to about four feet deep in the bath house.

At three other times, 1925, 1933, 1936, the water was up to within two to four feet of the bath house floor.

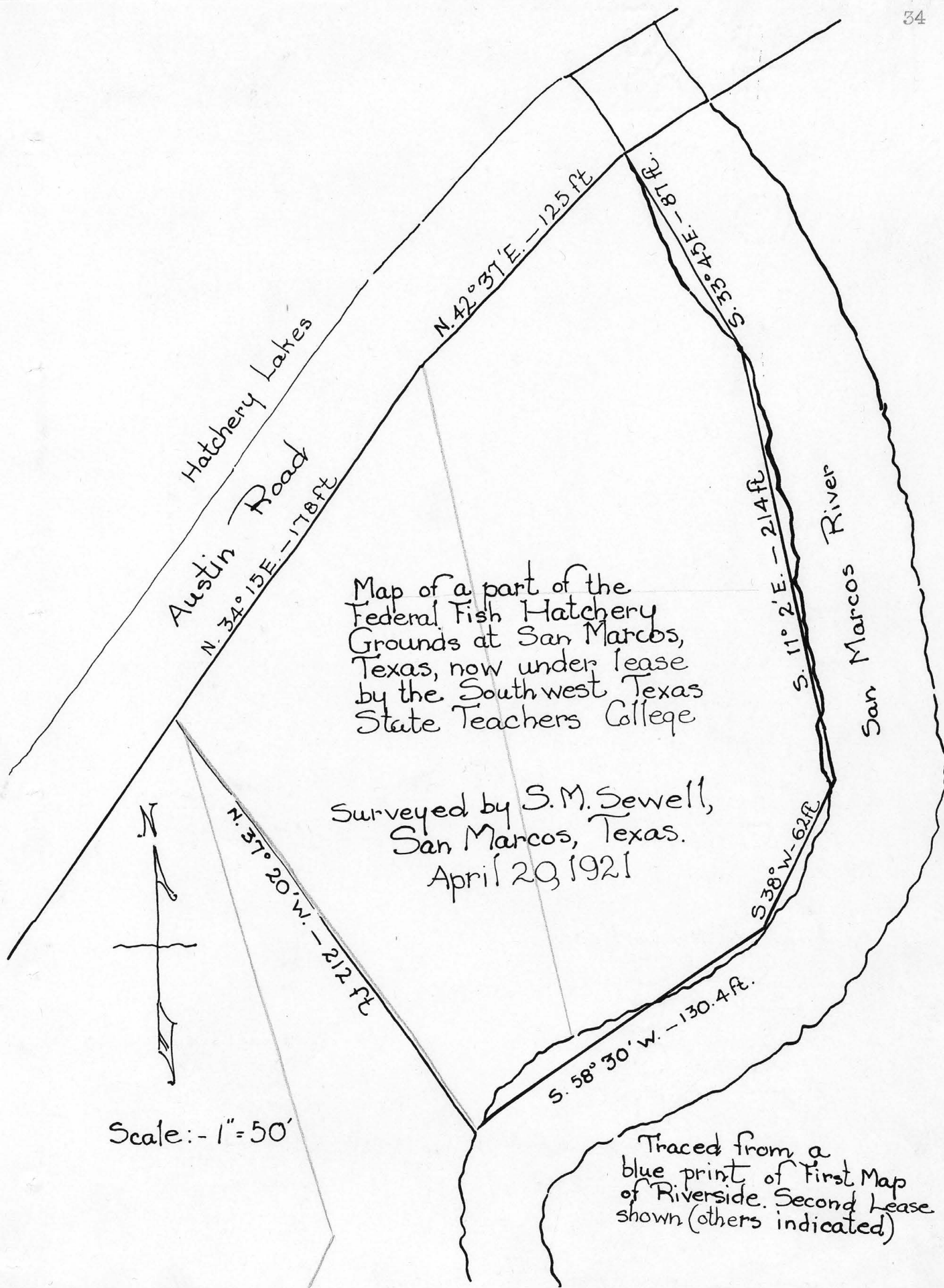
At all of these times the entire island and a large part of the main land of the park was under several feet of water --- up to about sixteen feet --- washing away benches, tables, platforms, and swimming pool equipment. At one time a boys' bath house, standing a little way south of the present bath house, was completely swept away. The woven wire fence enclosing the park was once badly ridden down with drift. Most of the tables and benches were recovered from various points down the river. At each overflow many tons of drift and debris were left in the park, requiring several days' work with truck, forks, and rakes in clearing it away. Small trees up to five or six inches in diameter were ridden to the ground with drift. The bath house stood the test because it is securely bolted down to the cement pillars upon which it rests.

--- C. E. Evans -----
President S.W.T. Teachers College.

Attest:

S. M. Sewell -----
Supervisor of Park
at Riverside.

NOTE:-- The above was an official statement furnished in an organized effort for the establishment of the Colorado-Blanco River Authority in 1936.



FISH
HATCHERY

33'
S. 75° 36' W.

N. 38° 40' E.
STATE HY. 2

BATH
HOUSE

COTTAGE

RIVERSIDE
RECREATION
PARK

4th Lease
all the
nest

2nd Lease

3rd Lease

BRIDGE

S. 86° 40' W.
122'

N. 0° 35' E.
161'

N. 15° 5' W.
290'

ISLAND

FOOT
BRIDGE

DRIVE
BRIDGE

SAN MARCOS
RIVER

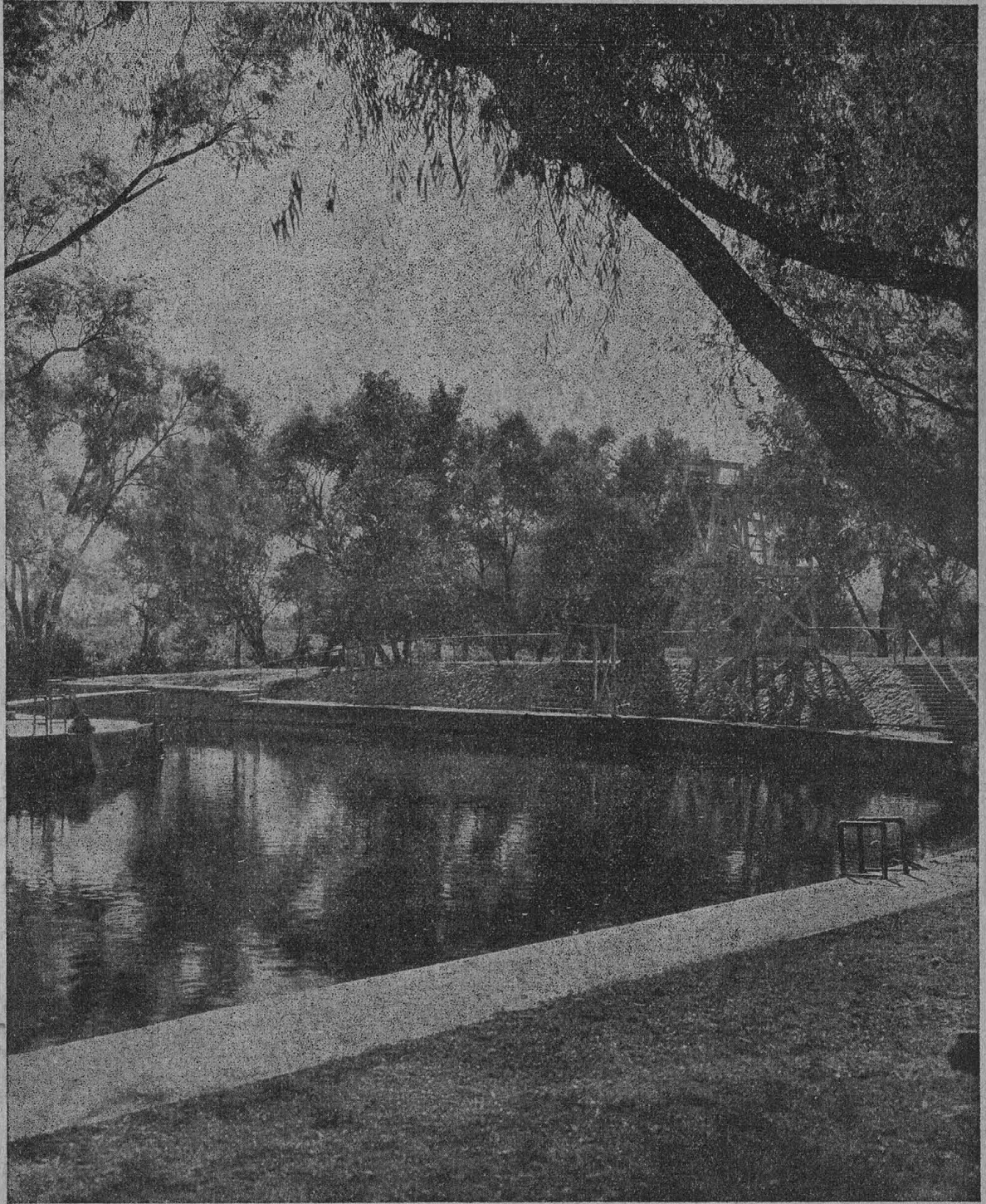
PUMP
HOUSE

528'
N. 44° 43' E.
270'
47° 25' E.

May 1936

THE COLLEGE STAR

RECREATIONAL CENTER



Recreational Center Is Constructed From River Bottom Jungle

College Star, May 1936

The history of the development of Riverside, the college swimming and recreation park, dates back to the summer of 1917. During two summers, 1916 and 1917, the college made provision for some swimming activity for the students just below the city power house, by leasing some large tents to be used as dressing rooms, the tents being partitioned into small booths.

One afternoon in the summer of '17, President Evans, C. S. Smith and S. M. Sewell went down below the highway bridge and made some investigations and discussed the possibility of developing a swimming pool down there. The river channel was two to three feet deep, with a bottom so muddy and soft that one could hardly wade it. Old tree trunks and limbs were imbedded here and there in the mud. On the west side of the channel for fifty feet or more was a weedy marsh that one could not wade through. However, the decision was that with plenty of time and labor spent upon it, it would be possible to develop a pool that could be fairly well used for swimming.

The first step necessary was to secure a lease from the Federal Government for this purpose, the land on the west side of the river being a part of the Federal Fish Hatchery grounds. This lease was secured in September, 1917; and included the area west of the river to a line running in a general north-south direction through where the boys' bath house now stands, from a point near the north footman's gate to a point on the river where the cement walk goes from the boys' house.

Soon several teams and scrapers and men were put to work; and after several weeks—really months—of dredging, dragging, hauling, and grading, the project began to look hopeful. A post and board wall was constructed along the channel edge, and then filled in behind. Hundreds of loads of gravel, rocks, cinders, and dirt were hauled to fill in between the river and present site of the bath house. Then trees were set—all the trees in that area except a few of the largest willows and pecans.

The next spring the girls' part of the present bath house was built; the boys to use the north end of it, and the girls the south end; a part of the north end being partitioned off for some boys to occupy as guardians of the park. A year or so later a boys' dressing room was built a little south of this, but washed away in 1921; and soon after, the present boys' house was built. Anyway the swimming started in the summer of 1918.

At each five-year renewal of the lease the territory was enlarged, until it reached its present enclosure. By and by the caretaker's cottage was built; then the basket room.

About twelve years ago, when the wooden walls began giving away, the cement work began; and the cement program has steadily advanced until the present, the results being clearly obvious; the cement work including a drive bridge and a foot bridge to the island, about 1200 feet of wall and about 2000 feet of walk. The improvements on the island had just about the same history

as on the upper front. Some of the greatest improvements have been along the deep water area by the high diving tower, where several timbers from an old, old mill have been dragged out of the bottom and banks.

The Swimming Activities

From the beginning there has been a woman employed as a general supervisor of the swimming activities. For several years she was known as "Riverside matron." This place was filled the first three years by Mrs. Scott, now Mrs. M. M. Muennink; the next eleven years by Mrs. S. M. Sewell; and the last four years by the woman occupying the caretaker's cottage. The first year or two there was a gate-keeper, who required the exhibit of a blanket tax receipt of the students on entering. The townspeople were not supposed to be admitted. Mr. M. H. Muennink was gate-keeper. In the central room of the bath house was a built-in cabinet with ninety beaver-board boxes for storing swimmers' clothes; the valuables were kept by a girl at a table out on the yard.

From the beginning physical education credit was given the students on swimming; although there were no organized swimming classes until about 1924. The general supervisor, or someone designated by her, would sit at a table out on the yard with the student rolls in hand, and would check them for credit as they would come by the table for that purpose. Although there were no organized classes in swimming, many students learned to swim each summer by the help of in-

dividual instructors, chief among whom in the faculty were C. S. Smith and S. M. Sewell. Several capable students assisted in this work. The better swimmers were quite active in swimming and diving.

In 1924 Rebekah Reardon was employed as swimming instructor for the girls; three years later, Lynnette Dailey became a regular instructor for the next seven years. The past two summers the work has been done by Winifred Turner, Inez Gilstrap and Ruth Joiner. A few years after organizing the girls' classes, the boys' work was organized, and has been under the direction of Coaches Shands, Roady and Gensberg. In the girls' work the regular instructors in physical education have been active.

During the past several years there have been from 500 to 700 girls and from 150 to 200 boys taking swimming regularly each summer. A large number of these really learn to swim in this work.

Life Saving Activities

In the summer of 1924 Capt. J. S. Law, Red Cross field representative in First Aid and Life Saving work, made a two day visit here, lecturing and giving demonstrations in life saving. S. M. Sewell, C. E. Doyle, and J. E. Hodge became greatly interested in the work, completed the course, went over to San Antonio and passed the regular senior tests. The next spring they started active class work in both senior and junior work. Soon each of these three attained the rank of examiner, and the work then grew rapidly; and since that time there has been a steady and strong life saving program in progress. The field representatives say they do not find a better type of work anywhere than here. During these years Mr. Sewell has had general direction of the life saving work. For several years he has had the rank of Special Ex-

aminer, with authority to give examiners' tests as well as those of juniors and seniors.

In the past eleven years to date, the number of life saving certificates issued by the Red Cross headquarters at St. Louis to students completing the work here are: seniors 502, and juniors, 316, making a total of 818. This does not include the first class of about twenty, examined by Dr. A. C. Ellis of Austin in August of 1924, whose records are in the file at Austin. Several more will be added to this list before the close of this season. A large number of examiners have qualified here, the plan being to keep at least six or eight on hand all the time to take care of the program.

Final Statement of Cost of Cement Drive Bridge
From Island to Mainland at Riverside Park

September 27, 1934.

Steel reinforcement, \$156.85 less \$7.15----	\$149.70
Form Lumber, 1870 feet at \$40.00 per M.---	75.83
Cement, 96 sacks at 63¢-----	60.48
Rock, 12 cubic yards at \$1.50-----	18.00
Screenings, 8 cubic yards at \$1.80-----	14.40
Sand, 3 cubic yards at \$3.75-----	11.25
Labor, Expert (Leffingwell) 9 days at \$5.00	45.00
Labor, Common (Gordon, Williams) 17 days at \$2.40-----	40.80
Labor, Students already employed, 28½ days-	71.20

Total Cost	\$486.66
Estimated cost of gates yet to be constructed	25.00

	\$511.66

This Statement Respectfully Submitted by S. M. Sewell,
September 27, 1934.

Note: The estimated cost submitted in advance of the work was \$474.35; but this did not include the common labor done by Gordon, Williams, and the students.

CHAPTER IV

THE USE MADE OF RIVERSIDE BY THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE KINDS OF RECREATION PROVIDED

From the very beginning Riverside was peculiarly adapted to use by the Health and Physical Education Department of the college.

Through the first fourteen years, 1917-1930, a "matron" was employed. Her duties were in general to look after the decorum of picnickers in the park, to observe whether bathing suits worn by the women fulfilled requirements as to color and style and type, and to keep a record of all students who were swimming for the physical education credit.

White or light colored suits were not permitted. In the very early days suits had skirts and bloomers and black hose were to be worn. Hose were usually pinned or sewed to the legs of the under part of the suit. Later, hose were dispensed with but for many years bathing attire was to follow strict regulations. The matron admitted only those properly suited. It also was her duty to pass judgment on suits worn by men and to see that regulations were followed.

Boys and girls were required to swim in different areas. Later on, the last hour was thrown open to joint swimming. Signs were placed on the grounds showing where the

area line came. Boys and girls in suits were not allowed to walk off, sit or lie on the grass in each others' company.

In recent years such rules as these listed above no longer exist. Modern regulations are given in Chapter VI.

For the first three summers Mrs. M. H. Muennink held the position of matron. Mrs. S. M. Sewell was the second and last matron. She served for eleven years from 1920 to 1930, inclusive.

The records were kept in this way: two tables were placed between the bath house and the river, one for girls and one for boys. Every student wishing physical education credit on swimming checked in at his or her table. Often students "checked in" without actually entering the pool. So it became a rule not only to require the "check in" on arrival, but also upon leaving the pool to check out in a wet suit. This was all that was necessary to receive credit. Students were appointed to check the rolls at the tables. The check roll which Mrs. Sewell used in 1921 shows a list of names of five hundred girls. There were one hundred boys.

This plan continued until 1923 when a swimming instructor was employed for the girls. Up to 1923 instructor and student went into the water together and the individual method of teaching was used. Most of the teaching was done by Dr. C. S. Smith and Dr. S. M. Sewell.

As many know, Dr. Smith came to the college as athletic coach. Dr. Sewell describes this swimming instruction as the "broken dose" procedure. Sometimes it took twenty or thirty minutes to persuade an absolute beginner to let his or her feet up off the bottom and to try the stroke for a few yards. When a pupil could keep above water for twenty or thirty feet he was turned loose and another pupil taken in. Dr. Sewell declares that the two hardest and most stubborn cases he ever encountered were Dr. A. H. Nolle, Dean of the College, and Dr. E. O. Tanner, Professor of Government. This should be a comfort to struggling students in the classes of these professors. They persevered and Dr. Sewell persevered and finally "they became right good swimmers." This method of individual instruction prevailed until 1923.

For three summers, beginning in 1923, Miss Rebecca Reardon (now Mrs. Rebecca Fairey) was employed as swimming instructor for the girls. It was under Miss Reardon that the group instruction plan was introduced. There is not much difference in the method used at the present and the method used then except in the size of the classes. In the beginning the classes were very large. A much larger per cent of students took swimming then than now. Perhaps this is due to the fact that now both boys and girls are accustomed to such recreation from the time they are small and they learn to swim long before entering college. It was a novelty then.

For the next seven summers, 1926 to 1932, Miss Lynette Dailey (now Mrs. Raymond Stegall) had this work. Classes were divided up and additional help employed. At about the same time the class for girls was started, Mr. H. G. Shands, one of the athletic coaches, started a class for boys. The report for the girls classes of 1924 and 1925 shows five hundred names each. Roll cards or grade books were kept by the instructor and the checking tables were done away with.

During the season when Riverside is open for classes, regular classes are scheduled for both boys and girls. The season opens in the spring when the weather is mild or about the first of April. Classes usually cease about November the fifteenth. There are some morning classes during the summer school days. This present summer of 1942 offers a swimming class for girls as early as seven o'clock. This is considered as the regular gymnasium period for the day. As a rule classes are held in the afternoon after the mid-day heat is past. Gymnasium activities of various kinds are required for Freshmen and Sophomores. There are activities in season at Riverside that fulfill some of these requirements. Water polo, swimming, and diving, boating and dancing of certain kinds may all be taught in the park when feasible.

Of course the extra-curricular activities connected with recreation are a nice follow-up for the credit courses. Many of the sports later indulged in for fun were learned in credit courses. The volley ball, barn dancing, ping pong, soft ball, badminton, baseball, and swimming are of-

ferred in the regular courses.

There are at present three full time instructors in the women's physical education department and during the summer several extra instructors are employed. There are three full time instructors and coaches in the men's department. The public school has an instructor for the girls and one for the boys.

Students of the campus and high schools may have their classes at Riverside too, at the hours set aside for them. These groups are under the direct supervision of the public school administration.

There is one fact worth emphasizing about recreation at Riverside. Only one type of entertainment ever charges a fee. Certain special dances charge an entrance fee. The fee is small, usually forty-nine or fifty cents and a blanket tax is sometimes used in conjunction with the paid fee. Various college clubs and classes hold dances on the slab and sometimes charge fees. Affairs sponsored by the recreational committee do not have fees for activities other than dancing.

Since the building of the slab on the island, the college has extended the use of the park. There is a regular program of "play night" activities made up of volley ball, soft ball (east of the river), ping pong, croquet, badminton, and horse shoes, in addition to dancing and skating on the slab. The college owns about one hundred pairs of skates. Students check them out on their blanket tax.

These many activities are in operation for about three hours almost every night during the summer season. The slab is used about four nights a week for skating and two nights for dancing. Various dated clippings from the College Star are attached at the close of this chapter. These clippings give some idea of how the park is used for recreation, and how enthusiastic students are about some of the activities.

The various equipment for all the games mentioned above is either permanently set up or may be obtained from the caretaker. All this is provided absolutely free or is issued upon presentation of a blanket tax. These activities

These activities are under the direction and supervision of a recreational committee of about seven, including the dean of men and of women. The committee is appointed each year by the president of the college. Dr. Sewell served on this committee for twenty-four consecutive years up until his retirement in 1941.

The Recreational Committee determines swimming privileges. These privileges are extended to bone fide college students registered at the time; to immediate families of married students (husbands, wives, children); to members of the college and public school faculties and their immediate families; local, city, and county officials and their families; to pastors of the local churches and their families; and to others by special permission from the park management. Anyone who is regularly entitled to swimming privileges may bring out-of-town temporary visitors as guests; but only faculty members may bring local guests.

A copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee follows at the end of the chapter.

The campus and high school pupils may swim at designated hours set by the Recreational Committee. They are supervised by public school authorities.

Picnicking privileges are extended regularly to college students and to college and public school faculty members. Such groups as school, church, civic, and scout groups may have special permission extended. These events must be scheduled, well in advance, with the park management. If a picnic is to be attended by more than fifteen persons it must be scheduled in advance to avoid conflict. Any picnic party desiring to swim outside regular swimming hours should be scheduled in advance in order that life guards may be on duty and basket room service provided. A copy of the schedule and the regulations for 1939 follows at the close of the chapter.

It will be interesting to many to know that during the first several years of the use of the park, entrance to the park grounds was based upon presentation of student blanket tax. This did not apply to faculty people. These blanket taxes were not transferable, and it was difficult for any townspeople ever to get in uninvited. There was one entrance gate and a gate-keeper was stationed there at all times of activity. The highway bridge was often full of spectators. The first gate-keeper was Mr. M. H. Muennink.

During recent years a gate-keeper has not been on duty except for special occasions. Students present blanket taxes on play nights to obtain paraphernalia for games but not in order to enter the grounds. Caretakers soon become familiar with the student personnel.

The college policy is to employ students for positions in which they are capable of service. The caretaker at Riverside is always a married student, often one who is doing graduate work, or who is an upperclassman. It is a responsible position and a mature student is needed. The following is a list of those who have filled the caretaker's position from the first caretaker up to the present.

During the first five years there was no designated local student-supervisor. Then in the fall of 1922 a living room was prepared in the north end of the bath house to house a student-supervisor. Fred Kaderli and his brother, Turner, were the first to occupy this room, and served as local supervisors for three years. Turner was the first life guard.

In the year 1925-26 Walter A. McKinney and his wife occupied this position; and they were followed by Jack Deviney and his wife for 1926-27. Then came O. E. Golden and his wife for 1927-28. In the fall of 1928 W. A. McKinney and his wife came back and performed this work for two years. In the spring of 1929 the caretaker's cottage was built, and the McKinneys moved into the cottage in April, immediately after the big flood of that time, in

which a lot of their things were ruined by the flood waters in the bath house.

The occupants of the cottage from that time on were as follows: 1930-31, Lloyd Patterson and wife; 1931-32, H. E. Gibbs and wife; 1932-34, F. A. Richardson and wife; 1934-35, J. M. Moorman and wife; 1935-37, M. B. Tilley and wife; 1937-39, Curtis Shiflet and wife; 1939-40, Earl Hill and wife; 1940-41, Herbert Nance and wife; 1941-42, Alvin Murdock and wife.

Since it was built, young married couples have always lived in the caretaker's cottage. There are certain duties the wife may do while the husband is occupied with his duties. The caretaker has general supervision of the grounds. The equipment for the grounds is stored in the cottage and dispensed from there by student help. The public address system records for music for dances is operated from the cottage.

The caretaker receives a modest salary and he lives, for a small rental fee, in the furnished cottage. The following is a list of the caretaker's duties, as drawn up for 1941.

A Partial List of Duties of Student Caretaker at Riverside

Submitted by S. M. Sewell, August 5, 1941.

1. To be present, or have someone in authority present, as nearly all hours as is practicable, in the park.
2. To be familiar with all the programs of the various activities in the park, and to make a written record in advance of all scheduled activities.

3. To work in harmony with the committee of recreations and with the faculty supervisor of the park.
4. To make a suitable schedule for all the student workers in the park; to outline their duties; to keep their time sheets; and to report the same to the proper faculty authority. Also, to supervise the work of student workers.
5. To confer with the proper administrative authorities as to the number of helpers needed, their specific duties, the immediate needs of repairs and improvements about the park to keep it in orderly attractive condition.
6. To make a continuous effort, in a smooth and efficient manner, to enforce the general regulations of the school and park as to who are regularly entitled to the privileges of the use of the park, in various forms; as to observance of the regular schedule of swimming hours; as to special privileges to picnicking parties; as to admission of visitors (local and non-resident); as to general conduct; etc., etc.
7. To meet strangers and casual visitors, to give them desirable and interesting information, and to extend to them whatever courtesies may seem worth while.
8. To make a frequent inspection of the plumbing and wiring, and to report to the proper authority any repairs that may need immediate attention.
9. During the non-swimming season, to supervise the yard workmen, and to assist them in any work that may seem necessary in keeping the park in first class condition.

The college employs students to operate the various activities, such as life guards, basket room attendants, and some workers on the grounds. Following are several employment salary lists and schedules copied from the original one in Dr. Sewell's file. They are self-explanatory.

Scene of College Dance
College Star June 25, 1936



Snapshot of dance crowd at Riverside recreational center

College Dance Draws Large Crowd Monday

More than 100 couples attended the all-college dance on the slab at Riverside Monday night.

Al Martin and his orchestra played for the duration of the dance, 8:30 until 11:30 o'clock.

Extreme heat in the early hours of the dance forced informality on the part of most of the men as coats were removed.

Two physical education classes from the University of Texas here at the invitation of the college to study methods in the athletic department of this college were guests of the affair.

Riverside Play Nights Increase In Popularity

College Star June 25, 1936

The nightly program for recreation at Riverside continues to draw college students. The program of dancing on Saturday and Monday nights to the loudspeaker with the other four nights regular play nights featuring skating seems to have become permanent for this semester. There will be slight variations from it announced beforehand.

Those hours from six to seven p. m. on Friday and Tuesday nights given to beginners' skating have been beneficial. The beginners are not so self conscious with others learning also and try harder to learn.

Since Riverside closes on regular play nights at nine, even the most studious may go down for a few hours of recreation and then go home and study. A ballot was held at the beginning of the term to decide which night if any would be left out. No one seemed to want to miss a night and, since there will be several nights, including holidays, when there will be no program, the program stayed on the six nights basis. Average attendance on play nights is about 260.

Committee Plans Slab Programs

1938

The recreation committee met Wednesday, July 23, for the purpose of planning the activities for the Riverside slab for the remainder of the summer session.

The following activities were approved for the dates and time as designated, according to Dr. S. M. Sewell, chairman of the committee:

Formal dances: July 25 and August 8, 8:30 to 11:30.

Informal dances: August 1 and August 15, 8 to 10:30.

Barn dances: July 26, August 2, 9, and 16, 8 to 10:30.

Skating: For NYA students, Mondays, 6:30 to 9 and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8. For College students, Wednesdays, 8 to 9, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9.

College Star June 12, 1940
**Riverside Program Set
 For Summer Students**

**Games and Dancing
 Hold Top Billing
 On Summer Program**

**Buckner To Direct
 Barn Dance Scheduled
 On Saturday Nights**

The Summer Recreation Committee released the swimming schedule and set the time for activities to take place at Riverside during the first semester, Tuesday afternoon, June 9. Some type of entertainment is billed for each night in the week with the exception of Sunday night, and swimming is on the docket for every afternoon.

The schedule is as follows:

Swimming, daily—

2:00-3:30...Campus School
 Students.

3:00-5:00...College Classes

3:30-5:30...College Students

5:30-6:30...Other persons not
 in the other groups.

Sunday the pool will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 for college students.

Monday the pool will be open for college students at 3:00 and will close at 6:00.

The night recreational program will include playnights on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 8 o'clock. Skating, ping-pong, volleyball, badminton, and baseball will be the games billed for entertainment.

Informal dancing will be on the docket for Friday nights with a formal dance scheduled for later in the term. The time that the program will get underway on these nights will be 9 o'clock.

Saturday evenings will be devoted to barn dances, directed by J. R. Buckner, associate professor of Spanish.

Mr. Buckner was chairman of the committee. The members were Mary C. Brogdon, Dr. L. N. Wright, Alvin Murdock, H. E. Speck, Margaret Maclin, and Clementine Faseler.

Aquatics to Give Support to Move For New Course

College Star 1937

At the Aquatic Club meeting held last Friday afternoon it was unanimously decided that the club should give hearty support to the plan agreed upon by the physical education department for the incorporation in the regular P.E. schedule a course of first aid and life saving.

Such a course, listed in the catalog as P.E. "J", will be scheduled for the spring semester of this year. The first half of the semester will be devoted to first aid, leading to the Red Cross certificate in the standard first aid. The second half of the semester will be given to work in life saving, leading to the Red Cross certificate.

Boys and girls are eligible for this course; and every student who has P.E. as a major or a minor should be required to take this course, according to Physical Education instructors. It will carry a one-hour provisional credit for those who are regularly entitled to provisional credit.

This course will be assigned to Dr. S. M. Sewell, county chairman of first aid and life saving, and faculty advisor of the Aquatic Club.

The first aid instruction will be given by Dr. A. B. Cooper, the college physician, and George Vest, certified instructor in first aid, who also will give life saving instruction.

Those who want the first aid course and are not good enough in swimming for life-saving, or have already had life-saving, should confer with Dr. Sewell about combining the first aid with some other form of P.E. activity.

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Independents Trample Lowman to Grab Lead

Lumbley's Big Bat Paves Way For 10-0 Triumph for Victors

NYA "A" Takes Game From "B" Team; Moves Up In Loop Standing

The powerful Independent softball team combined sparkling fielding, a 16 hit attack, and good pitching Tuesday night, June 16 to rout the Lowman Hall team 10-0 in a crucial game played on the Riverside diamond.

In the first game of a Tuesday night double-header, the two cellar-dwelling NYA team clashed, and the "A" team handed the "B's" a 7-4 drubbing, thus climbed into third place.

R. C. Whitmill, pitcher for the Independent crew, was too tough for the Lowman team, and humbled them with a four-hit shut-out, the first of the season in the local league. Hall was able to garner only four hits, and the hard-hitting league-leaders ended the game after five innings of play.

J. B. Lumbley, classy first baseman, sparked the Independent hitters, collecting two triples and one single in three trips to the bat, while Chambers, Whitmill, Hunter, and John Vest got two hits each to add to the onslaught on pitcher George Vest of the Lowman Hall crew. Raymond Grimm was the only Lowman batter to solve Whitmill for two hits.

The Independents got two runs in the first inning, as a result of Lumbley's first three-base knock, added one marker in the second canto, and clinched the game in the third frame by scoring five times. Lumbley's second triple started the rally, and Rounsville's three-bagger put the final touches on the scoring spree. Two more runs were added in the fourth when Herring led the parade, driving out a triple.



Pictured above is P. H. Brown, director of the summer softball league at SWTTC this summer. He acts in the capacity of umpire at all official games.

Massey was the big noise as NYA "A" defeated the "B" squad. He collected three hits. Runs were scored by Massey, Evans, Sherrel, Gould (2), Priess, and Houghs, who got two hits. Thurman, Lummus, and George got two hits each for the losers.

The box scores:

Independents 10, Lowman Hall 0

Independents	AB	H	R
Chambers	2	2	1
Lumbley	3	3	3
Mayer	3	1	1
Herring	3	1	1
Griffin	3	1	0
Whitmill	3	3	2
Hunter	3	2	1
Rounsville	3	1	1
Vest, J.	3	2	0
Walker	3	0	0
Totals	29	16	10

Lowman Hall	AB	H	R
Jackson	2	0	0
Grimm	3	2	0
Vest, G.	3	0	0
Bounds	1	0	0
Wright	2	0	0
Huffman	2	1	0
French	1	0	0
Bondy	2	1	0
Edwards	2	0	0
Totals	18	4	0

NYA "A" 7, NYA "B" 4

NYA "A"	AB	H	R
Polk	3	2	0
Massey	3	3	1
Evans	3	1	1
Sherrel	2	1	1
Meadors	2	0	0
Gould	2	2	2
Priest	2	2	1
Mims	2	0	0
Houghs	2	2	1
Howell	2	1	0

Totals	23	14	7
NYA "B"	AB	H	R
Thurman	3	2	1
Cornell	3	1	0
Meadors	3	1	1
Lummus	3	2	0
Dansby	2	1	0
Milsap	2	1	0
George	2	1	1
Thornton	2	1	1
Rounsville	2	0	0
Elam	1	1	0

Totals	23	11	4
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Independents 4, Cliffside 2

Independents	AB	H	R
Sullivan	3	0	0
Itz	2	2	2
Oliver	3	0	0
Kiel	3	1	0
Smith	2	1	0
McClagherty	2	1	0
Etzel	2	1	1
Schlottmann	2	0	0
Bloh	2	0	0
Richter	2	2	1

Total	23	8	4
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Cliffside	AB	H	R
Schaeffer	3	0	0
Lucas	3	2	1
Rosanky	3	0	0
Smith, A.	3	0	0
Smith, N.	3	0	0
Palmer	2	1	0
Fischer	2	1	0
Willman	2	1	1
Total	21	5	2

Northside 7, Hines Hall 4	AB	H	R
Northside	3	2	2
Stephenson	4	2	1
McKee	4	2	2
Vickery	4	2	0
Baker	3	1	0
Favor	2	2	1
Mushman	3	1	0
Brezele	3	0	1
Bauer	—	—	—
Total	25	12	7

Hines Hall	AB	H	R
Gamblin	2	0	1
Rawe	3	1	1
Riley	3	1	1
Sucke	2	1	0
Keefe	2	1	0
Lay	2	0	0
Haussecker	2	0	0
Mueller	2	0	0
Bauer	2	1	1
Guettler	2	1	0
Stoelje	0	0	0
Totals	22	6	4

NYA "A" 16, Lowman Hall 8	AB	H	R
NYA "A"	2	1	2
Massey	3	2	2
Hamlet	3	2	2
Evans	4	0	0
Polk	2	1	1
Meadows	1	0	2
Gould	2	1	2
Priest	2	1	1
Carlton	4	2	2
Sherrill	0	0	2
Cornell	—	—	—
Totals	23	10	14

Lowman Hall	AB	H	R
Jackson	3	0	1
Shoop	1	1	2
Grimm	1	1	1
Stewart	1	0	1
Bounds	3	0	2
Edwards	3	1	1
Wright	3	1	0
Huffman	1	1	0
French	3	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0
Beaty	0	0	0
Total	19	5	8

Softball Standings

Men's League			
	W	L	Pct.
Independents	3	0	1.000
Lowman Hall	2	2	.500
NYA "A"	2	2	.500
NYA "B"	0	3	.000
Women's League			
	W	L	Pct.
Independents	1	0	1.000
Northside	1	0	1.000
Cliffside	1	1	.500
Hines Hall	0	2	.000

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A class in recreational leadership has been organized by Miss Mitchell, head of the physical education department for women at SWTTC.

Mr. Houston, who is finishing work on his master's degree, a 1934 graduate, and captain of the Bobcat football team in 1933, announces classes will be organized this week in crafts and dramatics. He further states that many types of games are now organized and the public of all ages are welcome to use the facilities of the park at all times. The picnic tables and grounds have been made available for use free of charge.

Carlton Stops Lowman With Four Bingles; Pitchers Give 22 Walks

**Women, Independents,
Northside Teams Score
Victories In Gal Games**

The NYA "A" softball team notched its second victory of the season last night by outslugging Lowman Hall 16-8, and climbed into a tie with the losers as a result of the victory.

Two games were played in the Women's League, with the Independent team taking a tie for the league lead by defeating Cliffside 4-2, and the Northside Hall team handing Hines a second successive defeat by the score of 7-4. The Northside victory shoved the winners into a tie for the loop lead.

Wildness on the part of Lowman Hall pitchers, plus timely hitting by the NYA team led to the victory NYA scored. The winners drew ten bases on balls and collected only eight hits in scoring 16 runs; the losers were held to four hits by Carlton, NYA pitcher, but he issued 12 free passes to first base.

Leading hitters for the NYA club were Evans with two hits, one for two bases; and Sherrill, who collected two hits in four times at bat.

NYA scored eight times in the second inning, to overcome a five run advantage Lowman had piled up in the first frame, and from this point the winners were never checked. Four runs in the fourth period iced the victory.

Ursula Itz and Mrs. Walter Richter paced the winning Independent team of the Women's League to the win it scored over Cliffside. Each of these two hitters collected two bingles. Itz was the winning pitcher.

Lora Vickery, Mildred Baker, and Mary Elizabeth Stephenson led Northside to victory. They got two hits each. Three Hines errors paved the way for runs in the second inning for the winners, and the losers never recovered.

Harris Hall Takes Lead As Softball Play Begins

**Harris Hall Sluggers
Annex Two Victories;
Lowman Hall Second**

**Cliffside Girls Slug
Hines Hall 40-22; Take
First Place Standing**

The Harris Hall softball team took the lead in the summer league last night by trouncing the NYA "B" team 12-7 for their second triumph of the new season.

In games played Tuesday night Harris Hall and Lowman Hall were winners, as the league leaders defeated NYA "A" 15-10, while the Lowman team was handing NYA "B" a 14-6 leashing.

John Thornton was the winning pitcher for Harris Hall as the dormitory dwellers unleashed a 16 hit barrage on Priest and Spike Evans, NYA pitchers. Home runs by Charles Lumbly and Thornton were telling blows, with triples by Otha Grisham and Steve Fey figuring in the scoring. A five run upswing in the sixth inning highlighted the victory for the winners.

The first game of the season was played Tuesday night between Harris Hall and NYA "A". It was Lefty Herring, second baseman, and Lumbly, sparkling first sacker, led the attack for the winners. Herring connected for a circuit blow, a double, and a single, while Lumbly collected a homer and a pair of two baggers.

Lowman Hall handed NYA "B" a defeat by virtue of heavy hitting, as Jackson George Shoop, George Vest, George Bounds, Elmer Bondy, Hoyt Stewart, and Edwards each got two hits. Jack Wright found himself three bingles. Stewart was the winning pitcher.

The girls season started Thursday night when Cliffside Hall slammed out a 40-22 victory over Hines Hall.

BOX SCORES

Harris Hall 15, NYA "A" 10				Harris Hall 12, NYA "B" 7			
Harris Hall	AB	H	R	Harris Hall	AB	H	R
Howard	5	2	1	Mayer	5	3	3
Lumbly	5	3	1	Chambers	4	2	1
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Fey	4	0	0	Herring	2	1	1
Robertson	4	1	1	Walker	3	2	1
Vest	4	2	3	Thornton	3	1	1
Ferris	4	2	2	Vest	2	0	0
Walker	4	2	2	Gosdin	3	0	0
Herring	4	3	3	Fey	2	1	1
Whitmill	4	1	1	Katner	1	1	1
Totals	43	18	15	Grisham	2	1	1
NYA "A"	AB	H	R	Baze	2	1	0
Green	4	1	0	Robertson	2	0	0
Hamlet	4	2	2	Spencer	2	0	0
Evans	4	3	4	Howard	1	0	0
Pepe	4	3	3	Totals	37	16	12
Goode	4	3	1	NYA "B"	AB	H	R
Priest	4	1	0	Green	3	2	1
Mourbe	4	0	0	Pratt	4	2	0
Kinape	4	1	0	Polk	4	2	1
Milsap	3	1	0	Johnson	4	1	1
Pratt	3	1	0	Peterson	3	0	0
Totals	38	16	10	Priest	4	2	2
Lowman Hall 14, NYA "B" 5				Mims	4	3	1
Lowman Hall	AB	H	R	Hamlet	4	2	1
Jackson	4	2	2	Turman	4	0	0
Shoop	4	2	2	Howard	3	1	0
Vest	4	2	2	Evans	1	0	0
Stewart	3	1	2	Totals	38	15	7
Bounds	3	2	2				
Huffman	3	0	1				
French	3	0	1				
Bondy	3	2	2				
Wright	3	2	3				
Edwards	1	1	2				
Totals	33	14	19				
NYA "B"	AB	H	R				
Kelly	2	0	0				
Mourbe	2	1	1				
Hamlet	2	1	1				
Sandifer	2	2	2				
Green	2	1	1				
Dansby	2	1	0				
Jurman	2	0	0				
Mims	2	0	0				
Pratt	2	0	0				
Milsap	1	0	0				
Totals	19	6	5				

HAVE SOME FUN

Each summer the recreation program is dominated by a few students who have fun playing games and taking part in the other activities. Why is it not possible for nearly every student on the campus to find a place in at least one small part of the program?

The summer recreation committee is offering a great number of types of entertainment for the students on the hill in order that each person might find something that he or she likes to do. There is the Riverside schedule which consists of a time for swimming and a time set aside for dancing or games of all types. Over on the baseball diamond there is a baseball game several nights in the week. Later in the summer there will be a water pageant presented at Riverside and right now up on the hill Don Streeter is preparing to stage a play.

Think about it and see if you can't find a place in the program.

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**CHEANEY'S P.E. CLUB
 STILL OPEN TO MEN
 INTERESTED IN SPORTS**

June 19, 1942 College Star

Joe Bailey Cheaney's physical fitness club is continuing to function with approximately twenty students, faculty members, and San Marcos business men working out regularly.

The club, which meets from 7 to 8 o'clock, Monday through Thursday, is still open to late comers desiring to participate in this program of cooperation with the nation's fitness efforts.

Activities thus far engaged in by the group include paddle tennis, volleyball, football passing, and other ball games as well as a daily dose of calisthenics.

Friday, June 12, 1942

Summer Softball Card Completed Thursday Night

Leaders To Clash In Feature Contest Next Tuesday Night

Four Teams Entered In Two Divisions As Play Gets Underway

P. H. Bowen, director of the summer softball league, released the schedule for the summer Thursday night, with a complete card for both leagues.

The league lead in the men's league will be at stake Tuesday night, June 16, when the league leading Harris Hall team clashes with Lowman Hall at eight o'clock in a feature attraction. The opening game of the Tuesday night double-header will be between the two NYA teams, neither of which has a victory after the first week of play.

The remaining schedule for the men's league is as follows: Thursday night, June 18, NYA "A" vs. Lowman Hall; Tuesday night, June 23, NYA "A" vs. NYA "B", and Harris Hall vs. Lowman Hall; Thursday night, June 25, NYA "A" vs. Lowman Hall; Tuesday night, June 30, NYA "B" vs. Lowman Hall; NYA "A" vs. Harris Hall; Thursday night, July 2, NYA "B" vs. Harris Hall. On nights when double-headers are played, the games begin at 6:30 o'clock, while all single games begin at 8:45 o'clock.

The women's schedule is as follows: Thursday night, June 18, Cliffside vs. Independents; Hines Hall vs. Northside; Thursday night, June 25, Cliffside vs. Northside; Hines Hall vs. Independents; Thursday night, July 2, Northside vs. Independents.

Softball Standings

Men's League

	W	L	Pct.
Harris Hall	2	0	1.000
Lowman Hall	1	0	1.000
NYA "A"	0	1	.000
NYA "B"	0	2	.000

Women's League

	W	L	Pct.
Cliffside	1	0	1.000
Hines Hall	0	1	.000
Independents	0	0	.000
Northside	0	0	.000

College Star June 12, 1942 Riverside Program Set For Summer Students

Games and Dancing Hold Top Billing On Summer Program

Buckner To Direct Barn Dance Scheduled On Saturday Nights

The Summer Recreation Committee released the swimming schedule and set the time for activities to take place at Riverside during the first semester, Tuesday afternoon, June 9. Some type of entertainment is billed for each night in the week with the exception of Sunday night, and swimming is on the docket for every afternoon.

The schedule is as follows:
Swimming, daily—

2:00-3:30.....Campus School
Students.

3:00-5:00.....College Classes

3:30-5:30.....College Students

5:30-6:30.....Other persons not
in the other groups.

Sunday the pool will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 for college students.

Monday the pool will be open for college students at 3:00 and will close at 6:00.

The night recreational program will include playnights on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 8 o'clock. Skating, ping-pong, volleyball, badminton, and baseball will be the games billed for entertainment.

Informal dancing will be on the docket for Friday nights with a formal dance scheduled for later in the term. The time that the program will get underway on these nights will be 9 o'clock.

Saturday evenings will be devoted to barn dances, directed by J. R. Buckner, associate professor of Spanish.

Mr. Buckner was chairman of the committee. The members were Mary C. Brogdon, Dr. L. N. Wright, Alvin Murdock, H. E. Speck, Margaret Maclin, and Clementine Faseler.

June 19, '42 College Star
Softball Schedule—First Six Weeks

MEN'S LEAGUE

Tuesday Night, June 23

NYA "A" vs. NYA "B," at 6:45 o'clock.
Lowman Hall vs. Independents at eight o'clock.

Thursday Night, June 25

NYA "A" vs. Lowman Hall at nine o'clock.

Tuesday Night, June 30

NYA "B" vs. Lowman Hall at 6:45 o'clock.
NYA "A" vs. Independents at 8:15 o'clock.

Thursday Night, July 2

NYA "B" vs. Independents at 8:15 o'clock.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday Night, June 25

Cliffside vs. Northside at 6:45 o'clock.
Hines Hall vs. Independents at eight o'clock.

Thursday Night, July 2

Northside vs. Independents at 6:45 o'clock.

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Five Games Carded For Softball Players During Coming Week

A grudge battle between the loop leading Independent and the Lowman Hall softball team will highlight play in the summer league next week. The teams meet Tuesday night, June 23, when the leaders attempt to annex a fourth straight victory.

Also on Tuesday night is a game between the two NYA teams. The NYA "A" team is now in second place tie, and defeated the "B" team by a 7-4 count.

Thursday night, June 25, Lowman Hall plays NYA "A" and games in the Women's League pit Cliffside against Northside and Hines Hall against the Independents. Northside and the Independents are currently leading the league, each team having won one contest.

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Dance Tonight To Be Informal Says Committee

Al Schnabel and his orchestra will play at an informal college dance of the summer at Riverside tonight, June 19, at 9 o'clock.

The recreation committee decided that the dance would be a girl's tag, and the price of admission will be 50 cents per couple or per stagette.

J. R. Buckner, chairman of the recreation committee, will direct the balm dance Saturday night, June 20. The program will consist of schottish steps, Put Your Little Foot, Paul Jones, and some modern dance steps.

Grab a Male, Frail, For a Sublime Time At the Hags' Tag

Come on, gals, date up your favorite man and swing on around at the second informal hags' tag of the summer on the moonlit slab at Riverside tonight starting at 9 o'clock.

Let's show these men a high ole time just to show we appreciate the good times they have shown us!

Or if your favorite man is not on tap, lasso your best girl friends and come as stagettes!

Besides, it's free 'n everything!

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Swimming is one activity that gets little notice as a sport; nevertheless, Slants would like to recognize swimming as a true member of the sports family. The Water Pageant, set for the early part of July, will give local swimmers and swimming fans a bit of spectacular entertainment which is sure to be enjoyable. At the same time, it is to be remembered that Riverside is open every day, and if you enjoy swimming, the river's yours.

Each summer the recreation program is dominated by a few students who have fun playing games and taking part in the other activities. Why is it not possible for nearly every student on the campus to find a place in at least one small part of the program?

The summer recreation committee is offering a great number of types of entertainment for the students on the hill in order that each person might find something that he or she likes to do. There is the Riverside schedule which consists of a time for swimming and a time set aside for dancing or games of all types. Over on the baseball diamond there is a baseball game several nights in the week. Later in the summer there will be a water pageant presented at Riverside and right now up on the hill Don Streeter is preparing to stage a play.

Think about it and see if you can't find a place in the program.

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San Marcos Record

June 1932

RIVERSIDE REGULATIONS

June, 1932

As the college swimming park becomes more improved, the problem becomes more difficult to keep the park from merging into public use. Therefore we thought it not out of order to say just a few words publicly in regard to our regulations. We do not wish to offend anyone in the least, and we heartily wish that we might extend the pleasures and privileges of the park to the citizenship of San Marcos. But this is not practicable. To a limited extent the use of the park has been courteously and cheerfully extended to some church, benevolent, and literary organizations, and a few times to school groups outside the college. But this should not be taken to mean that the use of the park is open to the public in general. In every case where the park is used by some group outside the college constituency, it is required that a formal arrangement be made in advance with the park management. Thereby a growing tendency for such use may at any time be checked without difficulty.

In the past two years the impression has been growing, and has become quite extensive, that after the close of the class period at 5:30, the pool is open to the public in general, as well as to the school. This has never been true. We are always glad to have casual visitors in the park to enjoy its beauties and swimming activities; especially for local people to bring their out-of-town visiting friends. And sometimes we deem it justifiable to extend to such visitors the courtesy of a swim or a picnic.

It is probably worth while to mention two or three points in particular, which some seem not to have understood.

Individuals, or private groups, outside the college faculty and student body, are not supposed to use the park for swimming or picnicking, except under extraordinary conditions, and then by the knowledge and permission of the park management.

Persons are not entitled to the privileges of the park because of having close relatives or special friends in school at the college.

Persons are not entitled to the use of the park by virtue of having been former students in the college; however, we are glad to extend special courtesies to former students who may be temporarily visiting in San Marcos.

Under no conditions may the park be used for private or commercial purposes.

For further information, or for special privileges, confer with Mrs. H. E. Gibbs, who lives in the park cottage and has direct supervision of the swimming activities, or with S. M. Sewell, who has general supervision of the park management.

S. M. SEWELL

College Star
REVISED SWIMMING SCHEDULE
AND REGULATIONS

For Riverside, Summer, 1939

Adopted June 29, 1939

SCHEDULE:

- 2:00 to 3:30 Except Sunday and Monday, Campus School students. This includes only the students enrolled for regular work in the Campus School School.
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- 10:00 to 11:00 and
 2:00 to 3:00 Daily, except Sunday, Special N.Y.A. groups.

GENERAL REGULATIONS—

1. Swimming privileges are extended regularly to the following people and members of their immediate families: employees of the College, College students, employees of the Federal Fish Hatchery, members of the School Board, pastors of the churches in San Marcos, and county and city officers.
2. Extension of privileges to others than mentioned above must be by special arrangement with the supervisor of the park.
3. Faculty members may bring individual guests at pleasure.
4. College students may bring as individual guests their out-of-town temporary visitors, without obtaining special permission.
5. To make swimming safe, it is urgent that all swimming be within the hours regularly scheduled, (Faculty members and their immediate guests excepted.)
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7. Students are urged to use the dressing house, and not to come dressed for the water. To come dressed for the water encourages the idea of coming at off hours (even if the bath house is closed), and is also suggestive to those who are not entitled to swimming privileges.

Approved by Recreation Committee:

H. E. Speck, Chairman
 S. M. Sewell
 L. N. Wright
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1st Student Supervisor



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MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee met at 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 6, with the following members present: Dr. L. N. Wright, Chairman, Dean Mary C. Brogdon, Dr. Hugh F. Seabury, Dr. S. M. Sewell, Mr. R. A. Tampke, Dean H. E. Speck, and Miss Claire Mitchell.

The motion was made and passed that the same schedules of last summer in regard to play activities at Riverside to be followed, with the following exceptions: that there be a formal dance every other Friday night, and a barn dance every Saturday night, unless some other program interferes.

Dr. Wright suggested that the following sub-committees be appointed in lieu of the entire committee having a duty in each phase of the program:

Campus Activities: Seabury (Dramatics and Auditorium entertainments), Tampke (Music).

Riverside Activities: Sewell (Swimming, and Water Pageant), Vest, Mitchell (Games), Brogdon, Speck (Dances).

Funds: Speck, Seabury, Wright.

Equipment and Purchasing: Vest, Mitchell, Sewell, Speck.

Movies: Roady, Seabury, Wright.

Complaints and Suggestions: The whole committee.

Maintenance: Mitchell, Sewell, Brogdon, Wright.

Publicity: Wright, Vest, Tampke.

Miss Mitchell presented the possibility of having Mr. Lynn Rohrbough on the campus again to supervise another week of play activities. Miss Mitchell was appointed to communicate with Mr. Rohrbough to see if he can come, when he might come, and what the expenses would be to have him here.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

L. N. Wright, Chairman

Riverside Committee Meeting, May 25, 1934.

Members Present: Speck, Wiley, Berry, Wildenthal, Shands, Sewell.

From 2:00 to 3:30 daily (except Sundays) to be given over to the use of students in the summer session of the public school, to be under organized supervision, privilege of such students being restricted to this period.

From 3:30 to 7:00 to be given over to the college students, faculty members (college and public school) and their families, and members of the city school board and their families, for class work and recreational swimming.

A sub-committee, consisting of Sewell, Dean of Men and Dean of Women, to pass upon extension of privileges aside from the regular routine daily activities, and to make a formal schedule of events granted by the committee, application for such special privileges to be made to Mr. Sewell.

Faculty or school picnicking affairs of fewer than twelve in number need not be formally scheduled, unless it will necessitate the use of lights or special basketrooms and life guard service.

All picnicking parties of twelve or more should be formally scheduled, in order to prevent conflicts, and in order to arrange in advance for use of lights and for basketroom and life guard service when such is desired.

Extension of special privileges to organizations outside of school should be limited; and should apply, in general, to the larger and more important functions, this to be left to the judgement of the sub-committee above mentioned.

It is the policy of the school to provide ample life guard service during all periods of swimming activity.

Riverside Work List Second Half Summer, 1939.

Life Guards: Per Month

Personett, Alvin,	\$15.00
Spacek, R. B.	15.00
Smith, Roland,	15.00
Loeffler, Melvin,	15.00
Rothberger, Elizabeth,	12.00
Weber, Alan	12.00

Basket Room:

Beaty, Ethel,	12.00
Riley, Mary,	12.00
McClung, Wilma,	12.00
Lee, Tommie Rae,	12.00
Marshall, Helen,	12.00
Ploetz, Gladys,	12.00

Bath House Janitor:

Nance, Herbert,	20.00
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Grounds:

Evans, Johnnie,	12.00
Polzin, Edward,	12.00
Clark, Edward,	12.00
Breed, Norman,	12.00

Recreation:

Nitchman, H. H.,	20.00
Mooney, Frank,	12.00
Ivey, Jasper,	12.00
Hale, Elton (Soft Ball)	20.00
Hester, (Volley Ball)	20.00

April 17, 1939

Riverside List

Life Guards

Amount Per Month

Vance Wilson		\$ 15.00
Al Personett	N.Y.A.	15.00
R. B. Spacek	N.Y.A.	15.00
Edgar McDonald	N.Y.A.	12.00
Roland Smith	N.Y.A.	15.00
Elizabeth Rothberger	N.Y.A.	12.00

Basket Room Service

Bessie Wiseman	N.Y.A.	9.00
Sibyl Adams	N.Y.A.	9.00 (At least
Ethel Beaty	N.Y.A.	9.00 one month)
Ernestine Stanfield	N.Y.A.	9.00
Gertrude Boedeker	N.Y.A.	9.00
Mary Riley	N.Y.A.	9.00
Wilma McClung	N.Y.A.	9.00

Janitor

James Farmer		12.00
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Grounds

Floyd Bondy	N.Y.A.	8.10
Johnnie Evans		15.00
Weldon Polzin	N.Y.A.	9.00
Harold Gosdin	N.Y.A.	9.00

Skates and Other Recreational Equipment

Harry Cloyd	N.Y.A.	8.10
Fernand Zunker	N.Y.A.	10.20
H. H. Nitchman	N.Y.A.	12.00
George Foster	N.Y.A.	9.00

STUDENTS EMPLOYED AT RIVERSIDE

Summer, 1939

Life Guards:	Per Month	Total for Summer
Personett, Alvin	\$15.00	\$45.00
Spacek, R. B.	15.00	45.00
Smith, Roland	15.00	45.00
Gosdin, Harold	12.00	36.00
Rothberger, Elizabeth	12.00	36.00
Loeffler, Melvin	15.00	45.00
Basket Room:		
Beaty, Ethel	12.00	36.00
Riley, Mary	12.00	36.00
McClung, Wilma	12.00	36.00
Stanfield, Ernesteen	12.00	18.00
Lee, Tommie Rae	12.00	18.00
Marshall, Helen	12.00	36.00
Ploetz, Gladys	12.00	36.00
Bath House Janitor:		
Nance, Herbert	20.00	60.00
Grounds:		
Evans, Johnnie	12.00	36.00
Polzin, Weldon	12.00	36.00
Thomas B. Dillingham	12.00	36.00
Edward Clark	12.00	36.00
		Total ----- \$672.00
Hill, E. K.	50.00	150.00
		Total ----- \$822.00
Recreation:		
Baylor, Don	12.00	36.00
Bondy, Floyd	12.00	36.00
Brawner, Frank	15.00	45.00
Nitchmann, H.H.	20.00	60.00
Parks, C. B.	12.00	36.00
Settles, George	12.00	36.00
Ivey, Jasper	12.00	36.00
Mooney, Frank	12.00	
Hale, Elton	20.00	
		Total ----- \$249.00

June 6, 1939

 H. E. Speck
 Dean of Men

Work Schedule for Riverside for April and May, 1939.

Basket Room Service:

Telephone

Sibyl Adams, Tu. Th. 11-12
 Ethel Beaty, M. to F. 11-12; Tu. 2-6.
 Bessie Wiseman, W., F., 2-6; Sun. 3-6.
 Mary Riley, W., F., 2-6; Sun. 3-6
 Ernestine Stanfield, Tu., W., Sat., 2-6.
 Gertrude Boedecker, W., Th., Sat., 2-6.
 Wilma McClung, Tu., Th., 2-6

Life Guard Service:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Vance Wilson

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Rothberger

Personett

McDon

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rothberger		2-6	2-6	2-6			
McDonald					2-6		3-6
Personett		2-6	2-6			2-6	3-6
Wilson	11-12	2-6	11-12	2-6	11-12		
Spacek		2-4		2-4		2-6	3-6
Smith	2-6				2-6		

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

RIVERSIDE

L	1. H.H.Nitchmann ----	June \$20	July \$20	Aug. \$20
L	2. D.J.Jackson -----	June \$20	July \$20	Aug. \$20
L	3. Frank Kasprzyk ---	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
L	4. Ned W. Solether --	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
L	5. E.L.Hrncir -----	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
L	6. W.T.Walker -----	June \$18	July \$18	Aug. \$18
L	7. Jimmie Barnes ----	June \$25	July \$25	Aug. \$25
R	8. P.H.Bowen -----	June \$25	July \$25	Aug. \$25
R	9. Herbert Groth ----	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
R	10. Dillard Marcom ---	June \$20	July \$20	Aug. \$20
R	11. Artie Smith -----	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
R	12. Roby Guest -----	June \$15	July \$15	Aug. \$15
L	13. Lora Victory -----	June \$12	July \$12	Aug. \$12
L	14. Katherine Lucas --	June \$12	July \$12	Aug. \$12
L	15. Corinne Neuse ----	June \$12	July \$12	Aug. \$12
L	16. Novak, Anita -----	June \$12	July \$12	Aug. \$12
	Nance -----	\$45.00		

All work is at the rate of 30¢ per hour.

Please do not let any person work more than half of total amount before July 15.

Local ----- \$634.00 -- 108

Rec. ----- \$270.00

Riverside Employees--Summer School 1936

Tilley, Mrs. M. B. -----	\$35.00
Kirk, Billie -----	12.00
Foulds, Isabelle -----	12.00
Beaty, Irma -----	12.00
Harper, Florence -----	12.00
Rees, Esther -----	12.00
Gregory, Inez -----	12.00
Thomason, Curtis -----	12.00
Riggs, Willie -----	12.00
Ivey, Jasper -----	12.00
Smith, Woodrow -----	12.00
Ander, Jack -----Life Guard-----	12.00
Forqueran, Boone -----	12.00
Wilson, Vance -----	12.00
Zunker, Walter -----	
Richter, Walter -----	12.00
Long, Iley -----	12.00
Wood, J. D. -----	12.00
Richardson, Milton -----	
Wiemers, Lillian -----	

5/30/36

President

CHAPTER V

THE ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT

The Aquatic Club, organized in 1935 and composed of senior life savers and a few honorary members, is the sponsor of the annual water pageant. It has been for six years.

In the very beginning a few prizes were offered for certain events, but since then the event has been entirely non-competitive. No awards are offered. There is excellent psychology back of this no-award method. Student judgment is fair and good. The best divers and swimmers automatically fall heir to the performance of events that they can do best. There are always plenty of excellent and talented participants. Riverside is swimming-minded and a fine crop of swimmers is the result. Nearly all participants excell in something. The friendly attitude and recognition of talent is refreshing and probably more important in our college life than we realize.

The first three summers of activity at the pool, the park closed on July fourth, as nearly all the students went home, or to some other town. In 1920 several wanted to stay and swim in the college pool. So that year the committee, at the request of Dr. Evans, formulated a program of swimming and diving activities for the afternoon of the fourth of July. A good many came and stood on the bank to enjoy the program. Each summer thereafter an effort was made to arrange a different program, and a better one than that of the year before. Attendance increased but no seat-

ing arrangements were made.

After five years it was decided to have the program at night, provide some seats, and invite the town people. It was gratifying then to have four or five hundred attend. Growth continued and now an attendance of four or five thousand is nothing unusual.

Dr. Sewell carried the main burden of the pageant for many years. He had a large number of efficient and willing helpers to take care of the features of the program in detail. All went off well. During the past six years, since the Aquatic Club assumed responsibility, much burden has been lifted from his shoulders. Indirectly he always lends his aid and support.

Many interesting details are recalled concerning the earlier water pageants. The writer has taken part in fourteen of these programs. The first one was in 1929. In a suit of underwear dyed green her debut was made as a frog on a toad stool. Not even a water-logged suit and near drowning and a rescue by the clown, could dampen her enthusiasm. It is still undiminished.

In the early days five dollars was sometimes spent on cloth to dye, and colored balloons. The college electrician strung lights. Willing helpers lined the retaining wall with reeds. No mention of a pageant at Riverside is complete without mention of the cane or reeds. They still form screen and back drops and have long been the piece de resistance of our decorating scheme.

There was a homely charm about those early pageants that has been lost as we became more professional. There was something very satisfying to the spectators about the stage set under the big willow across the river. The tree went when the slab cut off ventilation and nourishment to its roots. At the proper moment of climax water nymphs and spirits were wont to descend from its lace-like foliage. The reed back drop screened Dr. Sewell from the audience as he explained through a megaphone the dramatic sequence and *dramatus personae*.

The plays were arranged so that the swimming display and a good thorough demonstration of Red Cross rescue and resuscitation was a part of the plot. Dr. Sewell was in his element here. The writer recalls "rescuing" him single handed when she was about nine.

The plays were obtained from the American Red Cross and no royalty was charged. Everybody joined in preparing them. The writer's mother, Mrs. Margaret Walker, recalls much of these pageants, as she frequently helped design and make costumes. Mrs. Sewell and she operated many a dyeing project. They became quite expert in costuming frogs and building toad stools.

On one occasion a "planned" fall from the bank resulted in much fun. No one remembered beforehand to tell the prince in the play. When a young lady fell into the river and realistically proceeded to drown the prince went in after her, costume and all, and ruined what was intend-

ed to be a demonstration rescue. This one occurrence is sure to be related with chuckles whenever the pageant is recalled.

On another occasion in 1935 Dr. Sewell contrived a spectacular sea monster. The jaws were of barrel hoops hinged in such manner that a yank of the sash rope run through small pullies would open the big mouth. The monster was built on a light hollow frame, graduated to some thirty feet in length. It was covered with much spotted and speckled oil cloth. Unappetizing mustard spots and red veins marked its green back. The huge mouth was lined with red flannel. Flat glass stage jewels the size of twenty-five cent pieces were sewed solid in big circles to represent eyes. They were of different colors and in the electric flood lights flashed in a spectacular manner. This monster was propelled from beneath by expert swimmers. They had worked out a scheme of strokes that caused the monster to advance in a snake-like manner. The effect was quite chilling and when the huge mouth opened and swallowed a swimmer, a little boy sitting on the front row of spectators had had all he could endure for one evening. His screams of "Daddy, Daddy" rent the air and a near scene occurred.

At least one other monster was used on another occasion. It was kept afloat by inflated inner tubes. When the prince leaned out of his barge and pierced the wicked creature with his sword, (the real article) it happened to puncture the

front inner tube. The head slowly sank into the water and death was very realistic indeed. A picture of this creature will be found at the end of this chapter.

In the early pageants the setting and costumes were simple and homemade. Their reception by ever growing audiences, proves they were effective. Not much money was spent in the beginning. The expense lists attached to this chapter give a fair idea of money spent and items bought. The first pageants cost as little as \$10.00, for items not made or lent by participants.

The same stage is always used, namely the northwest end of the island. The newspaper photograph taken in 1934 by a San Antonio Express photographer shows the scene well. Spot lights were used at first and later flood lights over the swimming channel. Small colored lights were placed where needed. Often the edge of the bank was outlined with lights as well as bridge across the river. The bridge came in for its share of decorations. Reeds, lanterns, lights, balloons, etc. have festooned its rail and arch. Usually swimmers go into the water at this point, and floats and sea monsters make their entrance to public view from beneath the shadow of the bridge.

The attendance the first five years was small. After that the pageant was put on at night and the audience was about four or five hundred the first time. In 1941 an estimated five thousand attended; five thousand is considered a capacity crowd. There is discussion of the advisability

of using two nights for the performance in order to accommodate everyone.

Following, at the end of this chapter, is a copy of the script used by Dr. Sewell in 1931. The original here before the writer is pasted on heavy cardboard for his easier handling. Often it was necessary to use only a flash light or low power extension bulb to read and prompt. Parts were all spoken by one person - this was Dr. Sewell - and he used a megaphone. He gave the parts more as a running comment and explanation than as an attempt at speech art. The audience got the idea beautifully. The swimming features were bracketed in on the script where they were to occur.

This pageant of 1931 was the first one presented in a new manner. In 1931 and in 1932 Dr. Dewell went to Austin and rented a loud speaker in order to satisfy audiences asking for better hearing facilities. This cost twenty-five dollars each time. The college authorities realized the need for a public address system and in 1933 the college bought its own system especially for the pageant. Probably no more useful bit of equipment has ever been owned by the college. It is used for the pageant, hooked up for dance music on the slab and in the gymnasium, it is used for football games and quadrangle campaign speeches of student candidates for this and that class office, and for commencement speeches.

The programs began to be very much more pretentious

with the advent of the public address system. Music had been provided by a small group or a phonograph. Now the music department became interested and a most excellent orchestra took part, studying the program planned and arranging special music. A concert now preceeded the pageant and swimmers exhibiting the waltz stroke did it with much more grace to the strains of the "Blue Danube". The Glee Club and soloists came to help and add charm.

Settings were becoming more elaborate and a longer time was taken in making them and setting them up. The industrial arts department and the art department began to take interest and add their part. Costumes were now, quite often, rented from theatrical costumers in San Antonio. In 1937 \$100 was spent for rental of costumes. Elaborate dance routines were planned by the teachers in the physical education department. For several summers in the last three or four years visiting physical education instructors in the women's department have been specialists in this field and the pageant has benefited by their instruction of dance groups.

For many years this annual event at Riverside had been the special project of the Recreation Committee and the physical education department and, after 1935, the Aquatic Club. When so much favorable publicity was given it and it was found that a larger crowd attended this than the big seasonal football games, other departments began to show interest. There is enough honor and glory to go around.

The pageant is an excellent integration laboratory.

In 1936 Dr. L. N. Wright of the English department started announcing the program over the loud speaker. Dr. Wright excels as a master of ceremonies. He has been the commentator at football games since the public address system was bought. His well modulated voice added much to the charm of the play, and his quick extemporaneous wit brought many hearty laughs. Dr. Wright's services have been very valuable in the Riverside program and are appreciated.

In 1938 Dr. Wright wrote the script of the play. This was the nineteenth annual pageant. The scene of the play was Venetian, based on "The Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach. At the same time, in addition to an original play, another new feature was added. Each of the cast characters had a different voice. For each actor before the footlights his partner or voice spoke for him into the loud speaker behind the scene. This was quite a mile-stone. The speech arts department trained both actors and voices, and the play itself was written by a member of the faculty.

In 1939 Dr. Wright again wrote the script and the same method of presentation, double cast with pantomime and voice parts, was used. The theme was Hawaiian. Several photographs and clippings are attached to this chapter.

In 1940 Dr. Wright's play was "Gypsy Love Along the Danube." The speech arts department continued to train voice and pantomime, and to superintend stage setting. The English, Music, Art, Industrial Arts, Physical Education,

and Speech Arts departments all assisted. A full set of clippings and program for this the twenty-first pageant is herewith attached. This was one of the most outstanding in both script and presentation ever staged.

In 1941, the play was written by a member of the College Players. The College Players, like the Aquatic Club, is extra-curricular. Though bound by close ties and interest to the Speech Arts Department, it is not a part of that department. Its members gain membership by points gained in work done for local college plays. Once a member, his credit points accumulate as the student helps put on plays. Enough points in enough branches of play production may make a student eligible to Purple Mask, a national honor society in this field. One of the activities gaining many points for a college player is to write an acceptable original play.

Miss Katherine Salter of the College Players wrote the 1941 pageant. It was attractive, modern, and spectacular. The theme revolved around a bathing suit manufacturer's convention in Rio Janerio -- and a bathing suit review from the old to the new, and swimming contests. It was enthusiastically received by the audience. Miss Salter was later elected to Purple Mask, probably on some of the points she gained by her play.

With regard to attendance, as has been said, the number has grown from one hundred to two hundred persons to over five thousand people. At first the San Marcos Volunteer Fire Department members served as traffic directors.

Cars parked inside the confines of the park. With only one drive-in gate traffic congestion became acute. The highway patrol later took it over. A group of patrolmen come down from Austin in cars and on motorcycles. With their usual courtesy and efficiency they keep traffic rolling. Upon one occasion when our public address system went out of order they drove their car onto the island and broadcast the program over their speaker system.

The year 1942 will be another milestone. The 1942 pageant is being written by Miss Dorothy Jean Taylor and is scheduled for July eighth. It is to be an adaptation of Milton's play, "Comus", and the writing and staging of this play will be her thesis in her work toward the Masters degree.

Dated clippings from the College Star and other papers concerning the 1942 production follow at the close of the chapter.

Thus it is that from a small beginning this pageant has drawn in the talents of the Music, English, Speech Arts, Art, Industrial Arts, and Physical Education departments and the facilities of the library for research. It is sponsored by one extra-curricular club and the cast is from another one. No other activity of the college holds such a unique place.

It is of interest to know that three years ago a resident of San Marcos called Dr. Sewell and asked the date of the annual pageant that year. Her relatives from Nebraska wished to make their vacation visit coincide with the time

of presentation of the Riverside event.

The pageant is free to the public. Because of the large crowd, it has, in recent years, become a custom for many to carry a little lunch and go to the park while there is time to select a good seat.

College Star, 1932

HEAVY WATER CIRCUS GIVEN AT RIVERSIDE SEWELL DIRECTING

Many Water Stunts Feature
Lengthy Annual Water
Pageant By Students.

Students and faculty were entertained at Riverside last Wednesday evening with the annual water circus staged every summer under the supervision of S. M.



S. M. Sewell, instructor in College and director of swimming activities and life-saving at Riverside, who is responsible for the annual pageant.

Sewell. An interesting aquatic program held the attention of the large crowd for about an hour and a half.

At the opening of the program, the College Band, directed by W. G. Brandstetter, gave a thirty minute concert. Thrills and duckings featured the water polo game which was won by the Whites by the slim margin of one field goal. Other high lights were the parade, grand march, ea party orchestra, floating pyramid, and chariot race. Harold Fisher did the announcing for all events. Bill Connally, local aquatic trickster, gave a series of fancy exhibition dives. Miss Danforth had charge of all stunts and Miss Frances McNaughton directed the pyramid float.

Coaches for the boys were Harold Fisher and Frank Gensberg. Miss Lynette Dailey was in charge of the program and together with Miss Clara Mitchell, coached the girls.

WATER PAGEANT AT RIVERSIDE IS A GREAT SUCCESS

San Marcos Record 1938
Spectacle Thrills a Crowd of 2500
Spectators Monday Night.

Riverside, the park and swimming resort of Southwest Texas State Teachers College, was the scene of a beautiful water pageant Monday night, which was attended by perhaps the largest crowd ever congregated there. 2500 persons, by a conservative estimate, were treated to an hour's spectacle of water stunts of various kinds, both programed and extra-programed.

King Neptune with his attendants upon his barge came slowly from out the darkness and quietude of the star-lit evening, to his majestic throne in the boy's pool, beautiful in its natural surroundings. There, before a large crowd of onlookers, he and his attendants viewed the program rendered by the water nymphs and their assistants, male and female.

Many demonstrations of life saving were witnessed. The special event of the evening was the presence of an unknown man that appeared to be unaware of what was taking place. He spent his time asking foolish questions and telling the swimmers he could teach them a few things about swimming. He attracted the attention of everyone by talking very loud and walking up and down in front of everyone. He started an argument with one of the fun-makers, and was thrown into the pool. Miss Jenking, who was standing nearby, become very much alarmed when the poor man started a struggle. She was ready to rescue him when the fun-makers went to his rescue. The announcer from the other side of the pool was telling him to remove his clothing, and everyone was in great suspense. After the man had disrobed to his bathing suit, he swam across the pool with the greatest ease, to Miss Jenkins' surprise. He was introduced to the crowd as the special examiner of life savers, Mr. De Bellevue.

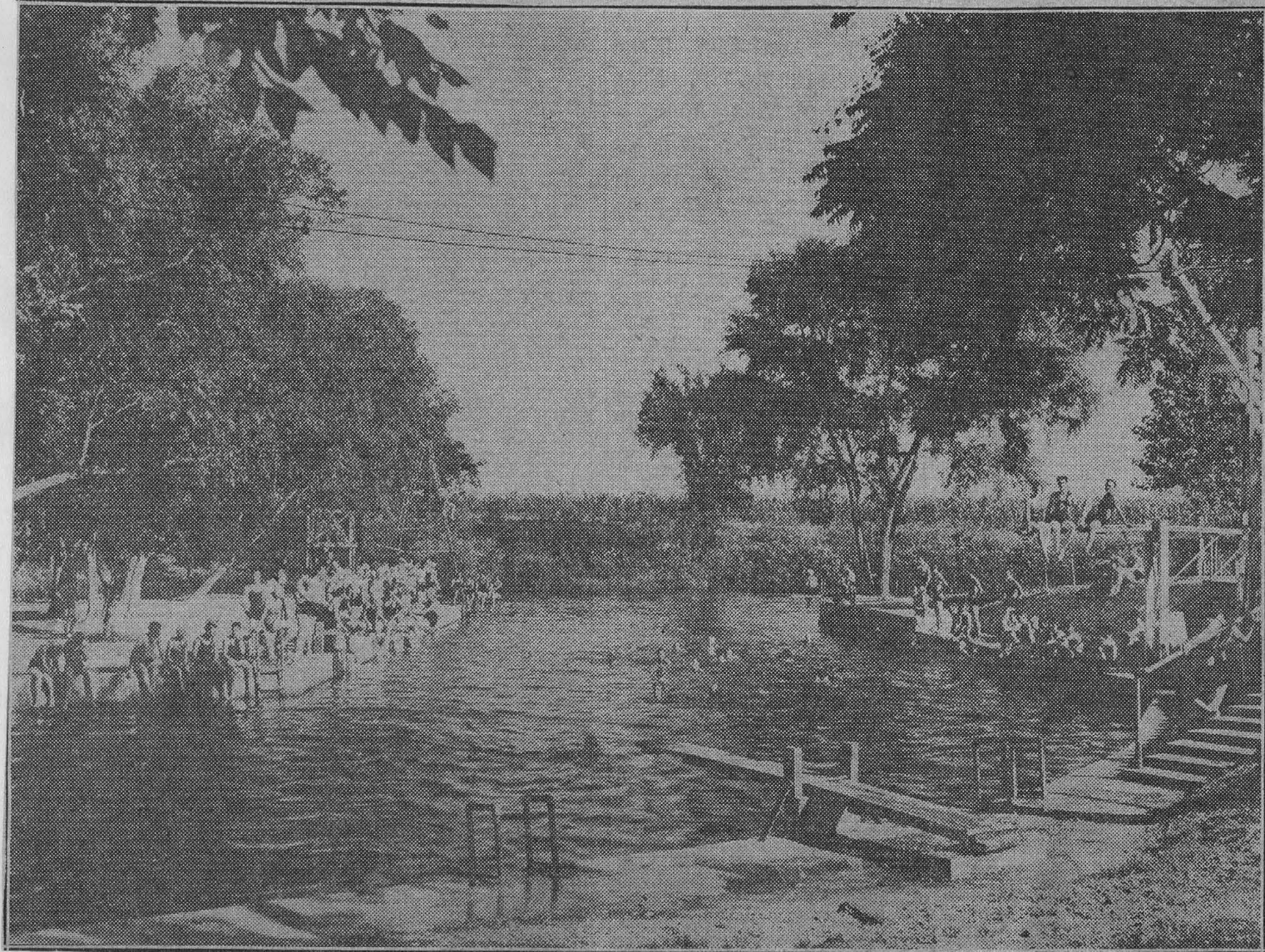
Demonstrations of swimming were also witnessed. The chief representatives of the four types of activities were: Health, Lazena Jenkins; Safety, J. Wood; Sports, Lynnette Dailey; Fun, Milton Thuem and Clarence Hudson.

Another event of interest was the fancy diving of Messrs. Doyle, Danforth, and Miss Jenkins. A special group of children ranging from the age of six to eight years also gave demonstrations of their diving and swimming ability.

It is hoped that the water pageant will be an annual affair, as it impresses upon the minds of the public a greater necessity for life saving work, and shows the strenuous tests that swimming must pass before the life saving badge is awarded.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS July 8, 1934

Where Students of Southwest Texas Teachers' College May Take Daily Dip



continued

A program of improvement at Riverside, the swimming and recreation park of Southwest Texas State Teachers College, includes 400 feet of cement wall and walk along the San Marcos River front, 60 feet of which is an extension southward on the west bank of the main channel and the remainder around the edge of the island; the building of the foundation for

the swing tower on the southwest corner of the island; the construction of a substantial stationary platform 15 by 20 feet on the island; the rebuilding of the foundation for the swing tower on the southwest corner of the island; the construction of a substantial stationary platform 15 by 20 feet on the island, for use in entertainment programs; the construction of 12

long portable tables for use in picnicking; graveling of the main parking space near the bath house and several other minor features of improvement.

The S. W. T. T. C., the Federal Fish Hatchery management, with the help of CWA labor, have constructed 825 feet of cement walk along the boundary fence of Riverside on the San Antonio-Austin

Post Road; the fish hatchery and the city continuing the walk to the southwest corner of the hatchery.

The swimming pool, consisting of about 600 feet of the San Marcos River channel, has been thoroughly cleaned, and other things put in proper order for enabling the crowd of more than 2,000 students attending the summer session to enjoy the river and its surrounding park to a high degree.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1935

San Marcos Record

FANCY DIVING AND SWIMMING ARE THE FEATURES OF SHOW

An estimated audience of 4000 persons composed of college students, townspeople, and out-of-town visitors witnessed a unique and striking spectacle in the water pageant, which was given at Riverside last evening under the general direction of S. M. Sewell, director of Riverside.

The pageantry and stunts on the first part of the program, though striking in themselves, were perhaps eclipsed by the diving demonstration which climaxed the evening's entertainment. Outstanding in the diving exhibition were Noyes Starr and Raymond Kellar, who are to meet Sunday for the city championship of San Antonio. Each time one of these seasoned performers would execute a difficult dive a gasp of amazement followed by a round of applause would go up from the crowd.

Music was furnished throughout by a thirty piece orchestra under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Brandstetter, assisted by R. A. Tampke. This orchestra was the regular college orchestra augmented by members of the college band, the Collegians, and guest performers including the following: Julian Holloway at the piano; John Brandstetter, B.A., 1934; Dr. C. E. Silver, Christine Brandstetter, Music Supervisor at Highland Park, Dallas; and Rudolph Willman, Instrumental Instructor at Seguin Lutheran College.

The main performers in the pageant were: Helen Holcombe and J. L. Hardy, princess and prince; and Virginia Hofheinz, Lucille Johnson, Wren Ansell, Lewis Nix, Billy Kirk, and Dean Hopf, all of whom were attendants to the prince's court.

Those who assisted Mr. Sewell

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in the staging of the pageant were all of the personnel of the P. E. department and more especially the following: Winnifred Turner, head swimming instructor; Mrs. Marguerite Edens and Miss Ruth Joiner, assistant swimming instructors; Miss Claire Mitchell, dancing director; and the Misses Moore and Crosslin.

The opening scene of the pageant is at the cave of a magician who drives imps to work around a huge urn. The magician is also in possession of a large treasure chest. A large dragon, after swallowing the clown is attacked and killed by the prince and princess who immediately see the magician's cave and stop to inspect it. The prince, after turning the spoon in the urn and getting therefrom a large key, applies the key to the treasure chest and a number of girls are released and dance with joy. The prince is then attacked by the magician who is killed after the prince gets a magic dagger; then the prince is declared ruler and the ensuing water sports are in honor of the prince and his court.

Besides Starr and Kellar the following gave diving demonstrations: David Danforth, Virginia Collier, Edna Mach, Helen Burkholder, and Mary Virginia Jackman. Numerous persons gave demonstrations of various swimming strokes. Arvel "Airplane" Williams and Bill Hudson were the clowns.

WATER PAGEANT IS ACCLAIMED

HUGE SUCCESS

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1936

July 2nd Date Set For Water Pageant

College Star

LOCAL TALENT WILL STAR IN ANNUAL FETE

'Apollo and His Loves' To Be Program Feature

On the evening of Thursday, July 2, Riverside will be the scene of a large, spectacular outdoor water pageant. Some 4,000 students and visitors are expected to attend the pageant which as an annual affair has become immensely popular. The program consists, besides the main feature, the dramatization of a story, of special diving, swimming, and life-saving exhibitions. The talent for the pageant will be taken largely from the College and the Demonstration School.

As the title "Apollo and His Loves" suggests, the feature act of the pageant will be a dramatization of the coming of Apollo to the Island of Delos and his various love escapades there. His first love, Coronis, Goddess of the Wood-nymphs of the Island, he kills in a fit of anger and jealousy; his second, Paphne, Goddess of the waves,

sent by Neptune to cheer Apollo, succumbs to his charms, and Neptune angered by this, transforms her into a tree. Out of sympathy for Apollo, Jupiter sends Aether, Goddess of Light, who finally brings him consolation. These scenes will be acted out in elaborate detail, and accentuated with attractive lighting and impressive costuming.

The pageant will be sponsored and conducted this year by the Aquatic Club, recently organized among the senior life-savers and swimming instructors of the College. In charge of the pageant program are the following:

Announcer, Mr. S. M. Sewell; director - general, Mrs. Winifred Blanch; chairman of stunts committee, Vivian Danforth; chairman of costumes committee, Mrs. Marguerite Eden and Mr. J. L. Hardy; chairman of decorating committee, Jack Anders; chairman of lighting committee, W. A. Mathews; chairman of music committee, Mr. R. A. Tampke.

The annual water pageant given at Riverside dates back, in one form or other, about 17 years when, in the form of a Fourth of July program given in the afternoon, swimming and diving contests and demonstrations and special stunts were given. This practice, in general, was kept up for eight or nine years, and though the

programs grew in interest year by year, they were attended almost entirely by the students and faculty of the College.

About eight or nine years ago the time of the program was changed from the afternoon to night so that the town people might be able to attend it. At that time the pageant began to take on, more or less, the form of a story in pageant retaining the feature of demonstrations in swimming, diving, and life saving but leaving off all competitive activities. The night programs proved much more satisfactory because of the beauties of lighting, decoration, and costuming. Consequently the affair has grown rapidly in popularity, and the greatest problem has become the providing of comfortable and adequate seating facilities for the large crowds.

Water Pageant Plans Complete; Will Be July 31

College Star July 1936

Amorous Adventures of Apollo Theme of Show

The water pageant which the Southwest Texas Teachers college postponed recently because of inclement weather will be staged at Riverside park at 8:00 o'clock Friday night, July 31, according to Prof. S. M. Sewell.

A pageant is staged at the park every summer. This year's show is scheduled to be larger and more beautiful than any of the previous ones.

Prof. Sewell said plans are being made to seat at least 4,000 people. The pageant draws spectators from all over Central Texas.

The name of this year's pageant is "Apollo and His Loves." It is the story of Apollo's amorous adventures on the Island of Delos.

His first love, Coronis, goddess of the wood nymphs, he kills in a fit of anger and jealousy.

His second, Daphne, goddess of the waves, sent by Neptune to cheer him, succumbs to his charms, and Neptune, angered by this, transforms her into a tree.

Finally Aether, goddess of light, brings Apollo consolation.

The leading characters are: Apollo, Jack Ander; Coronis, Evelyn Rogers; Daphne, Sarita Lewis; Aether, Beatrice Force; Brontes, Michael McNulty; Steropes, Josephine Blume; Rain, Sally Whitesides; Neptune, Jasper Ivy.

The preparation of the pageant is in the hands of the following: Mrs. Winifred Blanch, director; L. N. Wright, announcer; Vivian Danforth, program chairman; Mrs. E. H. Fairy and Ida Francis Simmonds, dance committee; Mrs. Marguerite Edens, Mrs. Peggy Walker, and J. L. Hardy, costume committee; Jack Ander, David Votaw, Mrs. Dawn Marshall, and Sarita Lewis, state arrangement and decorations committee; music, R. A. Tampke; W. A. Matthews, O. L. Hargus, and John Clawson, lighting.

San Antonio Express 1936

MORE THAN 4,000

SEE WATER PAGEANT

SAN MARCOS, Tex., Aug. 3.—

The 17th annual water pageant given by the Southwest Texas State Teachers College was witnessed by more than 4,000 persons Friday night at Riverside, the recreational playground of the institution.

"Apollo and His Loves" was enacted in an ideal setting. Many of the colorful scenes were reflected in the water of the San Marcos River. Special diving features and other aquatic stunts added to the diversified program.

The cast of characters of the pageant was as follows: Brontes, Michael McNulty; Steropes, Josephine Blume; Rain, Sally Whitesides; Apollo, Jack Ander; Coronis, Evelyn Rodgers; White Raven, Ludelia Dycus; Neptune, Jasper Ivey; Daphne, Sarita Lewis; Aether, Beatrice Force; Sunbeams, Rufus Rush, G. B. Rush and Homer Uscamilla; Four Hours, Dorothy Riggs, Hattie Mae Stahl, Harriet Farek, Evelyn Jones, Dewdrops, Mary Frances Hardy, Mary Eleanor Green, Katherine Smith, Marilyn Boggus, Betty Nell Adkisson and Bonnie Faye Churchman; Daphne's swimmers, Pauline Bethke, Patricia Gueder, Elizabeth Shaw and Dorothy Ramsel; attendants for Coronis and Daphne, Helen Meyer, Melba Robinson, Bonnie Pilgrim, Margaret Turner; attendants for Aether, Ellen Ruth Key, Barbara Ann Miller, Doris Eleanor Boggus, Wanda Tampke; attendants for Rain, Melba Robinson, Grace Baker, Elizabeth Marshall; Mocking Bird, Alfred Gray; Frog, Mell Green; Clowns, L. C. Ramsey, George Morris; ushers, William Marshall, Mozelle Hughes, R. C. Whitmill and Chloe Walker. Stage crew, Mrs. Milton Witt and Coach J. M. Roady.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1937 *San Marcos Record*

RIVERSIDE RECREATION PARK



SCENE OF S. W. T. T. C. ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT

At a recent meeting of the Aquatic Club plans for the club's annual Water Pageant were made and committees chosen to work out the details for the affair. Advance notice indicates that the Pageant, which will be presented July 6 at Riverside, will have an oriental setting.

The following officers and committees were chosen: Director general, Vivian Danforth; Announcer, L. N. Wright; Costumes, Mrs. Edens, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardy, Mrs. Grady Walker, and Betty Brown.

Dancing: Misses Claire Mitchell and Elizabeth Moore.

Stunts: Helen Joiner and Helen Burkholder.

Stage and decoration: Mr. S. M. Sewell, Irvin Lumpkin, Clyde Moore and Mrs. Marshall.

Lights: Mell Greene, Dawson DeViney.

Music: R. A. Tampke.

Make-up: J. M. Roady.

According to Miss Danforth, director of the pageant will be titled: In a Dervish Court. The cast is as follows: King Abdul, John Britewell; King's guards, Keith Koontz, Joe Taylor, Maurice Hoffman, and Roscoe Adkins.

The King's princess: Hattie Mae Stahl; princess' attendants, Josephine Blume, Mary Rice, Virginia Karnes, Norma Smith.

Princess Pavaca: Melba Robinson; her attendants, Lois Kifer, Daphne Hines, Evelyn Dailey, Edith Johnson.

Princess Baltha: Corene Jacks; her attendants, Bonnie Ruth Wheeler, Oneita Couch, Betty Jean Dobbins, Billy Fogle.

Princess Jamshyd: Sally Whitesides; her attendants, Evelyn Rogers, Grace Baker, Margaret Young, Virginia Pyburn.

Prince Yazid, Edward Farber; attendant, Billy Kirk.

Nine barge boys, twelve girl

swimmers, and eight mermaids complete the cast.

The plot of the presentation centers around the displeasures of King Abdul with his favorite princess and the subsequent choosing of a successor. Jealousy among the king's consort candidates brings about some startling incidents and will furnish the audience with lively entertainment. The affair winds up with a duel and the happy-ever-after ending.

Added attractions assisting in the pageant are John Reeves, 1937 State High School diving champion of San Antonio, and Noyes Starr, equally famous diver who has participated in previous presentations of this type here.

Tomorrow, Friday, at 7:00 p. m. a complete rehearsal of the pageant will be held. All members should be there. Costumes will be issued and fitted. Dress rehearsal will be held Monday evening, July 5.

July 8, 1937 College Star.

Acquatic Club

Show Staged in Oriental Setting

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Swimmers and Divers Feature of Event

The Aquatic Club of the College presented its eighteenth annual water pageant Tuesday evening at Riverside to a crowd estimated at over 3,000. The story of the pageant, "In a Dervish Court," related the rivalry between two oriental princes in the court of King Abdul. A cast of college students including John Weems Brightwell, Edward Farber, Hattie Mae Stahl, Melva Robinson, Corene Jacks, and Margaret Young in principal roles, pantomined the dramatic events of captures of princesses and the duel between the king and the prince. Narrations and announcements were made by L. N. Wright.

Organization of the pageant was under the direction of a number of committees under Vivian Danforth, director general, and S. M. Sewell, Mrs. Margaret Edens, and Clyde Moore, members of the general committee.

The College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of R. A. Tampke furnished musical setting for the narrative.

Following the pageant story, swimmers from the college, the academy, and the Campus School were presented in exhibitions of various swimming strokes and dives. Particularly interesting were the beginners' group, Janell Kaderli, Lera Jean Sawyers, and Dorothy Louise Mundine, who

Nineteenth Water Pageant Is Scheduled At Riverside Friday Evening, July 8th

Life Saving Club Makes Plans For Big Annual Show

Venetian Theme Will Be Carried Out

College Star June 24
1938

Plans for the nineteenth annual water pageant, to be given at Riverside, Friday night, July 8, are being worked up by the pageant committee.

According to L. N. Wright, script writer for the pageant, the main theme will have a Venetian setting along a canal and is taken from "The Tales of Hoffmann", by Offenbach.

The opera is concerned with a love affair of Hoffmann who is under the sinister influence of an enemy.

As yet, the cast for the play has not been selected; however it will consist of five principal characters and a number of lords, ladies, and dancers.

Wright stated that a new feature for the pageant would be that each character would have a different voice. In previous years all the speaking has been done by one person.

Following the play there will be stunts, dances and floats. Several songs taken from the opera will also be given.

Aquatic Club is Sponsor of Big Water Spectacle

Thousands of Central Texans Expected To Attend

July 5, 1938 College Star
The nineteenth annual water pageant sponsored by the Aquatic Club of Southwest Texas Teachers College will be presented Friday night, July 8, at Riverside, college recreational park.

The pageant is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. promptly.

The story of the water show, which yearly attracts thousands of Central Texans, is taken this year from the second part of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman" with a special script written by Prof. L. N. Wright. The San Marcos River will provide the Venetian setting along a canal where the scenes of the opera are enacted.

Each character in the drama will be portrayed by two different persons. One will do the characterization in pantomime while the other does the speaking over a public address system. Selected for the speaking parts are Aubrey Dunn, Mell Greene, David Votaw, Roscoe Adkins, and William Morgan, all speech students.

Patrick Champion will play the romantic role of Hoffman, tall, dark, and handsome. Mary Agnes Pehl has been selected to characterize the leading lady, Guiletta, an exotic brunette. The hero's friend, Nickias, an intellectual character, will be portrayed by Roy Willbern. George Norris will be the rejected lover, Schlemihl, and C. E. "Curly" Doyle will play Dapertutto, the devilish-looking villain. Ugolino, a hunchback, is played by Clint Lewis. Other minor roles include Warren Le Bourveau as a gondolier, Alan Weber and R. B. Spacek as lords, and Minnie Barr Boughton, Bernice Kerlick, and Billie Fogle as ladies.

Specialties of the pageant will include stunts, dances, dives, floats, and swimming. In the diving division, the state diving champion, Fantozzi of San Antonio, and Jack Tolar, San Antonio city champion, will be special attractions. Among the student divers are R. S. Corner, Helen Burkholder, and Frank Hefner.

The dancing features will be performed by Dorothy Autrey, Donna Martin, Vernelle Lucas, Elsie Myers, Lois Keifer, June Jacks, Ann Braho, Oneita Couch, Janie Chambliss, Peggy Young,

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Helen Young, Kathleen Tanner, Kathleen Boedeker, and Flora Kneese. These groups are directed by Peggy Young and Lois Keifer.

The stunting under the direction of Nettie Mae Smith will be performed by the following young ladies: Arlene Spacek, Vivian Danforth, Inez Hunt, Orena Ruth Proctor, Martha Jane Rush, Nettie Mae Smith, Chloe Walker, Margie Williams, Arnold Dean Williams, Helen Burkholder, Jean Webb, Elaine Yarborough, Minnie Wehmeyer, Guinivere Hobbs, Lucille Ahrendt, Olga Mae Stallman, Ruth Fluitt, Dorothy Hale, Grace Bradshaw, Belle Wilson, and Misses Milburn and Wilke.

Edward Farber and two record swimmers from San Antonio will be featured in special swimming exhibitions. The Campus Demonstration School will also present a swimming feature.

S. M. Sewell is the faculty advisor for the pageant which is under the general direction of Vivian Danforth, director of the 1937 water show. Hugh F. Seabury, head of the college speech department, is in charge of speech and pantomime. Dallas Williams will supervise the lighting and staging effects assisted by Mell Greene and O. L. Hargus, college electrician. Others on the pageant committee are: Mrs. Marguerite

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At San Marcos Water Carnival



Crowds packed the banks of the San Marcos River at San Marcos Monday night for the annual water carnival sponsored by Southwest Texas State Normal College which this year was built on an Hawaiian theme. Upper left shows a group of "Hula girls," and upper right some of the divers who demonstrated a "fire dive." Group at the lower left, standing: Patrick Champion of Donna; T. L. Fike of Mart. Seated: Guinavere Hobbs of Carrizo Springs; George Norris of Victoria (king), and Mildred Dodson of Horton. At lower right, standing, is Miss Elizabeth Rothberger of New Braunfels, who was heroine of the pageant.

WATER PAGEANT AT SAN MARCOS

Teachers College Sponsors
Annual Event Monday

1939

(Special Correspondence)

SAN MARCOS, July 11.—Monday night before approximately 6,000 people, the Aquatic Club of Southwest Texas State Teachers College presented its 20th annual water pageant, under the general direction of Mrs. Margaret Edens at Riverside, recreation center of the college.

To start the program, there was an original play, written by Dr. L. N. Wright of the college faculty. The play had a Hawaiian theme, and the stage decorations carried this out. The play was directed by Dr. Hugh F. Seabury, head of the speech department, and speech students were the actors. Each part was double cast with one person to do the acting in pantomime while the other was the voice, over a public address system.

Following the play, swimmers from the college, the junior and senior high schools of San Marcos and the San Marcos Academy demonstrated various methods of swimming. One of the highlights of the evening was the demonstration of life saving methods with Dr. S. M. Sewell, director of Riverside, as the subject and the rescuer a 58-pound junior high school girl.

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AT WATER CARNIVAL—Left Misses Mary Clark, Center Point; Brunhilde Morisse, Nordheim; and Grace McMurrey of San Antonio, swimmers. Center, Miss Helen Young who portrayed Tinka in "Gypsy Love Along the Danube;" and right, an exhibition triple cannon ball dive in the 21st annual water pageant by the Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, San Marcos Thursday night. "Gypsy Love" was written by Dr. L. N. Wright and directed by Dr. Hugh F. Seabury. R. A. Tampke directed the music and Dr. H. Grady Harlan, the chorus. Dr. L. N. Wright was narrator. More than 200 took part in the pageant. Director of dancing was Virginia Clampette and of swimming and diving, Mrs. Marguerite Edens.

Water Pageant To Be Feature of College Term

**5,000 Expected
For Annual Event
At Riverside**

July 5 '40

Approximately 5,000 Central Texans are expected to attend the 21st annual water pageant, feature of the Southwest Texas State Teachers College summer session, to be held at Riverside, college recreational park, July 10, at 8 p. m.

The pageant, under the sponsorship of Dr. S. M. Sewell, mathematics professor, features a dramatic pantomime production as well as numerous water events.

Written by Teacher

The production, written for the third consecutive year by Dr. L. N. Wright, professor of English, will this year be based on stories of "Gypsy Love Along the Danube" by Konrad Bercovici.

The Blue Danube theme will be carried out with the aid of Hungarian Gypsy music played by the college Little Symphony orchestra, directed by R. A. Tampke and with the Men's Glee club, led by H. Grady Harlan.

Triple Cast Used

Under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury, head of the speech department, one cast will pantomime the acting while another cast, behind the scenes, will broadcast. This year, for the first time, a triple cast is effected by a be carried out with the aid of Hungarian Gypsy music played by the college Little Symphony Orchestra under the direction of R. A. Tampke, director of the Little Symphony Orchestra.

The personnel of the Little Symphony Orchestra includes Emalu Alexander, Helen Young, Mrs. Ella Bohuslov, Doris King, Charlotte Rugel, Albert L. Kubena, Virginia Louise Milster, Mrs. Homer A. Tampke, Homer A. Tampke, Milton Dusek, Victor Storey, Arnold J. Urbanousky, Jerome Snyder, George H. Crook, Dorothy Stanfield, Merle McCall, and Victor Miculka.

Among the musical numbers will be "The Anvil," by A. Parlow; "Blue Danbue," by Johann Strauss; "Le Tamborine," by Jean Phillippe Romeau; "Two Hearts," by Robert Stolz and "Naila," by Theo. Moses, and Tombani.

As the story unfolds the voices of the college chorus will be heard singing "Blue Danbue," by Strauss, led by Dr. H. Grady Harlan, head of the voice department.

The members of the chorus include Emalu Alexander, Robert Alexander, Virginia Lee Cochran, Irene Havecost, Pauline Moon, Ruby Perry, Maxine McElroy, Francis Piggott, Billy Ruth Vaughan, Florine Woody, Marie Laszka, Otys Morrisse, Ruth Heiser, Annabelle Spellman, Lou Cabaniss, Mary May Richardson, Bernice Meischer, Dorothy Runnels.

The Men's Glee Club also led by Dr. Harlan will sing "Sweetheart," from "Maytime," by Romberg.

Those taking part will be J. L. Snellings, Carl Israel, Kerman Bond, Joe Ashcraft, Patrick Champion, Carl Henderson, Edwin Rabb, H. F. Moore, Ray Bacca, Roger Jones, L. D. Walker, Frank Ing, Frank Donaldson, Floyd Schlamesu, Bill Ellison, C. B. Parks, Frank Jostes, T. J. Heinemeire, J. B. Lumby, Wildon Munson, Elwood Gohlke, and Billy Speck.

Three solos will be heard. Mr. Ing, tenor, will sing "Gypsy" by Victor Herbert; Miss Elizabeth Harrison, soprano, will sing "Moonbeams," and J. L. Snellings, tenor, will sing "A Dream," by Bartlett.

The folk dance, under the direction of Miss Virginia Clampitte, dancing instructor, will be divided into two parts, the first being the harvest dance, which was developed by the 10 o'clock dancing class, and the second will be the celebration dance by the 11 o'clock class.

Those comprising the 10 o'clock class are Crystal Carnes, Georgia Griffith, Enid Koofs, Hermelinda Aguirre, Billie Ruth Vaughn, Edna Mallett, Mary Click Smith, Eloine Regner, Anita Meurer, Mary Riley, Muriel Sutton, Mary Lou Ratliff, Myrtle Arnold, Adel Donaho, Annette Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Rosa Lee Bartek, Montic Sweeny, Lena Mae Schmidt, Lorene Mattiza, Esther Artman, and Gwendolyn Bryant.

The 11 o'clock class is made up of Annie Lourie Fasler, Vorencia Papacek, Winona Wynn, Margaret Hill, Lucille Thomas, Maxine Ellis, Lorene Cox, Anita Taylor, Catherine Salter, Opal Ruth Walker, Nancy Squire, and Flavia.

As the story ends the water show begins with many and varied events including all types of dives, strokes, floats, and stunts displayed by expert swimmers.

Miss Winona Wynn will direct the girls swimming events as well as those of the campus school and the Academy.

Those taking part under Miss Wynn are Brunhilde Morrison, Merry Kone, Suevelyn Wade, Edna Holcombe, Chloe Walker, Gwen Hall, G. B. Rush, Rufus Rush, Maybelle Benson, Nancy Squire, Lilian Wehmeyer, Virginia Jackson, Adel Benson, Audrey Heiser, and Opal Ruth Walker, Floyd Petty, Pat Kelly, Tillman Bells, Lloyd Petty, and Maude Lewden.

Under the supervision of R. B. Spacek, Jr., president of the Aquatic Club, and D. J. Jackson, life-saving instructor, the men's water activities will be displayed. Much local talent is on hand and those that are interested in the fine points of swimming and diving should not be disappointed, they said.

The names of those participating in the water activities is incomplete and the others will be selected shortly.

The
Southwest Texas State Teachers College
Aquatic Club

— PRESENTS —

The Twenty-First Annual Water Pageant
"Gypsy Love Along The Danube"

— BY —

Dr. L. N. Wright

Riverside, Wednesday, July 10, 1940, 8:15 p. m.

THE PLAY

Dr. Hugh F. Seabury Director

CAST OF CHARACTERS (In the order of appearance)

	Pantomime	Speaking
Tinka.....	Helen Young	Margy Beach
Radu.....	Pat Champion	John Brandstetter
Mincu.....	Lee Roy Walker	Clyde Willbern
Costa.....	Roy Fleming	Bill Taylor
Margarita.....	Margaret Evans	Juanita Cooley
Conitza.....	Willie D. Williamson	Edith Faseler
Gypsies.....	Avena Baker, Georgia Ann Marrs, Josephine Huckle, Tommie Rae Lee, Martha Jane Rush	

THE MUSIC

R. A. Tampke Director

Dr. H. Grady Harlan Director of Chorus

Vocal Soloists..... Lizabelle Harrison, Frank Ing, J. L. Snellings

Violin Soloist..... Howell Branning

Chorus Personnel..... Margaret Alba, Emalu Alexander,
Virginia Lee Cochran, Lizabelle Harrison, Irene Havecost, Max-
ine McElroy, Pauline Moon, Frances Piggott, Dorothy Runnels,
Joe Ashcraft, Ray Baca, Kerman Bond, Patrick Champion,
Frank Donalson, Carl Henderson, T. J. Heinemeier, Frank Ing,
Carl Israel, L. D. Walker, Florene Woody, Billy Ruth Vaughn,
Marie Liska, Ottys Morisse, Ruth Heiser, Anabelle Spellman,
Louella Cabaniss, Mary May Richardson, Bernice Meischen,
Roger Jones, Frank Joste, J. B. Lumbly, H. F. Moore, Weldon
Munson, C. B. Parks, Floyd Schlameus, J. L. Snellings, Billy
Speck, Edwin Rabb.

Orchestra Personnel..... Emma Lou Alexander, Mrs.
Ella Bohuslav, George H. Crook, Milton Dusek, Ruth Heiser,
Eugene Hollub, A. L. Kerby, Doris King, Gloria Kocurek, Al-
bert Kubena, Merle McCall, Walter Manka, Victor Miculka,
Virginia Milster, Charlotte Rugel, Jerome Snyder, Dorothy
Stanfield, Victor Storey, Homer A. Tampke, Mrs. Homer A.
Tampke, Arnold Urbanovsky, Mrs. Blanche Word, Helen Young,
and Peggy Young.

Visiting Artists..... Mr. Ernst Hoffman, Mr. Joseph Henkel,
Mr. G. Parker, Mr. J. Palasota, Mr. E. V. Rinner, Mr. H. P.
Branning.

THE DANCING

Virginia Clampitte Director

Soloist Helen Young

The Dancers..... Crystal Carnes, Georgia Griffith, Enid
Koofs, Hermelinda Aguirre, Billie Ruth Vaughn, Edna Mallett,
Mary Click Smith, Eloine Regner, Anita Meurer, Mary Riley,
Muriel Sutton, Mary Lou Ratliff, Myrtle Arnold, Adel Donaho,
Annette Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Rosa Lee Bartek, Montic
Sweeney, Lena Mae Schmidt, Lorene Mattiza, Esther Artmann,
Gwendolyn Bryant, Anna Laurie Fasler, Vorencia Rapacek,
Winona Wynn, Margaret Hill, Lucille Thomas, Maxine Ellis,
Lorene Cox, Anita Taylor, Catherine Salter, Opal Ruth Walker,
Nancy Squire.

THE SWIMMING AND DIVING

Directors..... Winona Wynn, R. B. Spacek, Jr.,
D. J. Jackson, Mrs. Marguerite Edens

Swims and Floats..... Chloe Walker, Edna Holcombe,
Suevelyn Wade, Howard Hass, Fred Houston, Lillian Weimers,
Audrey Heiser, Sue Parham, Frank Mooney, R. B. Spacek, Al
Personette, D. J. Jackson, Brunhilde Morrisse, Nancy Squire,
Winona Wynn, Dr. S. M. Sewell, B. W. Hughes, Harry Cloyd,
Bill Marshall, Jimmie Lindsey, Frank Harrell, L. R. Parke,
Johnny McGuffy, Helen Morris, Fay Bales, Gene Maretka, Grace
McMurray, Merry Kone, Maybelle Benson, Adell Benson, Nina
Gene Moore, Anna Vorgas, Mary Frances Dean, Marian Jaeger,
Floyd Petty, Pat Kelley, Kermit Hall, Rufus Rush, Joe Janet
Hayes, Eva McGee, Betty Rice, Frances Clark.

Dives..... Bert Means, C. E. Doyle, T. P. Calleino,
Harold Gosden, Dolores Patton, Mac Herring

Clowns..... Robert Storey, Billie Kirk

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Sponsor of Aquatic Club..... Dr. S. M. Sewell

Narrator Dr. L. N. Wrgiht

Costumes Evelyn Howard

DIRECTOR GENERAL..... Mrs. Marguerite Edens

Swimming Show Attracts 3,000 At College Pool

College Star July 1941
Development of Swimming, Diving, Life Saving Demonstrated by 100 SWTTC Performers, Directed by S. M. Sewell.

More than 3,000 persons went to Riverside Friday night to see demonstrations of swimming, diving and life saving.

It was entertainment that pleased the crowd. Particularly remarkable was the contrast between cumbersome, old methods of life saving and new, easy, scientific methods.

Lee Kohlenberg's orchestra furnished music for the occasion, which was planned and staged by S. M. Sewell, swimming instructor at Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

The spectators were interested in the accomplishments of young Gene Smith, who cast a dowagiac while treading across the pool. Later, they were amazed when three girls who had seated themselves on a high springboard fell into the water when asked to move as the diving demonstration was about to begin.

Life guards immediately jumped into the pool and "rescued" the young ladies. The incident looked like the real article, but it had been carefully planned and rehearsed beforehand.

Heralded as "A Century of Progress in Swimming," the affair was participated in by hundreds of the best swimmers in the college. The world was presented as a family visiting the pool to arrange swimming lessons for a little girl.

The swimming instructor gave the story of the development of swimming—with illustration. Added features were polo games in the pool, mermaid exhibits, floating and treading stunts.

3,000 ATTEND WATER EVENTS IN SAN MARCOS

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(Special Correspondence)

SAN MARCOS, Tex., July 8.—More than 3,000 persons attended the water pageant "A Century of Progress in Swimming" at Riverside, the recreational playground of the Southwest Texas State Teachers College. The program consisted of contrasts in the present and past forms of swimming, bathing suits, manner of rescue of a drowning person and resuscitation methods, and the attitude towards swimming in general.

The pageant is one of the regular programs originated by the American Red Cross. Winifred Turner of China, Tex., and Inez Gilstrap of Del Rio, swimming instructors at the college, were assisted in directing by Ruth Joiner, a former instructor in swimming at S. W. T. T. C. who is now a member of the faculty of the Physical Education Department for the summer school. S. M. Sewell, special examiner for the American Red Cross, a member of the faculty of the Teachers College who has taken an active interest in the swimming and rescue work of the college students, with a group of students in bathing attire, gave demonstrations of aquatic feats and rescue work followed by resuscitation methods.

ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT SCHEDULED EARLY IN JULY

College Star

Dorothy Jean Taylor
To Write Adaptation
For Credit On Degree

June 12, 1942

Plans are under way for the presentation of the annual Water Pageant to be held at Riverside early in the month of July.

The show is to be staged along different lines from those followed during past years and will be given as an adaptation of Milton's play, "Comus." Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student of the college, will write an adaptation of the play and stage it as a thesis in her work toward a master's degree.

Dr. Hugh F. Seabury will act as dramatics advisor for the presentation and Miss Margaret MacLin of the physical education department will handle the dancing routines. R. A. Tampke will be in charge of the musical score and Dr. L. N. Wright is to take care of the literary angles involved in putting on the show.

The STAR will carry several features before the Water Pageant to acquaint the student body with the history behind the play

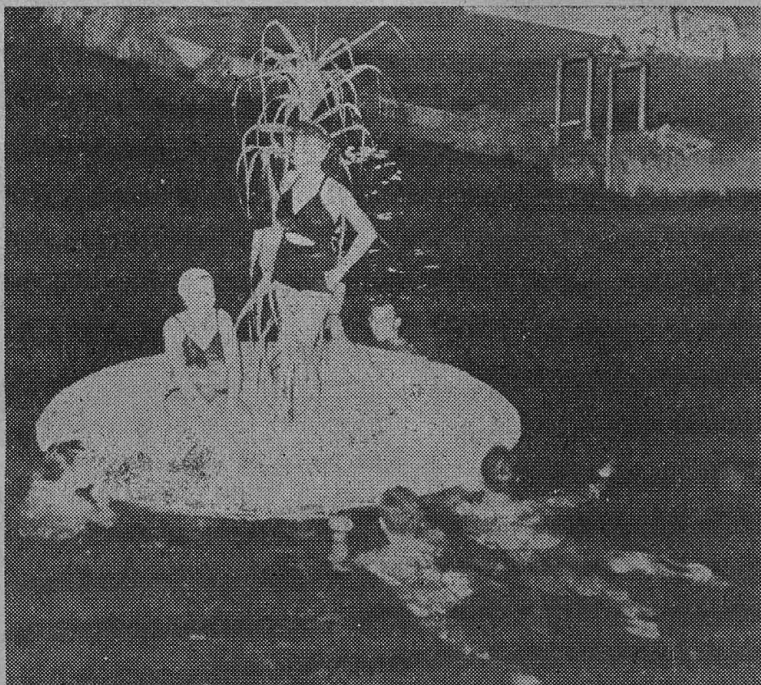
More Entertainment

Plans are well under way for the staging of the annual water pageant and if past years are any indication of the outcome of this year's show it will be a show worth seeing. The pageant is staged in the cool atmosphere of Riverside and usually draws a larger crowd than any other summer activity.

Annual Summer Water Pageant Will Be Presented Wednesday

College Star

Friday, July 3, 1942.



Scenes similar to the one above will be a part of the annual Water Pageant to be presented at Riverside Wednesday night, July 8. This picture comes from last year's show.

GAY COLORFUL PAGEANT CUSTOM OF MANY SUMMERS

With the time of year that usually brings sweat to the brow of every student on the hill now in full swing, the thoughts of most of us turn to swimming or something of the lighter nature. A mention of swimming to an old student who has been in school here for several summers will immediately bring to his mind the fact that each summer the college stages a water pageant at Riverside for the entertainment of the students. Again this entertainment idea is to be preserved as the Water Pageant is to be staged at Riverside on the night of July 8.

The idea of the Water Pageant was born in the late years of the second decade of the Twentieth Century when there were a number of students who were unable to go to their homes during the July 4 holiday and who complained that there was no activity or entertainment provided for them while school was closed. So in 1920 was born a program of swimming and diving for their diversion both as participants and as spectators on the July 4 holiday.

Dr. S. M. Sewell, who for many years sponsored the staging of the program, recalls that a large number of students and townspeople lined the banks of the river to watch the activity.

The program became an annual affair then with the students, under Dr. Sewell's supervision, endeavoring to present each year a program a little different, a little better than the previous one.

After three or four years plans

were made to stage the program at night with seating provisions made for the guests. The crowds grew noticeably from year to year, expanding from several hundred persons to four or five thousand in recent years.

The gay decorations, the perfectly executed diving stunts, the expert formation swimming, the enchanting pageant music, dramatic presentations, all in the primeval setting of the cool, clear San Marcos River, have made the SWTTC water pageants increasingly popular. Usually there have been clowns to provide comic relief, but perhaps the most hilarious spectacle was entirely unrehearsed.

It seems that the accidental falling off into the river by two girls (life savers, incidentally), was planned as part of the program. However, King Neptune, played by Curley Doyle—now prominent county superintendent—had not been informed of this part of the plot, so as the two young ladies effected their plunge with realistic screams of terror from the wast bank (then very high), King Curley threw off his elaborate costume and dived to the rescue. He even beat the life guards who were supposed to make the rescue, but when he saw who it was he was saving he immersed again to hide his shame and swam off under water down the river.

An evening of fun and laughter is in store for those who attend the Water Pageant this year.

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College Star

Capacity Crowd Attends Annual Water Pageant

PAGEANT FLOAT



Pictured above is one of the floats presented by college swimmers at the Water Pageant. Numerous formation swims and different styles of swimming were demonstrated by members of the Aquatic Club and others.

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Hungarian Gypsy Theme Carried Out In Music, Dances

**Dramatic and Speech
Students, Soloists, Glee
Club, Orchestra, Divers
And Swimmers Featured**

Faseler. Frank Ing furnished the singing voice of Mincu, played by Walker, J. L. Snellings sang for Radu, played by Champion, and Lizabelle Harrison provided the singing voice of Tinka, played by Miss Young. A violin solo, pantomimed by Miss Young, was played by Howell Branning.



Mrs. Marguerite
Edens

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BIG CROWD IN ATTENDANCE FOR WATER PAGEANT

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The dramatic presentation was worked out under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury, head of the speech department. Mrs. Marguerite Edens, for the second consecutive year, was director general of the pageant.

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Dorothy Jean Taylor Writes Adaptation Of Milton's "Comus"

Loudspeaker System To Carry Speeches Of Pantomime Cast

The twenty-third annual Water Pageant, sponsored by the Acquatic Club and featuring talent of the English, music, speech, physical education and art departments, will be presented tonight, July 31, 8:30, on the "Island" at Riverside.

An adaption of Milton's "Comus," prepared by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student, will furnish the dramatic presentation and background material for the Pageant.

Riverside Is Setting

Riverside will presumably be the first setting for a production of "Comus" since it's initial appearance at Ludlow Castle on September 29, 1634. The substance of "Comus" is a poem-story of a young girl (The Lady) who falls into the hands of a villian (Comus) who attempts to ply her with magic liquor which causes people to have animal heads. She staves off the would-be seducer with arguments until her brother can reach her for the rescue.

The pantomime cast under the direction of Miss Taylor are: Clive Doyle as "Comus;" James Bishop, the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Salter, The Lady; Delores Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Farrell, second brother; and Denver Wood, first brother.

Voices For Cast

Voices of the pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury include, Dr. L. N. Wright as "Comus," Don C. Streeter, The Attendant Spirit; Doris Muelker, The Lady; William Morgan, first brother; Dr. Seabury, second brother; and Margaret Young as Sabrina.

The dancers for the cast include Mary Jane McClarety, Mary Jane Boucher, Elaine Ogston, Evelyn Lay, Margaret Young, Eva Walters, Beatrice Pratkan, and Truby Jenkins in the Court and the animal dancers. In the Country dance are Betty Miller, Helen Cord, Mildred Baker, Wanda Baker, Lora Vickery, Margaret Sweeten and Lucille Sweeten.

Other officials of the production include Charlie Hutto, director general; Don C. Streeter, director of lighting; Mary Jane McClarety, director of dancing; Mrs. Verna Deckert, director of art activity; Hoyt Stewart, diving events; and Delores Patton, swimming events.

The Pageant, an annual event of the summer terms of SWTTC, has achieved a well known reputation throughout central Texas and attracts visitors yearly from all parts of the state.

A salute to the Armed Service is the theme of the swimming events this year with the following formations and participants:

I.

Army..... V . . . , for Victory
Navy Anchor
Marine..... Anchor with a
circle around it.

Air Corps..... Propellor
Squad Right and the Red Cross.

Those taking part in these for-

Water Show -

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mations are: Marilyn Wade, Charley Hutto, Dorothy Staudt, Julia Ashberry, Jean Ashberry, Mary Pappas, Jean Fischer, Kay Fischer, Lou Fitzgerald, Virginia Rhinehardt, Lois Cloyd, Anna Warren Proctor, Velma McLaughlin, Ruth Ashberry, Dorothy Coers, Jo Wayland, Janelle Kaderli, Itaska Blunt, Nancy Boone Cheaney and Dorothy Pfefferkorn.

II. Dives—10 Foot Board

1. Preston Connolly—Jackknife, Swan, Forward 1½, Back Dive, Full forward twist, Back 1½ and the Half Gaynor.
2. Mickie Gosdin—Half twist,

Back flip, Jackknife and Fire dive.

3. Delores Patton—Jackknife and the Back jackknife.
4. Reid Conolly—Swan.
5. Hoyt Stewart—Flip and one-half forward, Back jackknife, Fire dive and Flip and half-back with full twist.
6. Jimmie Turner—Gaynor.
7. Gordon Ashberry—Open back flip.

From The Swing

1. Elmer Bondy—Flip, Flip and one half, one half cutaway.
2. Gordon Ashberry—Full Gaynor.
3. Jimmie Turner—One half flip forward and one half cutaway.
4. Hoyt Stewart—Full Gaynor.
5. Mickie Gosdin—Full Gaynor and back flip.

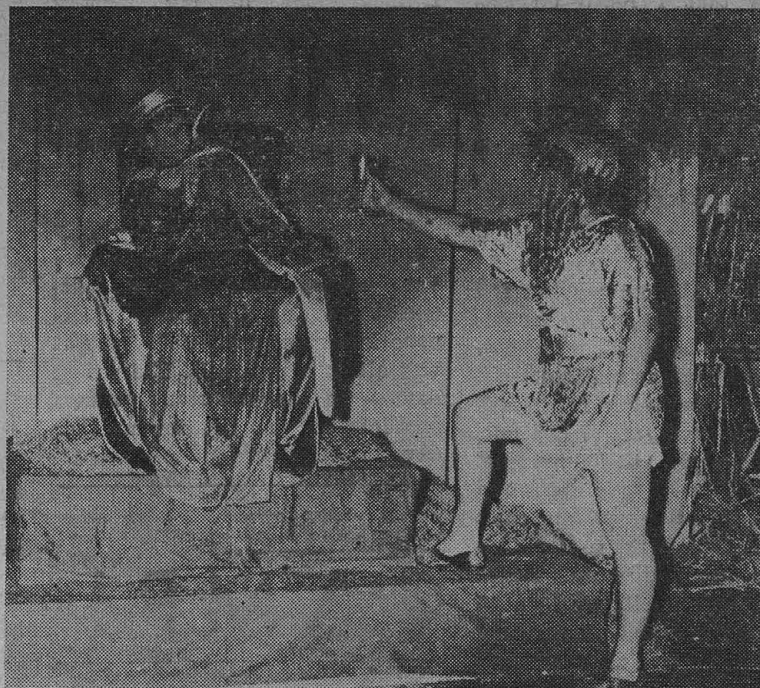
From The Tower

1. Tommie Pappas—Swan.

III. Demonstration Swims

1. Racing free style..... Mickie Gosdin.
2. American Crawl..... Charley Hutto.
3. Racing Back Stroke..... Buzzy Gosdin and Virginia Rhinehardt.
4. Submarine..... Chloe Walker, and Charley Hutto.
5. English Overarm..... Virginia Rhinehardt.
6. Inverted Butterfly Breast..... Charley Hutto and Chloe Walker.
7. Trudgeon..... Chloe Walker
8. Butterfly—Chloe Walker and Charley Hutto.
9. Butterfly Tandum——Don Streeter and Chloe Walker.
10. Overarm Tandum..... Walker and Hutto.
11. Dog Paddle..... "Buzzy" Gosdin.
12. Breast Stroke Janelle Kaderli and Itaska Blunt.
14. Elementary Back Stroke..... Jean and Kay Fischer.
15. Waltz Stroke..... Charley Hutto, Chloe Walker and Jo Wayland.
16. Spiral..... Marilyn Wade and Jo Wayland.
18. Underwater Swim..... Preston Connolly.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1942



The Lady, played by Catherine Salter, and Comus, played by Clive DeLong, are pictured here as they appeared in the dramatic presentation of Milton's "Comus" at the annual Water Pageant Friday night, July 31.

Annual Water Pageant Has Successful Staging

Riverside was the scene last Friday night of one of the first presentations of Milton's "Comus" since it was originally staged in Ludlow Castle on September 29, 1634.

The play or poem, as it may be more properly called, was the main feature of the Annual Summer Water Pageant which has been produced by the students of SWTTC for the last twenty-three years and, though the audience was smaller this year than in past years, has been always well received by those who each season witnessed the show.

The action in the story concerns a lady who falls into the hands of a villain, Comus, who attempts to ply her with a magic liquor which causes people to have animal heads. She is able to fend off her would be seducer until she is saved by her brother.

An adaptation of the poem was written by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student, who did this work as a part of the requirements for completing her thesis.

The pantomime cast which was seen on stage consisted of: Clive

DeLong as "Comus"; James Bishop, the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Salter, The Lady; Delores Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Farrell, second brother; and Denver Wood, first brother. The voices of the pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury included, Dr. L. N. Wright as "Comus," Don C. Streeter, the Attendant Spirit; Doris Muelker, The Lady; Margaret Young, Sabrina; William Morgan, first brother, and Dr. Seabury, second brother.

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Other officials of the program included Charlie Hutto, director general; Don C. Streeter, director of lighting; Mary Jane McClaugherty, director of dancing; Mrs.

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Verna Deckert, director of art activities; Hoyt Stewart, director of diving events, and Delores Patton, director of swimming events.

A salute to the armed services was the theme carried out in the swimming events and the colorful show was one of the best seen here in many summers.

The swimming and diving program was as follows:

I.

Army.....V . . . -, for Victory
Navy.....Anchor
Marine.....Anchor with
circle around it.

Air Corps.....Propello
Squad Right and the Red Cross

Those taking part in these formations are: Marilyn Wade, Charley Hutto, Dorothy Staudt, Julie Ashberry, Jean Ashberry, Marjorie Pappas, Jean Fischer, Kay Fischer, Lou Fitzgerald, Virginia Rhinehardt, Lois Cloyd, Ann Warren Proctor, Velma McLaughlin, Ruth Ashberry, Dorothy Coers, Jo Wayland, Janelle Kaderli, Itaska Blunt, Nancy Boone Cheaney and Dorothy Pfefferkorn.

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Theme of Program To Be Built Around Early Milton Poem

**Dorothy Jean Taylor
To Write Adaptation
As Masters Thesis**

The annual summer Water Pageant, featuring talent of the speech, physical education, English, music, and art departments, will be presented at Riverside Wednesday night, July 8, beginning at 8 o'clock.

There will be no charge for the presentation.

Sponsored by the Aquatic Club, organization of senior life savers, the pageant has achieved a wide reputation as an entertainment feature throughout Central Texas and constitutes the highlight of the SWTTC summer entertainment program.

This summer the dramatic portion of the activities will be unique in that it will be an adaptation of Milton's "Comus," prepared by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student. Miss Taylor's thesis will treat on the problems in connection with this adaptation and production in the pageant form. Presumably this is the first time that "Comus" has been presented in this way since the initial production at Ludlow Castle dating back to September 29, 1634, on the occasion of Earl Bridgewater's being made lord-president of Wales.

"Island" To Be Stage

As usual, extensive provision of seating facilities will be effected on the banks of the San Marcos River whereas the "Island" will be used as the stage for the presentation of the drama. This arrangement enables the spectators to observe not only the drama, the dancing features, the playing of the musicians, but also the swimming and diving features which constitute the latter part of the evening's entertainment.

Serving as director-general of the pageant is Jean Frost, college sophomore. Other pageant officials include Dr. Hugh F. Seabury, director of the dramatic activity; Donald C. Streeter, director of lighting; R. A. Tampke, director of music; Margaret Maclin, director of dancing; Mrs. Verna Deckert, director of art activity (production of masks); Hoyt

Water Show-

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Stewart, director of diving events; and Chloe Walker, Pat Patton, and Charlie Hutto, directors of swimming events.

"Comus" is a poem-story of a young girl (The Lady) who falls into the hands of a villain (Comus) who attempts to ply her with a magic liquor which causes people to have animal heads. She staves off the would-be seducer with arguments until her brothers can reach her to effect the rescue.

Two Casts Used

As usual, there will be two casts: a speaking cast and a pantomime cast; the speaking cast will present the story over loud speakers while the pantomime cast will go through the actions on the stage. The following speaking cast has been announced: The Attendant Spirit (later known as Thyrsis)—Mr. Streeter; Comus—Dr. L. N. Wright; The Lady—Doris Muelker; First Brother—William Morgan; Second Brother—Brother—Dr. Seabury.

The pantomime cast had not been chosen as the STAR went to press.

The music of the original "Comus" will be presented by the College Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Tampke. Emalu Alexander and R. L. Brantley, both students, will sing two of the songs in the story-drama. The music was written by Harry Lowes, music teacher in the Bridgewater family.

The dances, as well as the songs, are part of the masque.

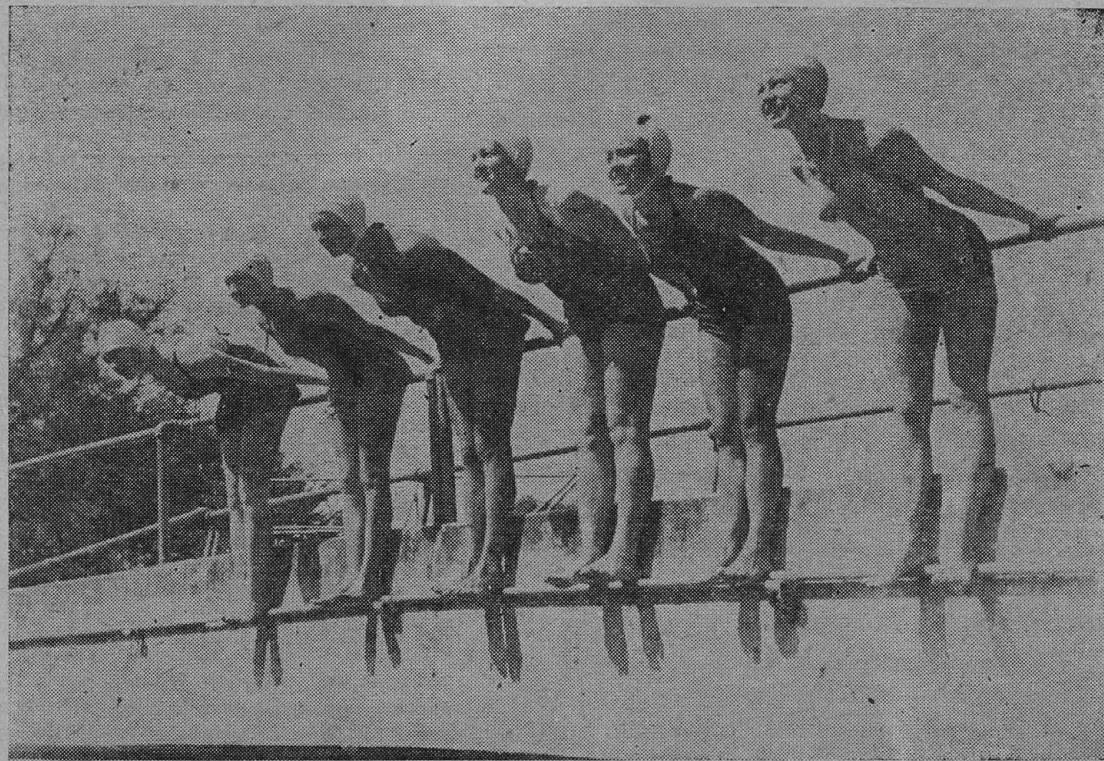
Salute To Service

Feature of the swimming activity this year will be salutes in the form of formation swimming to all the branches of the United States armed forces. In addition will be presented the usual number of specialty swims and diving from the boards, towers, and swings.

Participating in the swimming activity will be Miss Walker, Miss Hutto, Miss Patton, Virgil Williams, Julia Ashberry, Anna Warren Proctor, Jean Ashberry, Eleanor Bauer, Marilyn Wade, Dorothy Staudt, Bernice Smight, Gusie Oxford, Jo Wayland, Lois Cloyd, Ann Cloyd, Jane Talley, Catherine Agnew, Ellen Key, Eleanor Gillis, and Lorene Hamilton.

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Dorothy Jean Taylor Writes Adaptation Of Milton's "Comus"

Loudspeaker System To Carry Speeches Of Pantomime Cast

The twenty-third annual Water Pageant, sponsored by the Aquatic Club and featuring talent of the English, music, speech, physical education and art departments, will be presented tonight, July 31, 8:30, on the "Island" at Riverside.

An adaption of Milton's "Comus," prepared by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student, will furnish the dramatic presentation and background material for the Pageant.

Riverside Is Setting

Riverside will presumably be the first setting for a production of "Comus" since it's initial appearance at Ludlow Castle on September 29, 1634. The substance of "Comus" is a poem-story of a young girl (The Lady) who falls into the hands of a villain (Comus) who attempts to ply her with magic liquor which causes people to have animal heads. She staves off the would-be seducer with arguments until her brother can reach her for the rescue.

The pantomime cast under the direction of Miss Taylor are: Clive Doyle as "Comus;" James Bishop, the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Salter, The Lady; Delores Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Farrell, second brother; and Denver Wood, first brother.

Voices For Cast

Voices of the pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury include, Dr. L. N. Wright as "Comus," Don C. Streeter, The Attendant Spirit; Doris Muelker, The Lady; William Morgan, first brother; Dr. Seabury, second brother; and Margaret Young as Sabrina.

The dancers for the cast include Mary Jane McClarety, Mary Jane Boucher, Elaine Ogston, Evelyn Lay, Margaret Young, Eva Walters, Beatrice Pratkan, and Truby Jenkins in the Court and the animal dancers. In the Country dance are Betty Miller, Helen Cord, Mildred Baker, Wanda Baker, Lora Vickery, Margaret Sweeten and Lucille Sweeten.

Other officials of the production include Charlie Hutto, director general; Don C. Streeter, director of lighting; Mary Jane McClarety, director of dancing; Mrs. Verna Deckert, director of art activity; Hoyt Stewart, diving events; and Delores Patton, swimming events.

The Pageant, an annual event of the summer terms of SWTTC, has achieved a well known reputation throughout central Texas and attracts visitors yearly from all parts of the state.

A salute to the Armed Service is the theme of the swimming events this year with the following formations and participants:

I.

Army.....V . . . , for Victory
Navy.....Anchor
Marine.....Anchor with a
circle around it.

Air Corps.....Propellor
Squad Right and the Red Cross.

Those taking part in these for-

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3. Delores Patton—Jackknife and the Back jackknife.
4. Reid Conolly—Swan.
5. Hoyt Stewart—Flip and one-half forward, Back jackknife, Fire dive and Flip and half-back with full twist.
6. Jimmie Turner—Gaynor.
7. Gordon Ashberry—Open back flip.

From The Swing

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2. Gordon Ashberry—Full Gaynor.
3. Jimmie Turner—One half flip forward and one half cutaway.

4. Hoyt Stewart—Full Gaynor.
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From The Tower

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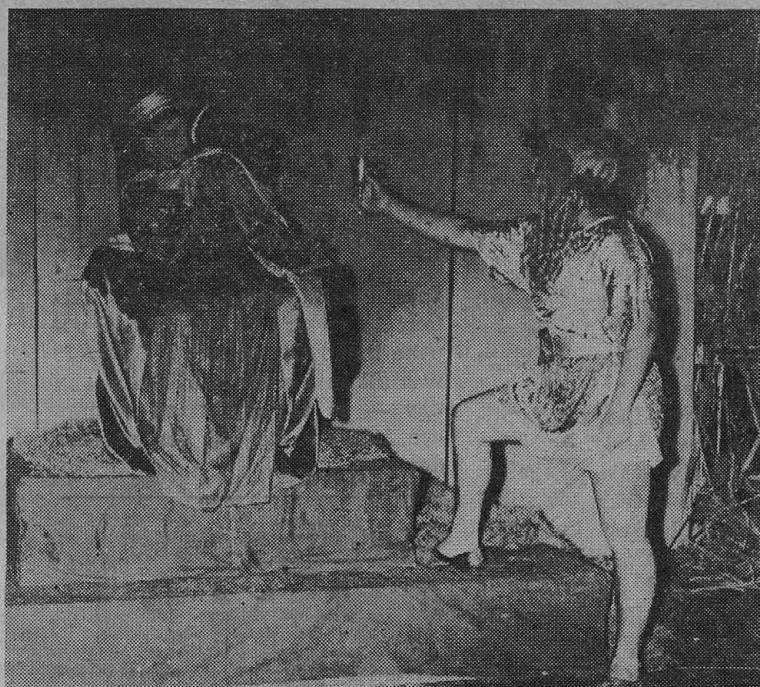
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THE COLLEGE STAR

Friday, July 31, 1942

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1942



The Lady, played by Catherine Salter, and Comus, played by Clive DeLong, are pictured here as they appeared in the dramatic presentation of Milton's "Comus" at the annual Water Pageant Friday night, July 31.

Annual Water Pageant Has Successful Staging

Riverside was the scene last Friday night of one of the first presentations of Milton's "Comus" since it was originally staged in Ludlow Castle on September 29, 1634.

The play or poem, as it may be more properly called, was the main feature of the Annual Summer Water Pageant which has been produced by the students of SWTTC for the last twenty-three years and, though the audience was smaller this year than in past years, has been always well received by those who each season witness the show.

The action in the story concerns a lady who falls into the hands of a villain, Comus, who attempts to ply her with a magic liquor which causes people to have animal heads. She is able to fend off her would be seducer until she is saved by her brother.

An adaptation of the poem was written by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student, who did this work as a part of the requirements for completing her thesis.

The pantomime cast which was seen on stage consisted of: Clive

DeLong as "Comus"; James Bishop, the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Salter, The Lady; Delores Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Farrell, second brother; and Denver Wood, first brother. The voices of the pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Seabury included, Dr. L. N. Wright as "Comus," Don C. Streeter, the Attendant Spirit; Doris Muelker, The Lady; Margaret Young, Sabrina; William Morgan, first brother, and Dr. Seabury, second brother.

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Other officials of the program included Charlie Hutto, director general; Don C. Streeter, director of lighting; Mary Jane McClaugherty, director of dancing; Mrs.

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Verna Deckert, director of art activities; Hoyt Stewart, director of diving events, and Delores Patton, director of swimming events.

A salute to the armed services was the theme carried out in the swimming events and the colorful show was one of the best seen here in many summers.

The swimming and diving program was as follows:

I.

Army.....V . . . -, for Victory
Navy Anchor
Marine.....Anchor with a circle around it.

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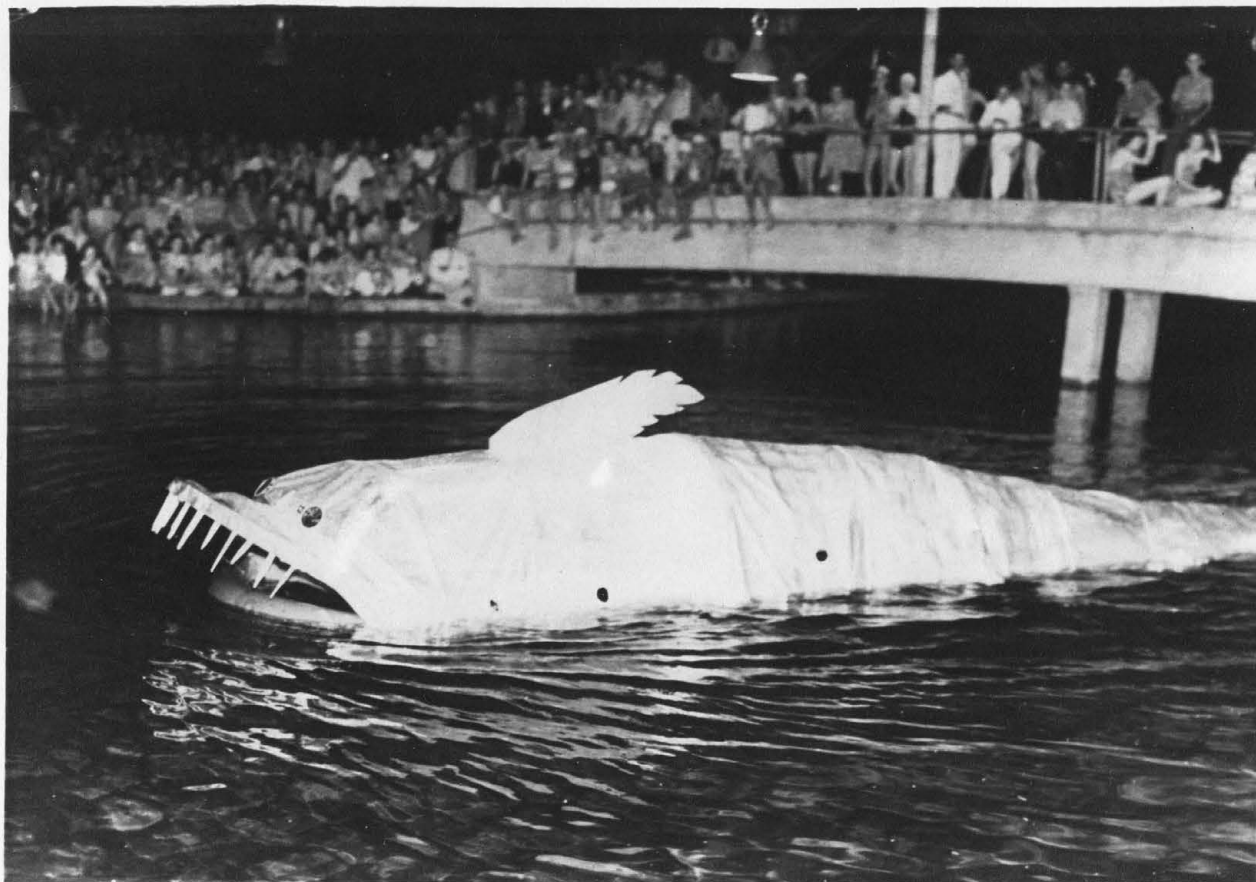
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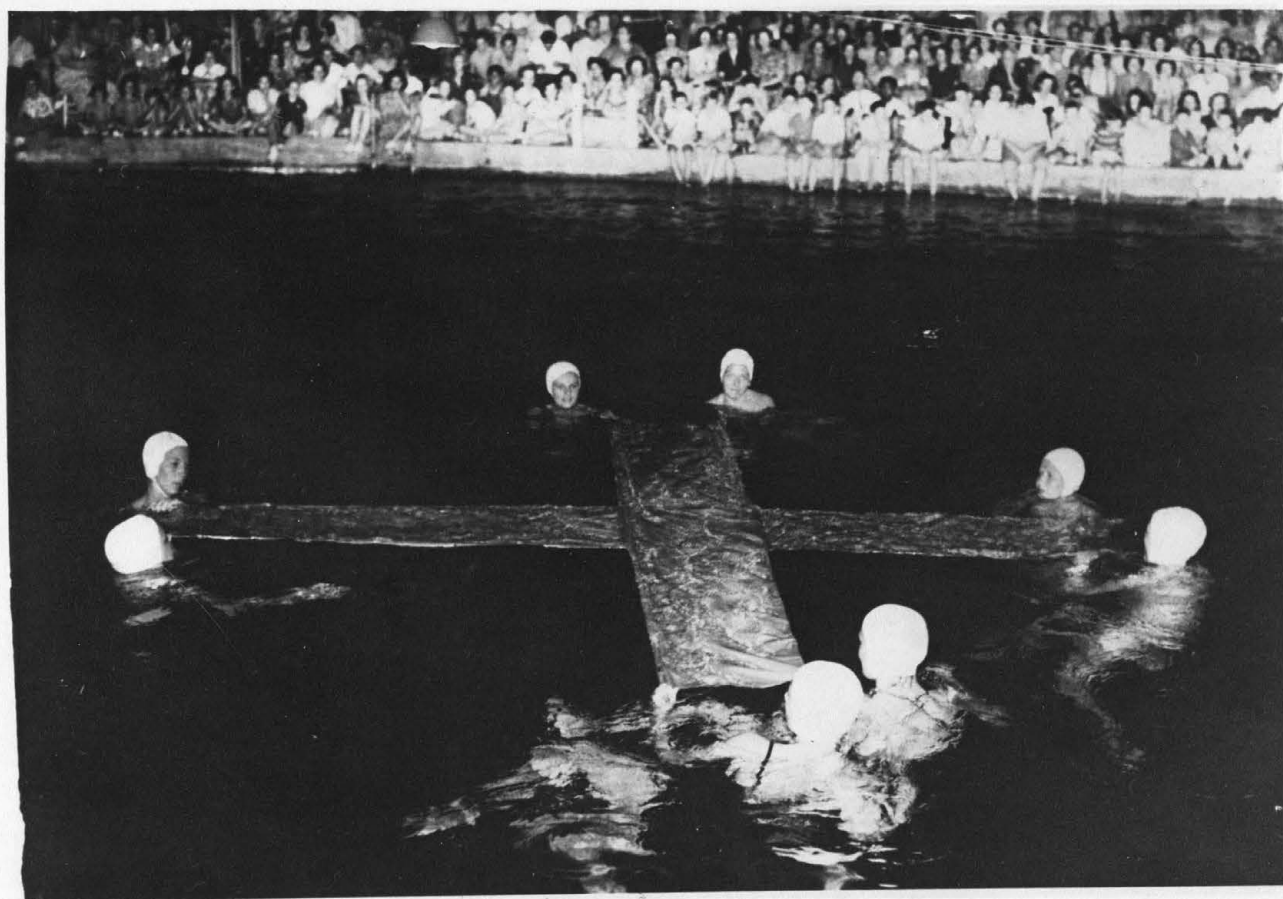
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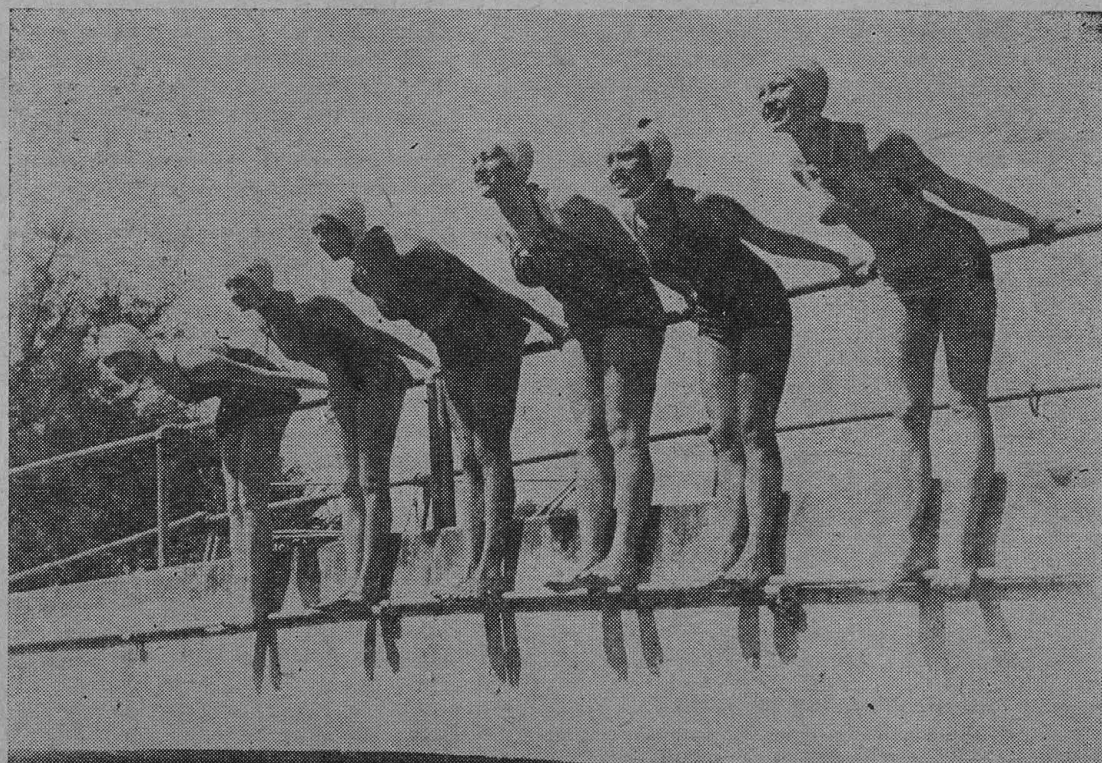


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PAGEANT EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 7, 1935.

To Mrs. Edens -- Costume material-Harrison \$1.45
Penny .08 Total \$1.53

To Miss Turner -- Costume Materials

Virginia Hofheinz	\$1.92;	Wren Ansell	\$2.55	
Lucille Johnson	\$2.25;	Helen Holcombe	1.70	-----\$8.42
E.M.Scarbrough	\$1.40;	T.H. Williams	2.80	4.20
Sparklers, Paint, etc.				----- 2.73
				<u>\$15.35</u>

To Williams Drug Company, Costume Materials ----- 2.04

To I. H. Harrison " " ----- 4.35

To San Marcos Hardware Co., Paint Material ----- 2.35

To San Marcos Hardware Co., Hatchet 99¢, Hammar 85¢
Replacement 1.84

To Duke and Ayres, Balloons \$2.10, Oil cloth \$2.56,
Cord, paint, etc., 70¢ 5.36

To William Cameron Co., Urn and Dragon material	2.50
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To Auditor's Office, Music (Tampke)	3.39
Paint (Derrick)	3.54

To E. B. Dobbins- Inner tubes --	1.00
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To College Exchange - Grease Paint -----	1.00
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To J. C. Penney, cambric .25

Special work 10.45

Wilson	\$.60	Smith	\$2.85	<u>Grand Total</u> --- <u>\$54.20</u>
Foulds	.75	Thomason	.60	
Bird	.60	Ander	.45	
Shrunk	1.35	Deviney	.75	
<u>\$3.30</u>		<u>\$4.65</u>		

Fire Boys \$2.50

Total \$10.45

July 13, 1938

Listing of Water Pageant Expenses for July 8, 1938.
Receipted bills attached herewith.

College Exchange	\$1.50
Marguerite Edens	3.35
Duke & Ayres	1.50
J.C. Penny Company	.70
Hugh F. Seabury (Speech Department)	21.53
San Antonio Music Company	1.50
San Marcos Hardware Company	1.95
San Marcos Lumber Company	.15
Southland Lumber Company	17.11
Clara P. Stringer (Costumes)	37.00
Jack Tolar (Swimmers and divers)	3.00
Vogelman Variety Store	3.40
L. N. Wright	4.00
S. M. Sewell (Trip to San Antonio)	2.00
Vivian Danforth	1.67

Total \$100.36

Submitted by S. M. Sewell July 14, 1938.

July 19, 1939.

Southwest Texas State Teachers College, Debtor,

To: S.M. Sewell,

Annual Water Pageant Expenses July 10, 1939.

Lynch Davidson Lumber Company	\$11.15
Mrs. Marguerite Edens,	25.17
San Marcos Fire Department	10.00
Alvin Personett,	1.65
San Marcos Hardware Company	5.23
San Marcos Record,	11.75
Hugh F. Seabury,	9.94
Arline Spacek,	3.23
University Studio,	12.00
Vogelman et al,	4.14

Total \$94.26

Find herewith itemized bills for all expenses, marked paid.

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February, 1931

NEPTUNE'S CURE FOR PIRACY

A Water Pageant

As produced at the First Aid and Life
Saving Institute held at Camp Illahee, Brevard,
North Carolina in 1930.

Characters:

King Neptune - wearing long, flowing green robes, gray beard, crown and trident.

Neptune's Daughter - Green Peter Pan costume over bathing suit.

Chief Pirate - Ferocious moustache, ear rings, chest bandage of brown triangular bandage and brown trunks of two triangular bandages.

Witch doctor - Cannibal costume of leaves, beads, ear rings, mop for wig.

Savage Princess - Blue cheese cloth costume.

Savages - Cannibal costumes - ear rings, moustaches, mop wigs.

Sea Nymphs - Similar to Neptune's daughter - green slips entirely covering bathing suits, fitting snugly.

Episode 1

Neptune's Island Home

The sea nymphs are gathered around Neptune's throne and his daughter is approaching.

Daughter - "Father, too many of our people are injured grievously by the people on yonder coral island. They pursue us with boats and stab us and beat us with clubs."

Neptune - "Why do they attack our people? We have done them no harm."

Daughter - "They seem superstitiously afraid of us and shriek with fear and throw things at us every time one of their boats comes within our bathing grounds."

Neptune - "This is a matter for our earnest consideration. We must do one of two things; educate them or eliminate them."

Daughter - "Father, how can we educate them if they are so rough every time we approach them?"

Neptune - "Time will show the way; but have you no diversion for your father after a night spent on the bottom of the sea?"

Daughter - "Of course, we have a new dance that we have made up from watching the swaying of the palm trees and the breezes playing among the tall shrubbery and flowers."

(Land ballet follows.)

Toward the end of this, shouts from the water reach Neptune that there is trouble and the pirate boat which has approached seems to be on fire. The boat overturns and two of the paddlers hide behind it, while a third pirate, the Chief, is rescued by Neptune's daughter, who breaks several of his clutches and finally drags him in by the hair carry. As he is taken into shallow water, he is surrounded by a group of sea nymphs who pick him up with arms and legs outstretched and bring him feet forward toward Neptune, standing him on his feet.

Enter first barge

Neptune's daughter - "Here is one of the undriendly water hating pirates from yonder island and here is an opportunity to try out your formula, education or elimination."

Neptune - "The conduct of your people displeases me. Our people are friendly to mortals who love the water, why are you and your people so unfriendly and discourteous?"

Pirate - "We have been taught that the water is full of dangerous beasts who drag us down, that the beauty of your maidens is merely a lure to drag us to destruction. Our Witch Doctor teaches us that to get all wet means death or lingering illness or great pain."

Neptune - "What, you never take a bath?"

Pirate - "Not if we can help it."

Chorus - "How disgusting."

Neptune - "I see, the trouble is you have a doctor who does not know how to swim and so preaches against bathing and cleanliness. Is he a gloomy looking fellow?"

Pirate - "Terrible, he is never known to smile or grin or chuckle."

Neptune - "Davy Jones Locker for him. Daughter, let the education of this neighbor commence."

Enter second barge. Life Saving Class Tread.

Pirate - "How can they stay up in deep water?"

Neptune - "It's very simple and most delightful exercise."

Pirate - "How can I learn this and teach it to my people?"

Neptune - "With you as hostage to insure them of our peaceful intentions, we will go over to your island and teach them at once."

Canoes and nymphs leave for Pirate Island.

Land ballet
 Little tots' swim -- Ellen Ruth, Bettie Ann
 High Dives -- Marilyn Wade, Bryant
 Back Swim -- Gene Smith
 3rd & 4th Grade group -- Kone
 5th & 6th Grade group -- Henderson
 Balloon Drill
 Polo Game
 Diving Apparatus -- Swift -- Between halves
 Polo Game
 Long Underwater Swim

 Episode 2 --

The Pirate Island

Arrival at Pirate Island

The savages are dancing around a fire with wild weird cries to the tune of a flute and a drum. As they continue, the princess, bound to a litter of green leaves, is carried around the circle as the savages are seated.

Witch doctor - "God Fire, as our big chief is lost in the sea we will sacrifice our princess to you if you will keep us from harm in the water."

Neptune's barge approaches built upon two canoes and paddled by attendants dressed in sea weed. On the barge is Neptune, his daughter and the pirate chief. The barge is surrounded by swimming sea nymphs.

Pirate Chief - "The great sacrifice of your princess, oh medicine man, is no longer necessary for I return to you in safety. I have here the king of the sea who brings us a charm

against dangers. See how his people disport themselves in it."

Witch Doctor - "What is the name of this charm?"

Neptune - "It is called swimming."

Medicine Man - "I never heard of it, I fear it would not be effective on us."

Pirate - "Nevertheless, we will try it. No rough stuff; every man must follow instructions. Throw down weapons and all prepare to adopt this new custom."

Each sea nymph adopts a pirate and Neptune's daughter the chief. The land drill for the crawl stroke is being followed by the Brink System, method of learning to swim in shallow water, after which the savages and nymphs swim around the raft and the unsightly wigs and atrocious moustaches are washed away. The savages emerge very presentable young men and the whole group winds up in a water game in unison, in pairs, face upward floating, face downward floating, water walking together, touching the palms of hands, faces around and walk away.

Star Float
Back Stroke
Tandum
Diving

Chief - "Your Majesty, we have decided to forsake our evil ways for we now realize how much harm we have done to the water people. Accept us as your subjects and we will abide by the rules of conduct of Neptune's realm."

Neptune - "I will put you on probation for a month and if you obey the rules and I get good reports from you, each shall have a key of the sea and be recognized as brothers of the sea nymphs and children of Neptune."

Additional Water Events

One and a half
Full ganer
Side Jack and Reverse Twist
Tower
Swan
Flip and a half
Three foot board - Double back somersalt
Ten foot board - One and a half forward layouts
Whole twist or corkscrew
Back dive

Tower dives - Swan dive

Handstand forward somersault

One and a half forward somersaults

CHAPTER VI

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ACTIVITIES AT RIVERSIDE

It was in the summer of 1923 that Captain J. S. Law, Red Cross field representative in First Aid and Life Saving Work, made a visit to the college. He spent about three days here introducing the work. President Evans requested that Dr. Sewell and three college boys make good use of the opportunity. They got what they could from Captain Law and followed it with a thorough study of the text book. Some time later the boys and Dr. Sewell went to San Pedro Park and took the examination and passed.

The following summer these four organized and taught a class of about eight members. When time came to give the the examination Dr. A. C. Ellis of the University of Texas, an authorized examiner, came down to give the examination. He came at the request of Dr. Sewell. The entire class passed. It is of interest to know that Miss Hiawatha Crosslin, now of the physical education department, came down with Dr. Ellis to help give these examinations.

Dr. Ellis recommended that Dr. Sewell qualify as an examiner. This was done. Two of the boys who had gone with Dr. Sewell to San Pedro the first time were C. E. Doyle (Curley) and J. E. Hodge. Early in 1925 two of the boys who had been members of the 1924 class, namely Henry Scott and J. E. Franklin along with Doyle and Hodge were made

examiners. In 1925 the life-saving program was quite a large thing, fifty-seven senior life savers and fifty-eight juniors having qualified.

In sixteen years from that date, between 1925 and 1941, 830 senior life savers have qualified here and 483 juniors, making a total of 1,313..

The records of the first class examined by Dr. Ellis are filed at Austin.

Life saving classes usually start about April or May of the regular session. Tests are given the last of May. There is a class organized for each six weeks of the summer. There is also a small group for September and October. There are usually several sections going at the same time, each of six to ten students.

Each section is taught by an examiner, and he or she is usually assisted by a capable, interested senior life saver who wishes to work out an examiner-ship later. It is the policy to insist upon each senior assisting in this manner before he tries to qualify as examiner. Also it is not permissible to work out an examinership and senior tests the same year. The candidate must make 90 on his senior test in any case. We might call this practice-teaching under supervisor. This system serves as a filler-in. It takes eight or ten examiners to carry on, and they leave us as they graduate. An eye to training for next season is kept on all prospects. It takes a sufficiently large and capable group of instructors and examiners on hand to

carry on a strong program successfully.

In 1939 the Aquatic Club presented Dr. Sewell with a special loving cup. This took place at the final meeting of the club for the summer and Dr. Evans, on behalf of the club, made the presentation. The clipping telling of this event is herewith attached together with photographs.

In a certain sense swimming activities at San Marcos have been taken of, in general, by the college. Systematic regular swimming instruction is given by at least four competent instructors through a period of about seven months of the year - from April first to November first. The Children of the public school are also trained. Ample life guard service is maintained during all regular swimming hours. A serious accident has never happened in water work. Students are classed as beginners, intermediates, advanced, and life saving, according to their ability.

For seventeen years, since its beginning in San Marcos, the life saving has been under the Hays County Red Cross and Dr. Sewell has been chairman of First Aid and Life Saving in the chapter. As chairman he has been custodian of all records and supplies.

The Aquatic Club made up of Senior Life Savers and organized in 1935, is a life saving corps. There were in 1936 seventy members. These life savers hold a certificate not over three years old and are active swimming instructors. They "sit in" by means of a club representative at meeting

of the County Chapter.

The Red Cross Courier has seen fit on several occasions to run feature articles about Red Cross activities here and about Dr. Sewell.

Another interesting event that causes comment and newspaper articles each year is the long standing custom of a few brave souls headed by Dr. Sewell, who go in swimming near Christmas time even though the banks are covered with snow. In twenty-five years Dr. Sewell has missed taking a swim only twice during the Christmas holidays. Usually those going in at the same time are members of the Aquatic Club or senior life savers. At three such times the ground has been covered with snow.

Unfailingly the local papers carry pictures of this stunt and Austin and San Antonio papers, and even Fort Worth papers, have carried it. It is a nice little feature article and we gain publicity thereby.

In 1940 the last summer commencement was held on the island at Riverside. For many years since the improvement of the island this event was held there because of the large number of graduates and because of the coolness and beauty of the scene. Now the auditorium in the ALS building will accommodate the commencement audience, and commencement is held here all the time.

For many years the local Chamber of Commerce gave a welcoming party to students sometime during the summer term. It was a gift of good will from our merchants, and ice cream and soda pop were plentiful. For the last few years, be-

cause of the depression and the war, this has been dispensed with, at least temporarily.

Every governor since Governor Pat Neff has made either a campaign speech, or a speech, to audiences gathered on the island. Senator Tom Connolly spoke there and also Senator Morris Shephard. James E. Ferguson, as well as Governor Miriam Ferguson, have held the platform. Every candidate for the Texas legislature from this district and various political candidates for local, state, and national offices have been welcome to speak at Riverside. Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson, now Lt. Commander Johnson, has made campaign and non-campaign speeches at Riverside. The little platform under the trees on the island is an ideal setting. It is a natural outdoor theater, and many distinguished visitors have addressed the San Marcos public from its elevation.



1926
Old style suits. Cedar post retaining wall. 1926

Thousand College Bathers

Summer of 1926

Furnish News Reel Topic

*(Please return to S. M. Sewell,
San Marcos, Texas)*

Bathing Regatta and Red Cross Life Saving Annual Review Attract Fox News Men; Picture to Be Shown at Palace as Soon as Released.

San Marcos Record

Fox News cameramen as well as several commercial photographers and a representative of Collier's Weekly with still cameras were attracted to San Marcos Wednesday, the occasion being the bathing regatta and Red Cross Life Saving annual review in which more than 1,000 students of Southwest Texas State Teachers College took part.

Riverside, the college bathing resort, was the mecca for both students and townspeople on Wednesday—the students going betogged in bathing costumes and swim suits of every style and hue, while newspaper reporters representing out-of-town papers, still camera photographers, chamber of commerce officials, and other interested parties made up one of the largest crowds that has assembled at the college bathing resort in many months.

1000 Take the Water.

A spectacle such as probably never been witnessed in the State before greeted the eyes of the visitors when the more than one thousand young college students took the water in an invigorating plunge at a given signal from the director of Red Cross Life Saving, Prof. S. M. Sewell, of the college.

Riverside, the college bathing pool, has long been one of the strongest drawing cards of the college, for nowhere in Texas, nor in this country is there anything which will compare with the bathing facilities offered at the college. The pool, located in the San Marcos River, is a natural one through which many thousands of gallons of pure, crystal clear water flows every minute of the day and night. The source of the river is located within the city limits of San Marcos, and less than half a mile above the swimming pool, thereby furnishing an abundant supply of pure water and at an even temperature of about 72 degrees the year round.

It might be hard for the average person to conceive of a swimming pool which would accommodate 1000 bathers at one time, but even with this vast throng in the water, there was still ample room for as many more.

Cameramen on Hand.

Such an event as this could not escape the ears of the Fox News cameramen, ever on the alert for that bit of news which savors of the unusual. Messrs. E. Burns, director, and R. M. Sullivan, cameraman, both of Waco, who represent this district for Fox News, were on hand early in the day, taking shots of the college buildings, the executives of the college, alluring views of the beauty spots along the San Marcos river, and in general "shooting" the background for an interesting bit of news about our college.

Throughout the afternoon's activities they filmed the most interesting bits of the demonstrations, using more than four hundred feet of film. Much of this will undoubtedly be used in the National releases of the Fox News reels, while it will be shown in its entirety at the Palace as soon as it is released.

Some of the most notable features

of the great water sports from the standpoint of the news cameraman were the grand parade of more than 1000 students, mostly girls, clad in the modern swim suits; a review of the more than sixty Red Cross Life Savers, each having passed all the strict tests necessary to win this honor; the rescue of a 280 pound man by a slight girl of 110 pounds, using the approved methods set down by the Red Cross; and many fancy diving stunts by experts.

Rebecca Reardon Termed Miss Hercules.

Rebecca Reardon, student from San Marcos, who has for the past year been teaching at Kingsville, was the

leading lady in the most spectacular exhibition of the afternoon. She won the name of "Miss Hercules" when she alone took in tow fifteen other girls and swam with them for more than twenty yards, demonstrating the practicability of one expert swimmer rescuing a number of persons who might be thrown into the water and not be able to swim ashore.

Red Cross Life Savers Review.

More than sixty qualified Red Cross Life Savers took part in the exhibitions. These students have taken special work in this rescue work under the tutelage of Prof. S. M. Sewell of the college, and have all passed all the tests incident to qualification. More than fifty students qualify as Red Cross Life Savers here every summer, and during the time that Prof. Sewell has been conducting this training many hundreds of students from all over Texas have qualified themselves along this line.

Outstanding among these students is Lee Menzler of Gonzales, who never thought of qualifying himself for rescue work until after he had himself won the highest award in the world for the very act that he has now learned how to perform scientifically. Several years ago, Menzler threw himself in the water to rescue a drowning companion, and carried out a successful rescue, for which act of bravery he was later given a Carnegie Medal for heroism which carried with it a scholarship in any college he selected where he might receive a complete education. He is now in his second year here at the Teachers College. There are only thirty-three of these medals in existence, and Menzler holds one. Like most men who have performed acts of heroism, he is very reticent on the subject, and prefers not to talk about the details of the rescue, nor the part he took in it.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1925
College Star

SEVENTEEN STUDENTS PASS SENIOR LIFE SAVING COURSE

According to Prof. Sewell the Successful Candidates Make Fine Records in the American Red Cross Life Saving Tests Offered at Riverside.

Last week seventeen of the Southwest Texas Teachers College students and Colonel J. E. Franklin of the Baptist Academy faculty successfully passed the Red Cross Life Saving tests conducted by Professor S. M. Sewell, C. E. Doyle, and J. Wood. About six weeks ago a series of tests were given in which eleven college students and one Academy student made satisfactory records. Also, at that time twenty-three boys and girls under seventeen years of age from the high school and Academy passed the Junior tests.

The life saving tests were offered for the first time last year and a few of the students qualified. This year Professor Sewell has devoted a great deal more time to the undertaking and it has become a great success. The conductor, Prof. Sewell, is to be congratulated for the success of the students. His faithful help has helped make Riverside a great pleasure resort for the students.

The College students who have passed these tests and who will receive life saving certificates and bathing emblems from the Red Cross headquarters at St. Louis are as follows: Merritt Davis, Jim Jones, John Barren, Max Brau, K. W. Feist, Henry Seay, J. E. O'Bryant, Walter Mayer, Everett Briggs, T. M. Webb, Roy Shelton, Henry Scott, E. W. Byers, A. J. Noles, Jerry Shiller, Dee Horton, Sallie Ross Jones, Lynette Dailey, Adelene Thurman, Cesarie Bohner, Ethel Jordan, Alma Lambert, Alma Moore, Edna Smith, Frances Raby.

Professor Sewell contemplates carrying the work on during the next session. A new class will be organized this week to take the course of training during the second half of the summer session.

San Marcos Record

Tentative Daily Red Cross Work Scheduled Here

1936

A tentative daily schedule of work has been received by S. M. Sewell from the Red Cross headquarters at St. Louis for the first-aid and life-saving training school to be held at Riverside, the college swimming pool, July 13 to 18, inclusive.

The work will be given by A. T. McCue and A. B. Murphy, field men, and Bob Skelton, champion breast stroke swimmer.

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 to 9:30 a. m. — Standard First Aid (mainly for beginners). Special First Aid (for instructors and examiners.)

9:40 to 11:30—Standard Life Saving (for senior work). Advanced Life Saving (instructors and examiners.)

11:30 to 12:30—Standard Swimming.

2:00 to 3:30 p. m. — Standard First Aid (same as at 8:00). Special First Aid (same as 8:00).

3:40 to 5:30—Standard Life Saving (same as at 9:40). Advanced Life Saving (same as at 9:40).

5:30 to 6:30—Standard Swimming (same as at 11:30).

8:00 to 9:00—Home and farm accident prevention, highway first aid, seminars, etc.

College Star
**Swim Course
 Ends; Students
 Get Certificates**
 1937

Last Friday morning Roger C. Plaisted, Field Representative of the American Red Cross, gave the examinations for the Special Course in Instruction of Life-Saving and Water-Safety, thus bringing to a close the most successful advanced course in Life-Saving and related subjects which has ever been held at Riverside.

The class in Senior Life-Saving for the N.Y.A. boys also closed Friday, when the examination was completed, and the following boys qualified for the certificate and badge: Willie Andrepont, Port Arthur; Loraine Harris, Waco; Harvey Parshey, Hamilton; James Lindsey, Denison; B. R. Stocker, Fort Worth; Jessie Ellard, Throckmorton; Ivan Bradley, Chillicothe; G. R. Meyers, Groves; Mack Murphy, Groves; Fred Hempel, Galveston; Eugene Salzmänn, Galveston; Victor Laas, Bellville, and Lewis Bradley, Rockdale.

About twenty-five swimmers took all or the major part of the Special Course offered by Roger C. Plaisted, and the following finished the complete course successfully and received their certificates: George Allen, San Marcos; Otto Becker, Seguin; Helen Burkholder, San Marcos; Johnny Burrell, New Braunfels; Ann Garrett, Del Rio; Jasper Ivey, New Braunfels; Russell T. Lewis, Robstown; Virginia Pennington, New Braunfels; Alvin Personnett, Brownsville; Claude C. Platz, New Braunfels; Jo Reily, Hondo; Clarence W. Rice, New Braunfels; Arline Spacek, Fayetteville; R. B. Spacek, Fayetteville; Norman E. Strandtman, Maxwell; S. M. Sewell, San Marcos; Winona Wynn, Orchard, and A. E. Gary, Seguin.

College Star 1938
**Twenty-Three
 Students Pass
 Saving Tests**

During the swimming season of the spring semester three classes of college students took the course in senior Red Cross life saving; a class of girls under the instruction of Robert Storey, a class of boys under Edward Farber, and a class of boys under Alvin Personett. Twenty-three of these students passed successfully the standard tests, administered by Robert Storey, S. M. Sewell, Vivian Danforth, Dawson Deviney, and Mrs. Marguerite Edens, and secured the Red Cross Emblems.

Those passing the tests were:

Glenn Barnard, Donna; Alvin G. Becker, Poth; A. T. Brown, Pasadena; Carl Biggs, Daisetta; T. E. Mills, Belton; Joe Hill Vogel, Lockhart; M. W. Hardwick, Meridian; Melvin Loeffler, Mason; Elizabeth Rothberger, New Braunfels; Jo Reily, Hondo; Connie Howard, Lockhart; and the following from San Marcos: Elaine Yarborough, Kathryn Thompson, Marjorie Williams, Martha Jane Rush, Chloe Walker, Fayrene Storms, George Allen, Curtis Shiflet, Vernon Shiflet, Preston Connally, Edward Gary, and Henry Ivey.

New classes in life saving will be organized at the beginning of the summer session.

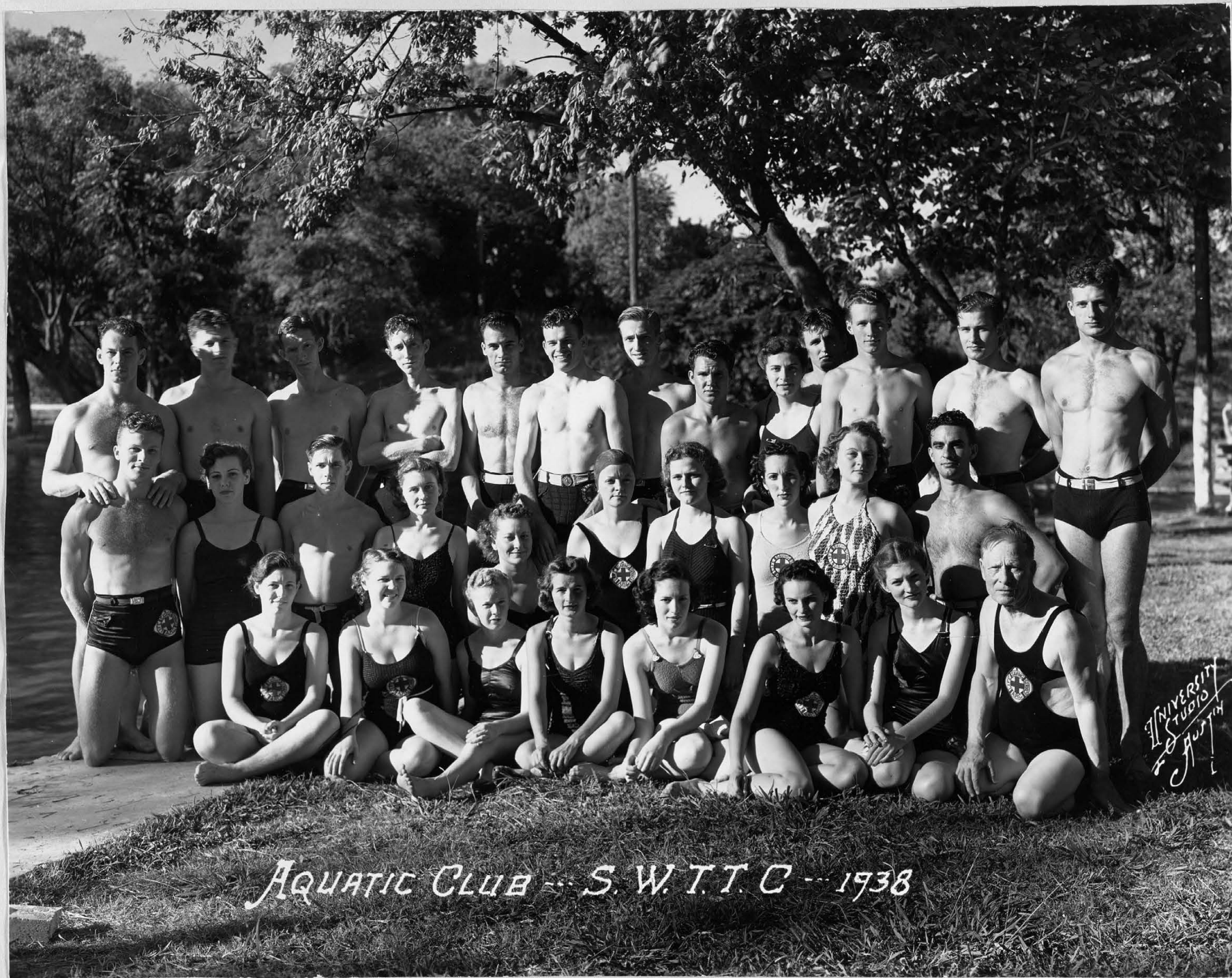


Professor Sewell at the age of 71 is still going strong as a first aider

Math Professor Teaches Life Saving

Although 71 years old, S. M. Sewell, volunteer instructor in Red Cross life saving and first aid at Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas, finds no difficulty in demonstrating the "fireman's carry." In fact, he has no difficulty demonstrating any phase of life saving technique. Often he goes through the tests with his students with an ease which would do credit to a young man.

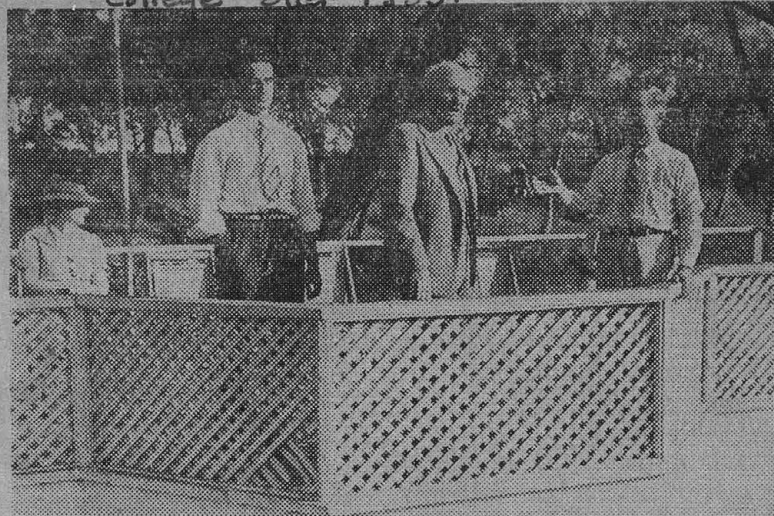
Professor Sewell, who is in the mathematics department of the college, became interested in life saving and first aid fifteen years ago. Since then he has devoted more than 150 hours every summer to life saving instruction. Nearly 1,000 college students have received Red Cross certificates in his classes and have returned to their own communities to spread interest in this safety field.



AQUATIC CLUB -- S. W. T. T. C. -- 1938

SEWELL GETS CUP FOR SERVICE

College Star 1939.



For active service spent in building Riverside, recreational park of Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, into one of the finest student playgrounds and swimming resorts of the South, President C. E. Evans, in behalf of the Aquatic Club, presented a special loving cup to S. M. Sewell at the final meeting of the club for the summer. Mr. Sewell has been director of Riverside development and activity for a period of over twenty years.

Pictured left to right are Mrs. Evans (seated), R. B. Spacek, Jr., (President of the Aquatic Club), President Evans, and Mr. Sewell.

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College Star Aquatic Club Elects Officers at Initial Meeting on Thursday

Sept. 28, '38

The Aquatic Club of SWTTC held its initial meeting of the year at Riverside Thursday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and discussing other business of the club with S. M. Sewell presiding.

During the meeting Vance Wilson was elected president, Alvin Personett, vice-president, Doris Caffel, secretary-treasurer, Alan Weber, Star reporter and Bill McPherson, sergeant-at-arms.

R. B. Spacek, Jr., club president last year, made a short speech after the election of officers for this year.

Ways and means of raising money for a page in the Pedagog, the college yearbook, were discussed after which the meeting was brought to a close.

Walker Selected Aquatic Club Head

College Star June 19, 1942

Chloe Walker was elected president of the Aquatic Club at a meeting at Riverside Thursday afternoon, June 18, at 5 o'clock.

Other officers elected were Jean Frost, director of the water pageant; Hoyt Stewart, in charge of diving; Delores Patton and Charley Hutto, in charge of swimming; Dorothy Jean Taylor, head of dramatics; and Miss Margaret Maclin, conductor of dancing.

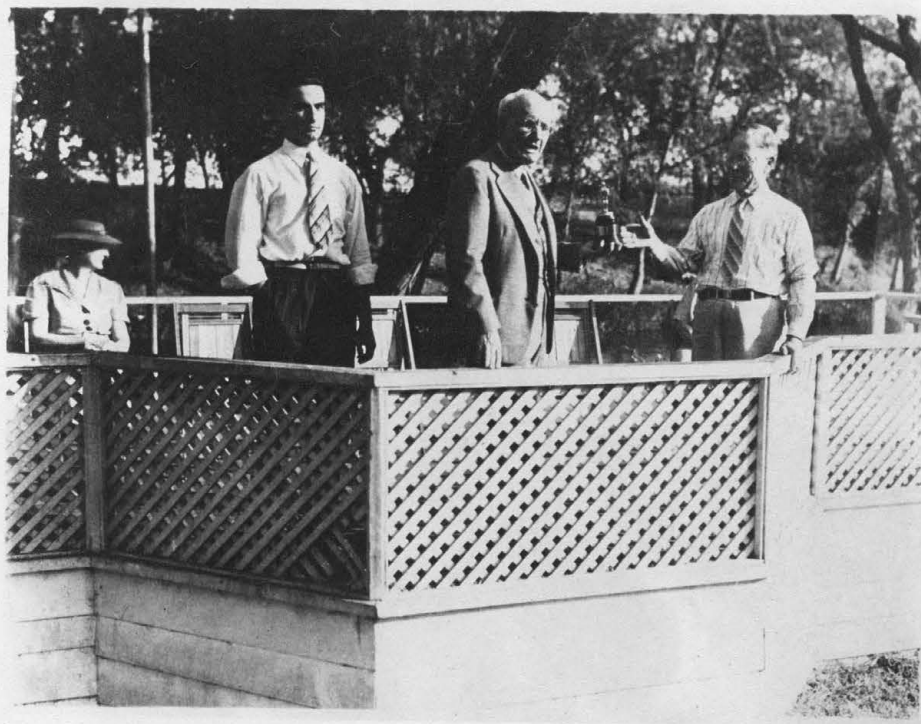
Anyone interested in participating in any one of these activities should see the director of that particular activity by July 7 or 8, Miss Walker stated.

NOTICE!

College Star

The Aquatic Club will meet at 5 o'clock Tuesday, June 23, at Riverside. All life savers or potential life savers are requested to attend.

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THE COLLEGE STAR

Wed. Sept. 18, 1940

1,240 LIFE-SAVERS RECEIVE TRAINING AT RIVERSIDE PARK

In the past 16 years, 1,240 life-savers have been trained through the Red Cross training program at Riverside under the supervision of Dr. S. M. Sewell. Seven hundred ninety and 450 junior life-savers are included in the group.

The life-saving classes were begun in 1923 when a class of four, Dr. Sewell and three college boys, took the training and qualified. The class increased to six the next year.

Dr. A. C. Ellis, an authorized examiner in The University of Texas, and Miss Hiawatha Crosslin, then a University student, came over to conduct the first examination. The entire class passed and Dr. Sewell was made an examiner.

In the summer of 1925 the life-saving program was started on a large scale, qualifying 59 seniors, and 58 juniors during the summer.

Recognizing the value of work in providing excellent physical training as well as preparing trained workers to carry the work

built up interest through the or- to other fields, Dr. Sewell has ganization of the Aquatic Club, with a membership consisting wholly of qualified life-savers.

This organization, active throughout each year, has sponsored for the past five years the presentation of the annual Water Pageant, feature event of each summer.

Riverside has proved an ideal setting for the life-saving program. There the water of the San Marcos River, which flows about 60,000 gallons a minute or about 90,000,000 gallons a day, maintains a temperature that varies little from 72 degrees throughout the year.

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The classes must meet a required 21 hours before credit can be given in life-saving.

College Star Life Saving Notice

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College Star

College Star June 26 '42
Plans Discussed

**By Aquatic Club
 For Water Pageant**

Tentative preparations for the water pageant to be presented July 8 were discussed at a meeting of the Aquatic Club Tuesday, June 23.

Persons interested in participating in the dance routines or swimming events of the pageant are requested to see Miss Margaret Maclin, instructor of physical education, or Chloe Walker, president of the Aquatic Club, respectively. A practical schedule will be posted on the Aquatic Club bulletin board.

Jean Frost was elected vice-president; Pat Patton, secretary-treasurer; and Hoyt Stewart, STAR reporter. Dues for the summer session should be paid as soon as possible.

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Austin American Jan. 28, 1926

Mid-Winter Swimming Party at San Marcos



SAN MARCOS, Jan. 27.—Students of the Southwest Texas State Teachers' college enjoy swimming the year around, the temperature of the river water being the same in winter as in summer. The above picture shows a group of students, Red Cross Life Savers, having a swim January 25th at the college swimming resort in the wonderful San Marcos river,

while Mother Earth is robed in white. One of the standard Christmas functions in San Marcos is a swimming party.

From left to right these hardy swimmers are: S. M. Sewell, member of the faculty; John Edward Pritchett, H. K. Seist, R. G. Poller, Weyman Baggus, Doris Rogers, Harrol Stevens, Edith Griffin and Carrol Stevens, students.



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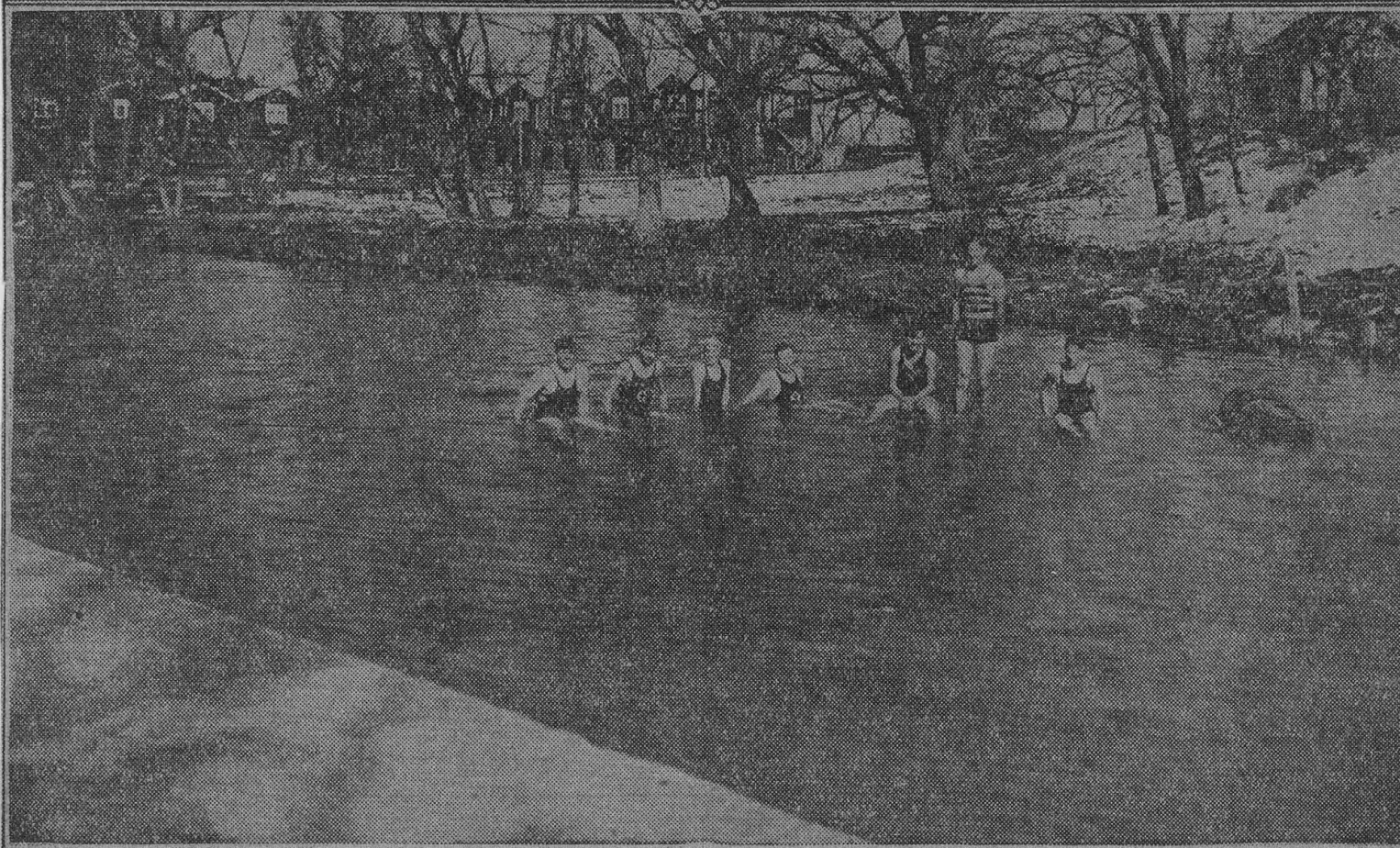
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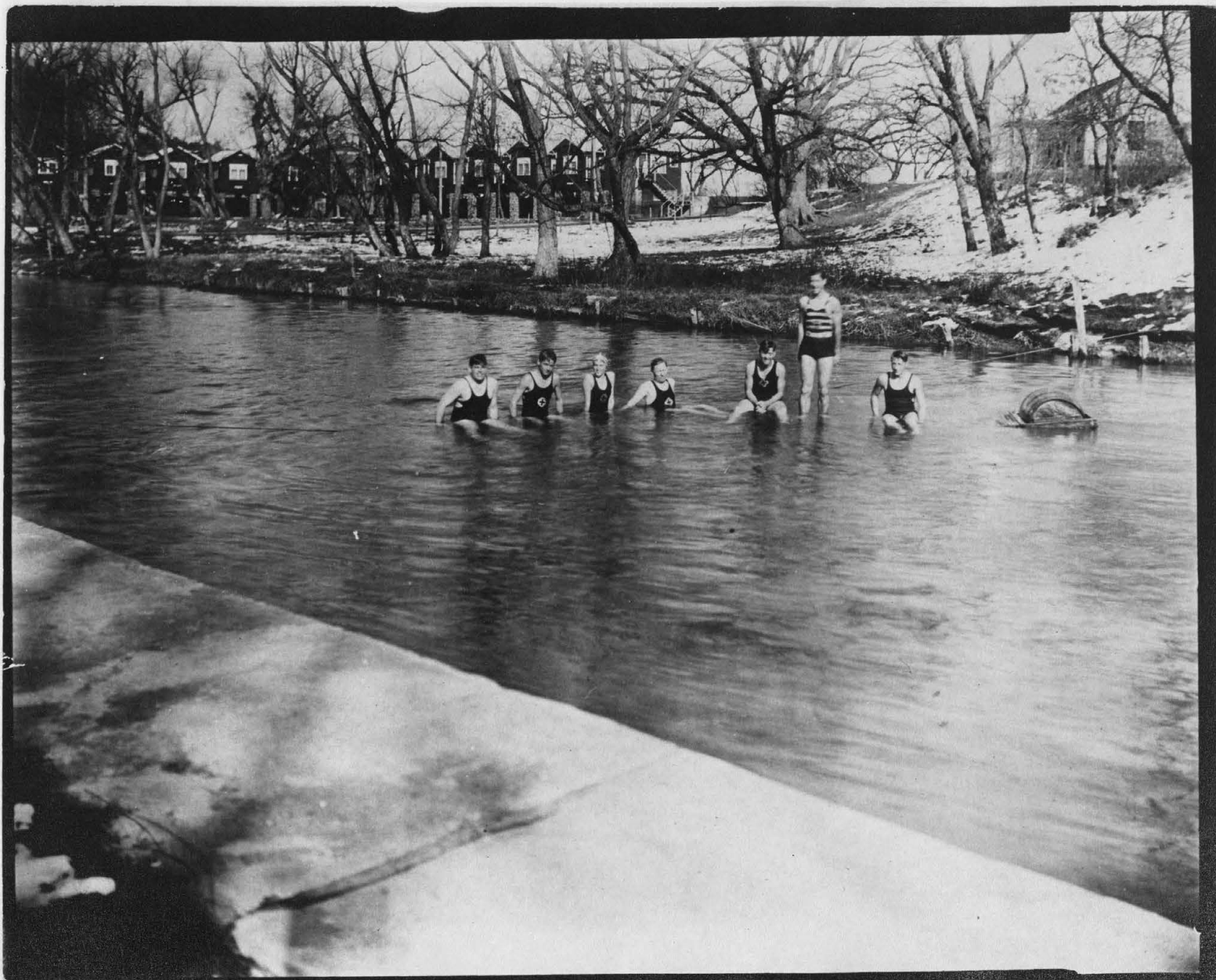
Snow on Ground, Chill in Air No Bar to Christmas Swim

San Antonio Express

Jan. 5, 1930



Snow on the ground and chill in the air did not stop seven American Red Cross Life savers from having their annual Christmas swim in the San Marcos River, at Riverside, the college playground of the Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. The party, headed by Prof. S. M. Sewell, member of the faculty, shown in the picture, reading from left to right, are; Woods Burton Smith, Roy Swift, Miss Lynette Dailey, Professor Sewell, James Merrill, Roland Merrill and Joe King. This year the annual swim took place Dec. 23 and the temperature of the water was about the same as in summer.

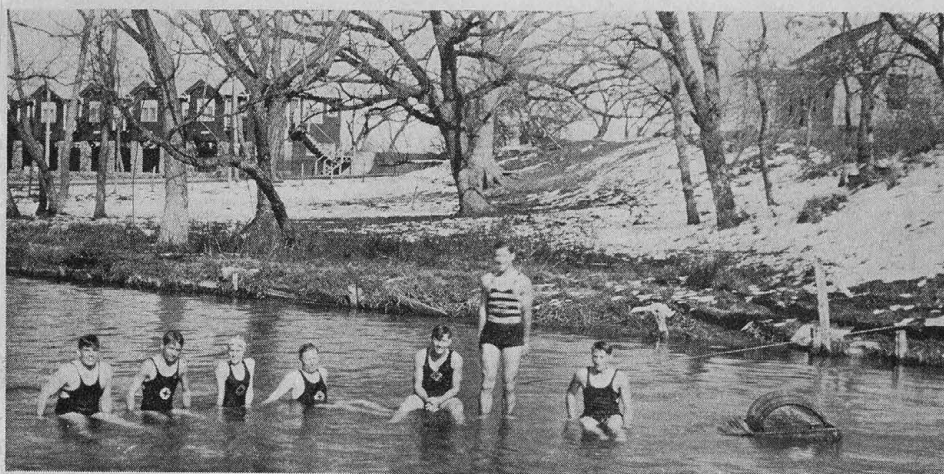


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The Red Cross Courier

Life-Savers' Christmas Swim in River



Snow on the banks and chill waters fail to check the enthusiasm for a Christmas swim indulged in by St. Marcos, Texas, life-savers

Dec. 23, 1929



Jan. 16, 1935

STUDENTS SWIM AT RIVERSIDE AND LIKE IT

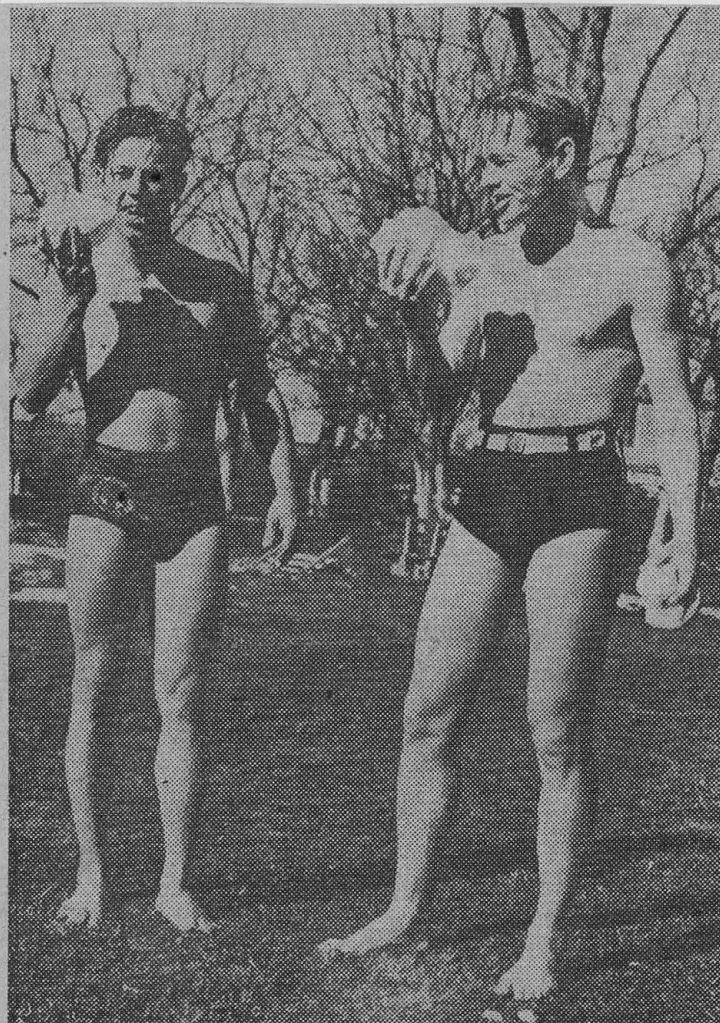
Jan. 15, 1935

The S.W.T.T.C. swimming season was opened yesterday when Mr. Sewell sponsored a swimming party for a group of College, Academy and high school students. Although a great deal of courage was needed to take the first plunge, after the swimmers had splashed around awhile the goose pimples disappeared and they began to really enjoy their swim. Mr. Sewell, who is an advocate of year round swimming in San Marcos says that it is no colder now than in the summer, and he should know, having been here for twenty years. In the twenty years he has missed going swimming during the Christmas holidays only twice, once he was unavoidably out of town, on the other occasion he was suffering with a cold.

Due to a number of requests from the students, Mr. Sewell says he expects to repeat the party some time soon, if the weather permits.

Among those who enjoyed (or said they enjoyed) the swim were: Miss Elizabeth Moore, Errol Hodges, Kenneth Munson, Jack Andres, Jasper Ivey, Woodrow Smith, Edward Gary, Paul Simmons and Buford Carnes, Life Savers; Billie Kirk, J. C. Ferguson, Misses Crystal Shuttlesworth, Reba Smith, Emma Wilke, Beatrice Holcombe, Dorothy Mae Morawitz, Virginia Nichols, Mary Nell Mitchell, Margaret and Helen Young, Mildred Keeling and Evelyn Faris. Mrs. Edens, director of physical education for girls at the Academy brought several of her girls down for the evening.

Three visitors from Whitesboro who appeared in time to get in one of the pictures requested that they receive copies of the pictures as they wanted to show their more skeptical friends in North Texas that the swimming was really indulged in, in San Marcos in January. The scene made converts and sincere San Marcos boosters of them.



HO! HO! WHO'S COLD—Who's supposed to be doing the freezing in this picture, anyway?

As you can see in the picture above, 13 aquatic-minded persons from Southwest Texas Teachers college in San Marcos are taking a mid-winter splash in the San Marcos river. They look pretty happy about the whole thing—but that strange and bundled figure you see in the right foreground on the river bank is the American's reporter, Ruth Lewis. While the 13 swimmers, led by Prof. S. M. Sewell (second from the right), stand in 68-degree water, reporter Lewis shivers in 40-degree weather outside. All of which goes to support Prof. Sewell's theory, which he has been trying out for 16 years, that the colder the weather, the warmer the water.

Left below are Frank Hefner and Walter Richter, college students,

Pretty Flora Kneese of Fredericksburg, standing on the diving board, admits it's pretty chilly outside—but she'll soon remedy that by taking a dip in the river.

Students who followed Prof. Sewell down to Riverside Tuesday afternoon for the splash party were Richter and Hefner, Miss Kneese, Clifford Burkholder, Frank Brawner, George Allen, Mary Elizabeth Hogan, Tilly Putnam, Leroy Walker, Earlene Pruet, Audrey Heiser, Zada Williams.

Photos by Neal Douglass

By **RUTH LEWIS**

Austin American Staff

SAN MARCOS, Jan. 23.—When it's 40 degrees outside and 68 degrees inside, the thing to do is to get inside—even if "inside" in this

case happens to be the bottom of the San Marcos river.

It is upon this interesting theory that S. M. Sewell, faculty member at the Southwest Texas Teachers college and director of water

sports, has been taking action for the past 16 years. And every year he's had a following of college students who subscribe to his unique how-to-get-warm method.

So it was that Tuesday afternoon

13 (and the number didn't even bother them) intrepid aquatic devotees high-stepped it through the snow to the banks of the San Mar-

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Students Take Swims To Warm

San Marcos Professor Tests Theory

(Continued from Page 1)

cos river and took a plunge. With them, since he won't preach what he cannot practice, went the elderly Prof. Sewell.

The custom, as pointed out before, has been an annual one of 16 years standing at the college, but the 13 who shivered in the biting wind and then vowed the dip warmed them chose the coldest day for their winter ducking in all the 16 years.

This is not a he-man stunt; five attractive co-eds hit the water along with the eight men.

As a few spectators, bundled from head to toe, gazed admiringly from the bank, the 13 swam in the pool at Riverside, college recreation center, took flips off diving boards—and even tossed snow balls at each other in the water! It was all over in less than 10 minutes, because these aquatic-minded collegians are not courting mustard plasters nor oxygen tents!

He Came Too Late

Shoving up our earmuffs just a fraction of an inch, we caught these first-hand observations from the mid-winter swimmers as they came up dripping from the pool:

Walter Richter of Liberty Hill: "The water is really swell! If it weren't windy, it would be just dandy!" (At which Walter scooted for the bathhouse—and a heavy, woolly overcoat!)

Frank Hefner of Liberty Hill: "It's fine. I go in lots when it's cold."

Mary Elizabeth Hogan: "It's warm. Really, it is." (That clickety-clack sound wouldn't be your teeth, would it, Mary Elizabeth?)

Candid comment of the afternoon by pretty, blonde Flora Kneese of

Fredericksburg—after swim suit had been supplanted by a snug woolly topcoat: "It's much better—now!"

In spite of mixed opinion on the practical results of the how-to-keep-warm theory, the most doleful figure on the snow-covered banks of the San Marcos river Tuesday afternoon was Alvin Personett, of Brownsville, president the past summer of the Aquatic club and senior class president, who arrived, swim trunks in hand, too late to take the dip!

"I had to work and missed it"

he mourned. (Note: He looked like he meant it.)

13 Brave Souls

The 12 collegians who followed Prof. Sewell into the river Tuesday afternoon were as follows: Richter, Hefner, Miss Hogan, Miss Kneese, Clifford Burkholder of San Marcos, Frank Brawner of Seguin, George Allen, Tilly Putnam of Edna, Leroy Walker of Belton, Misses Earlene Pruet of Putnam, Audrey Heiser of North Pleasanton and Zada Williams of Putnam.

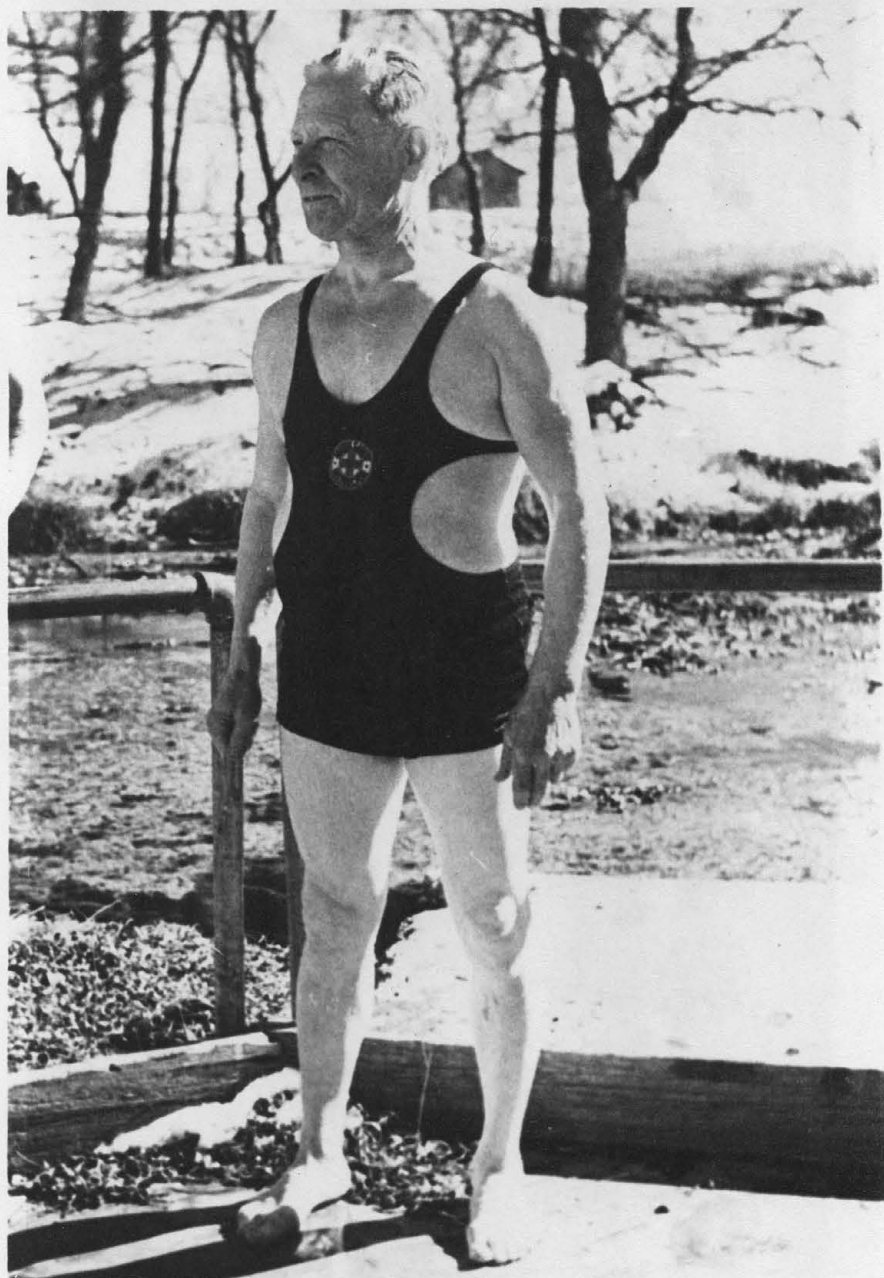
After his dip, Prof. Sewell elaborated on the unique custom which he founded 16 years ago in San Marcos. Water in the river, he says, as it comes out of the ground (fed by springs about a mile upstream from Riverside) has a temperature of 70 degrees. He estimates that this temperature does not vary more than three or four degrees from summer to winter; that the river was not more than 68 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

Just Stay In

The whole secret, so the professor points out, is to stay in the water once you take the plunge. Coming out of this watery blanket and facing a north wind is something to shiver about! Also, the swimmers, while in the water, remain active, and stay in not more than 10 minutes.

Tuesday was the third time that the aquatic inclined at the San Marcos college have had a background of snow for their winter dunking. Jan. 24, 1926, Prof. Sewell led a group through the snow to the river for a swim; repeated Dec. 23, 1929.

He believes, however, that Tuesday's was the lowest temperature his mid-winter splashers have encountered in 16 years.



Feb. 4, 1940

Feb. 4, 1940 San Antonio Express



mathematics **LIKES WATER COLD**—Prof. S. M. Sewell, 72, ~~sociology~~ *mathematics* and life saving instructor at the Southwest Texas Teachers College, San Marcos, never misses taking a dip when there is a snow. When three inches fell at San Marcos recently, he took his class for a swim at Riverside, college pool. Sewell, who has been on the faculty nearly 40 years, has gone in swimming each Christmas Eve for 25 years with the exception of two years. He will retire this year.

CHAPTER VII

SUMMARY, SUGGESTIONS, CONCLUSIONS

This paper has given the history of Riverside, the recreation park of Southwest Texas State Teachers College. The Park had its beginning in a bog hole twenty-five years ago and by unique development is now outstanding in Texas, and we may say, the South. It has been our effort to show the common sense, economical way improvements were made and how the park has served as an integrating and socializing feature. It has been our desire to show the guiding hand of Dr. Sewell, so long active in planning and carrying out work here. We have told of the important Red Cross instruction in life saving that has been featured here. Work, fun, and recreation all have their place at Riverside.

It has been suggested that too much leaning toward the dramatic production side and less accent on swimming events is detracting from the unique charm of the pageants. It hardly seems a fair criticism at present. The objective of all departments on our campus is the most good to the greatest number. Socialization is as desirable at Riverside as it is elsewhere on our campus.

May readers present and future find some worthwhile ideas chronicled in this story of a quarter of a century at Riverside.

ADDENDA

Since the writer completed the foregoing manuscript in the summer of 1942 several things have transpired that should be added in order to round out this history and bring it up-to-date.

In Chapter II, page 6, reference is made to the fact that plans were in progress in the summer of 1942 to buy Riverside from the government. In the writer's possession is a memorandum from Dr. Sewell's files to the effect that on November 20, 1942, the college bought from the Federal Government, for \$1,000, three acres lying west of the main channel of the San Marcos River and the old Highway No. 2 (the Austin road). A clipping, dated July 31, 1942, from the College Star confirms this. The clipping may be found at the end of this chapter. Also, on May 15, 1943, the college bought from the San Marcos Utilities Company (Wilson Brothers), for \$10,000, 18.57 acres lying east of the San Marcos River, including the island, and extending eastward to the railroad and northward to the college athletic field.

The college then leased to the Federal Government 15.40 acres of the 18.57 acres obtained from the Wilson Brothers, to be used as a site for the Federal Housing area for the war emergency. This lease covers all the land northeast of the high fence, extending to the railroad, and the land will be returned to the college at the end of the war.

On May 12, 1944, the new bath house was completed and dedicated. A clipping concerning this ceremony is affixed to this Addenda along with a photograph of the new bath house. The caretaker, Mr. Seymour Lee, and his wife reside in a larger cottage adjacent to the new modern stone bath house on the East side of the river.

Mr. Lee took over his duties at Riverside in April, 1943, following Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Murdock, student caretakers in 1941-42.

The following pictures are of the new bath house, the old caretaker's cottage, and the old bath house. They were taken July 13, 1944, just before plans were announced to tear down and remove the old bath house.

Water events have been less elaborate since the war and in 1943, for the first time in many years, a pageant was not presented, but exhibition swimming was featured in place of the pageant. Similar events are planned for 1944.

The year ending June 30, 1944 saw the close of a year of college training to a detachment of air force cadets stationed at S. W. T. S. T. C. During the time the detachment was here Riverside was open to cadets and their wives. Their graduation dances and other social functions were held at Riverside.

In so far as facilities permit the cadets and officers and personnel of the San Marcos Army Air Field Navigation School are guests at Riverside. In the absence of boys from our campus, life guarding is done by girls. Riverside has

felt the harsh hand of war as has the college as a whole.

There is a substantial rumor to the effect that Riverside will be known under another name in the near future.

It is probable that this manuscript will indeed be the full story of Riverside, as such. It will be also the full story of Dr. Sewell's connection with Riverside since Dr. Sewell left San Marcos in July of 1944 to take up his residence in Springfield, Missouri.

THE COLLEGE STAR

Friday, July 31, 1942

College Gets Property Which Includes Riverside In Federal WPA Grant

Improvement Project To Be Carried Out At Recreation Park

The way to a \$25,453 WPA improvement project at Riverside, college recreational park, was paved by the receipt of a telegram this week from Senator Tom Connally reporting that President Franklin Roosevelt had signed a bill deeding the Riverside property on the San Marcos side of the river to the college for a consideration of \$1,000.

The improvement project had been proposed for some time but had been held up pending acquisition of the Riverside land by the college. This property has been leased by the college in the past.

Work on the project is expected to begin immediately, President C. E. Evans announced Thursday.

Specifically included in the improvements to be made are a new bath house including a caretaker's cottage, additions to the slab, and probably additional sidewalks.

Of the total cost of the project approximately 60 per cent will be paid by the Federal Government and the remainder by the college, President Evans said.

The bill legalizing the sale of the Riverside property to the college was passed by the House of Representatives in December but was not approved by the Senate until early in July.

Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson, graduate of the college, worked personally to secure the passage of the bill.

Annual Water Pageant To Be Held on June 29

Students Are Requested to Participate In the Program of the Water Pageant

The date for the annual Water Pageant to be held at Riverside was set for June 29, according to plans made by the committee for organization.

The air crew and navigation school will be invited to participate in the entertainment which will be in the form of a variety show. Swimming, dancing, singing and instrumental numbers will make up the program.

The faculty members serving on the committee in charge of the special features on the program are R. A. Tampke, orchestra; Miss Claire Mitchell, dancing; J. B. Cheaney, Miss Hannah Preston, and Mrs. Ruth Joiner Munk, swimming and diving; and Arthur Hayes, lighting.

Betram Simon, local director of the USO and Lt. J. G. Barry, special service officer at the navigation school, will also serve on the committee.

The annual water pageant has until this year been sponsored by the Aquatic Club. Due to the fact that many of the members are not in school this year, it has not been fully decided who will sponsor the event.

An invitation to take part in the dancing, swimming and diving

features in the annual Water Pageant to be July 1, at Riverside, is extended to all girl students by Miss Claire Mitchell, head of the physical education department, and Mrs. Ruth Joiner Munk, physical education instructor.

Dancers Needed

All girl students wishing to take part in the dancing feature should report to Miss Mitchell at her office in the girls' gym Thursday afternoon, July 1, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Munk would like to have all students who are interested in taking part in swimming and diving to report to her as soon as possible.

Miss Mitchell Directs

Expert performance is not required to be able to take part. The dances under the direction of Miss Mitchell will consist of a variety of Spanish-American and folk-dancing.

A special invitation to report to Miss Mitchell goes out to anyone who is trained in dancing to take part as a solo dancer.

College Star June 16, 1943

Lt. Britton Compiles History of 94th College Training Det.

High atop a beautiful hill in southwestern Texas, young men from every state in America, are acquiring the knowledge, the polish, and are becoming the nucleus for the job of manning American flying fighting planes. Through the halls of this dignified institution, shattering the stillness by their vibrant song, they march half a thousand strong. They come and go, a visual sign of America at war.

The 94th College Training Detachment (Aircrew) was officially activated at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, Texas on March 1, 1943. Prior to this, on February 15, Captain Thomas C. Bain, commanding officer, had arrived with a nucleus staff of officers and enlisted personnel, and with the help of the president of the college, Dr. John Garland Flowers, proceeded to organize a program of intensive ground training in keeping with the wishes of the Army Air Forces.

This program was three-fold in nature, consisting of military indoctrination, physical training, and a schedule of academic subjects designed to prepare the students mentally for the future of intensive training they would have to undergo before they became pilots, navigators, or bombardiers.

The first trainees arrived at this station on March 1943. These men were classified into four groups, according to their previous academic training. On

March 22, 1943, two hundred and fifty more trainees were received, and the training program set up for the full quota of five hundred men. On April 1, one hundred men were placed on flight status, and on May 4, 1943, this first class to graduate from the unit was sent to the San Antonio Classification Center, San Antonio, Texas.

Captain Bain continued as commanding officer of the unit until November 29, 1943, at which time he was ordered to combat duty. On December 4, 1943, Captain Paul E. Daugherty arrived to assume duties of commanding officer of the Detachment. Captain Daugherty remained with the unit until March 20, 1944, and on March 23, 1944, Captain Frank M. Overton became the commanding officer.

Approximately thirty faculty members devoted all or part of their time to teaching the academic subjects, which included physics, mathematics, history, geography, English, Civil Air Regulations and medical aid. The college staff also took care of the physical training and managed the sports program for the trainees. This program consisted of swimming, basketball, touch football, track, softball and other intra-mural games.

The social life of the Aircrew students was by no means neglected. Numerous dances were staged for the members of the detachment and as each class

was graduated, a dinner and a dance was given in their honor. Several of these parties will long be remembered in the annals of SWTTC. During the hours in which the boys were at liberty further social contacts were established, more than one of which culminated in marriage.

The students have also taken part in other phases of college and community activity. The local USO was a favorite hang-out of theirs, and they made important contributions to the entertainment sponsored by the USO. While the detachment did not publish a newspaper of its own, a page in the COLLEGE STAR was devoted to its interests. Likewise a section of the Pedagog, the college yearbook, has been set aside for the aircrew students alone.

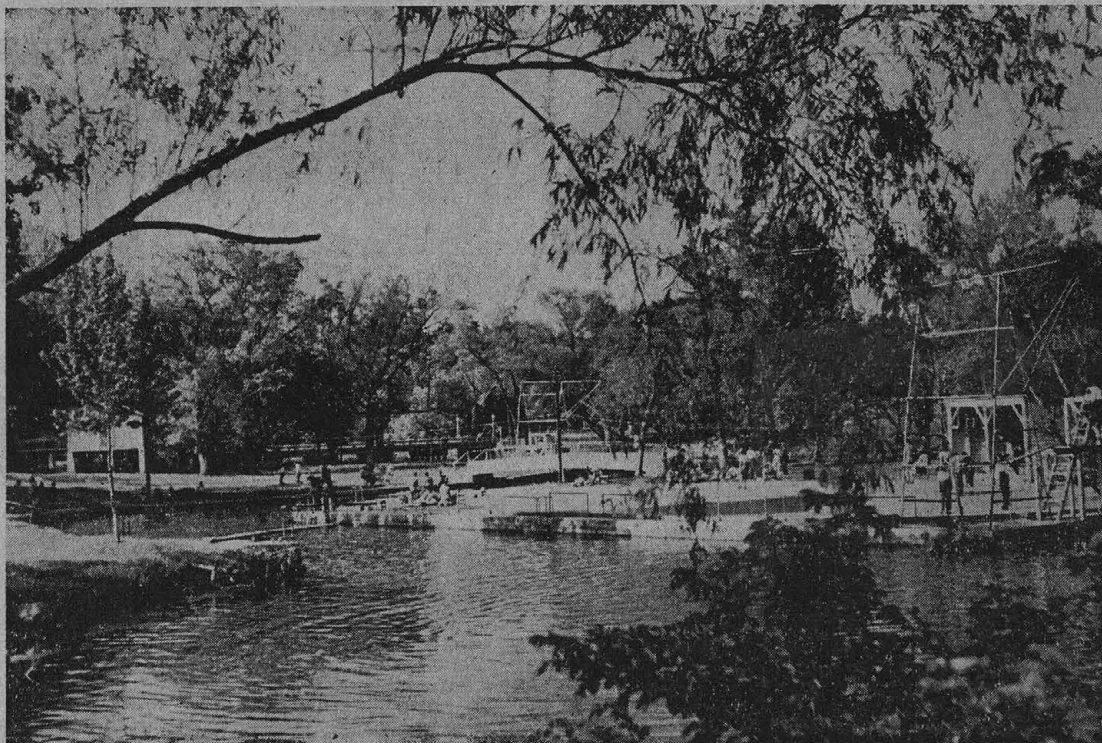
No one claims that the 94th CTD has been perfect in every respect. In fact, several inspectors did not hesitate to point out certain errors of our ways. However, such criticism was always acceptable and every effort was made to meet the rigid requirements which the Army Air Forces were endeavoring to set up. That we did, in a great measure meet these standards is evidenced by the fact that the unit has been praised in high military circles for the quality of the work it has been doing, and has been spoken of as one of the better units in the United States.—Compiled by Lt. James Britton; assistant, Juanita Abshier.

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We're still waiting for someone to invent brakes for our car that will stop the car behind us.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1944

CENTER OF CLEANUP DAY



Students, profs, and Air Base men will gather at Riverside Friday evening to top off the activities of cleanup day with a dedication ceremony for the new bathhouse, a picnic supper, and skating and swimming for all. The fun starts at 1 o'clock in the college auditorium with an opening assembly.

Afternoon Assembly Friday Will Launch Campus Cleanup Day

Dedication of New Riverside Bathhouse, Picnic in Evening, to Highlight Activities

SWTTC students and faculty members will get together Friday for the second campus clean-up day in wartime, clixaxing the day's activities with a picnic at Riverside that evening.

The events will get under way with a special opening assembly Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the college auditorium, at which time the full program of happenings will be set forth and students will be divided into groups before scattering over the hill on their clean-up missions.

Old clothes will be the fashion of the day for students and profs alike—any attempt on the part of the girls to wear nylon or silk hose will be frowned upon. Highlight of the activities will be the dedication of the new bathhouse at Riverside, which has just

been completed and opened for use. The dedication ceremonies will include a recognition of the San Marcos men who are responsible for the completion of the new structure. At that time a water show will be put on by members of the Aquatic Club for the benefit of the students, who will be joined at 5:45 by men of the 2601st Air Base.

Food will be served to all by the college; no meals are to be served at the cafeteria or the cooperative houses that evening.

Further plans of the day call for swimming and skating at Riverside until 8:30.

^{College Star} Bath-House Dedicated Friday To Climax Cleanup Day Program

San Marcos Men Do All Work on Structure; Bath-House Incorporates All Modern Features

Before a crowd of picnickers assembled at Riverside for the climax of Cleanup Day Friday, President J. G. Flowers dedicated the beautiful new bath-house to the spirit of good health and recreation.

Incorporating all the best features of model bath-houses in other parts of the state, the new structure was planned by H. U. Miles, director of maintenance, and Dr. Flowers, with suggestions from members of the physical education department to assist them.

San Marcos Labor

San Marcos men who worked on the building include: B. D. Jones, general contractor; Rufus Wimberly, who worked on foundations, floors, sidewalks, and other concrete work; Max Schapiro, who handled the stone-work; Dan Kennedy, who did a one-man job of plastering the entire structure; Weldon Schlameus, painter; O. L. Hargus, in charge of electricity and plumbing; and C. F. SoRelle, who assisted in concrete work.

The new bath-house has modern facilities of all types, and has fresh-air dressing rooms arranged around enclosed patios, as well as heated dressing rooms to facilitate swimming both earlier and later in the year than has been previously possible. Modern light fixtures are being constructed by the college to be set flush in the ceiling.

Landscaping Plans

Landscaping work is now in progress, and the heavy part of this labor should have been completed by the end of the week. By the end of the summer session, the wooden frame buildings (old bath-house and caretakers home) will have been removed, and the side of the river opposite from the bath-house will be landscaped and beautified as playgrounds.

As soon as materials are made available, present plans call for the erection of a footbridge from the site of the old bath-house to the new one.

Modern Equipment

The structure just completed is fully equipped with blind screens to block vision from all angles, and transoms are strategically located to give cross-ventilation each way. Drainage is fully cared for in the patios and the area surrounding the bath-house, and inlaid tile assure proper sub-drainage.

Inside the building is a store-room where maintenance tools will be kept, where the hot water heater is located, and where a work-bench and first-aid supplies may be found. All playground equipment and skates will be issued from the new bath-house.

SWTTC students indeed have a summer of fun to look forward to at Riverside, the most beautiful recreation park in any college in Texas.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1944

Wednesday, June 28, 1944

THE COLLEGE STAR

Leaving Riverside Is Sewell's Chief Regret On Returning Home

When summer comes and swimming at Riverside Park is the favorite recreation, and when one of the largest swimming pools in Texas is well filled with swimmers, enjoying the swings, the diving boards, and, best of all, the new bath house, many remember one man's name which stands at the head of all those who deserve thanks for all that Riverside is and has been.

Twenty-eight summers ago Silas McDenny Sewell became a



DR. S. M. SEWELL

Water Pageant. This event started in 1920 as a Fourth of July entertainment for students who chose to remain in San Marcos for that holiday. It began as a non-competitive swimming and diving exhibition, and the spectators stood along the banks. When electric lights were installed for night games and other entertainments, it was decided to have the Water Pageant at night. Seats were placed for spectators, and at once the event became one of the best attended exhibitions anywhere near. An

member of a committee of college faculty members to see what could be done to construct a swimming pool. At that time the present location of Riverside was a swampy growth of weeds in a bed of deep mud. The main channel of the river was choked with fallen trees and wreckage left by floods.

Out of this dismal situation Professor Sewell visualized the the present park. A lease of the site was obtained from the Federal government in September, 1916, and the first pool was opened in the summer of 1917. In 1920 the island was cleared, the channel around it dredged, and retaining walls were extended. In 1926 a high fence around the grounds and a caretaker's cottage were built.

Probably the attraction that has made Riverside almost nationally known is the annual

attendance of four to five thousand people was not unusual at every performance. Of interest, too, is the fact that no two performances were the same.

For fifteen years Professor Sewell assumed the burden of staging the Pageant. A backdrop or screen of reeds, appropriate costumes, and "invention" of gondolas and sea monsters were all the work and planning of Dr. Sewell. Then, while the actors performed, he read a script of the tale which was being enacted, using a loud speaker behind the screen. In 1935 Dr. Sewell sponsored the Acquatic club composed of students interested in water sports, and this organization took over the staging of the Water Pageant after that date—but still under the watchful eye and inspiring presence of Dr. Sewell.

In 1923 Dr. Sewell invited Capt. J. S. Law, Red Cross field representative, to visit the college for the purpose of creating interest in life saving. Capt. Law gave demonstrations at the pool which created widespread interest among the students. With the aid of three college boys, Dr. Sewell launched the program of instruction in this important work. A year later Dr. Sewell himself became an authorized Red Cross examiner, and within two years of the beginning of the program more than a hundred people had earned the Life Saver's Certificate. More than three thousand have earned the certificate since 1925, and many have become qualified examiners in all parts of the state.

In 1941 Dr. Sewell retired from twenty-six years of active teaching at the college. He had served as registrar during the first four years of his service

College Star

Annual Summer Water Carnival Scheduled at Riverside Aug. 17

College Houses and Organizations Urged to Plan Entertainments

The annual SWTTC summer water carnival will be held at Riverside at 8:30 Thursday night, August 17, according to an announcement by the committee in charge of planning it. The committee is composed of Dr. L. N. Wright, chairman, Dr. Hiawatha Crosslin, Dr. P. Merville Larson, and Dr. Lester Brenizer.

At a meeting at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the committee decided that the carnival would consist of mixed variety acts and a water show. The action will

take place in a back yard that borders on the river. Each act or skit will be a representation of something learned in college by the young people in the family owning the back yard.

Jo Wayland Bennett is in charge of preparing the script and is student director.

Any college house, college organization, or independent group may plan some kind of skit or other form of entertainment that might be used and the best ones will be chosen to be presented at the carnival.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1944

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1944

Tentative Program Is Planned For Annual Water Carnival

College Star

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Playnight, Saturday, 7:30	Riverside
Water Carnival, Thursday, August 17	Riverside
Home Nursing Classes	(see Coach Strahan)
Water Carnival Rehearsals	(see Dr. Crosslin)
Patch Test, Friday, 2-4	College Hospital
Last Typhoid Shot, Wednesday, August 16	College Hospital

Entertainments To Be Rehearsed

Plans are in progress for the summer water carnival to be held on August 17 it was announced this week. Jo Wayland Bennett is writing the script and will direct the carnival.

The theme is A Quiet Evening At Home and it shows an average American family at home because wartime conditions keep them from going places in the family car. The young daughter has just come home from college and the son is home on furlough. The son and daughter illustrate several types of entertainment that they have seen or learned.

The water show will consist mainly of swimming, diving, and boating exhibitions.

At the present several groups are planning various types of entertainment that may be used. Hornsby Hall is planning to present a comedy song; Northside will present stunts, tumbling, a trio, and skating; Pickard is working on a skating act; and independent group led by Margie Nell Richter is planning a country dancing exhibition; Nina Jean Moore, Chubby Stockton, and Mary Hardin are planning a trio; and the chorus will sing.

At present, however, the program is only tentative as rehearsals have not yet been held.



New Bathhouse — 1944



New Bathhouse ~ 1944



Old Bathhouse ~ 1944



From the steps of the new
Bath house
1944



The "duck-pond" 1944



The slab ~ 1944