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C.W.S.
FORWARD

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 1916 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 1916 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 obsession. 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 mmen- tion 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 6th, 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. Dewell'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. Dewell. Upon examination and comparison errors in dates were discovered. The writer considered it advisable in such case to follow the original source.

A thesis written during the summer of 1932 furnished no additional material on Riverside. Very brief mention was recorded 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.

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; F. 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 1929 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 1925 lease is given at the end of this chapter and all the leases are marked on this map.

Dr. Sewall 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 caretaker'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 caretaker's cottage stands.

About one hundred years ago, the main course of the stream was east of what is now known as the island. Here the main stream now flows there was a mill race. In 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 own bed there. Just 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.
Then Mr. Seths Kimberley, 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 E. Dobie, the curator of the college museum, after talking with Dr. Sewall concerning it, is trying to locate it for our college museum.

Another interesting item is the following:

When Mr. Kimberley was first dredging that area of the river a little way below the island, something kept hanging the drag out in mid-water. Mr. Kimberley 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 of 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.
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 houses, as may be deemed serviceable.
3. To construct a diving tower and a swing tower on the river bank.
4. To construct a wall-covered pit for kitchen and bath-tub 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
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. Hall,
Commissioner.

Copy
RESCISSION 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, by .................. Acting, 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
3. 78 deg. 30' W 69 feet, and an 8-inch pecan tree 3. 58 deg. 47' 8. 70.5 feet.

Thence S. 54 deg. 15' E. 26 feet to an iron stake, this being the southwest corner of lease boundary as described in contract of May, 1925.

Thence onward S. 54 deg. 15' E. 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 107 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, 1925.

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 310 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. 54 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 20 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 created, 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 licensees. 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 agrees 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, by .........................Secretary
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 __________________________(L.S.)

C. E. Evans

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. We quote from the article.

Of the 66 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 15 miles southeast of Jonestown; 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.

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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 1905 the gauge measured 100 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 66,000,000 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 35° 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 8° 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 comprises seventeen acres. The island contains
two-thirds of an acre.

The map included shows the lay of the land with re-
lation to the state highway and bridge. This map is made
from an actual survey, and was provided by Dr. Sewall,
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 re-
taining 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 Winberley, the yard man.
The type of structure they worked out cost $7 to $8 a
running foot of walk and walk. 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 reinforcement rods were used,
six being laid length-wise with a space of six inches be-
tween them. One rod every foot was the method for cross-
wise reinforcement. The length-wise rods came out much
longer than the form. These lengths of reinforcement 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 guides 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 wall, 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 or 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. Three 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 Kimberley, 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 reinforce-
ment frame was made of three-quarter inch steel reinforce-
ment 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 care-
taker.

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. Dur-
ing 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, volleyball, 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 barbecue 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 master appearance. The park is wired for all types of lighting, including flood lights over the pool when the pageant is going on. At present Bermuda 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.
Please fill, for immediate shipment, the following order. Send the bill of lading with invoice direct to the accountant. Ship via ___________, consignment marked ___________.

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San Marcos, Texas:

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Bolts and rope

Total ----- $127.50

Weld 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.
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 sills 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, 1922, 1923, 1930, 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, forklifts, 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.

__S. E. TIREE__
President A.T.T. Teachers College

Attest:

__A. M. BOWELL__
Supervisor of Park
at Riverside.

NOTE: The above was an official statement furnished in an organised effort for the establishment of the Colorado-Blanco River Authority in 1932.
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 Duran, 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 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 past 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; she long to see 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 guardsmen of the park. A year or so later a boys' dressing room was built a little south of this, but washed away in 1927; 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 way, 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 dive (now), where several timbers from an old wharf have been dug out of the bottom and backfill.

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 'Riverina matron.' This place was filled the first three years by Mrs. Scott, now Mrs. M. M. Moesmink; the next eleven years by Mrs. S. M. Sewell, and the last four years by the woman operating 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 town people were not supposed to be admitted. Mr. M. H. Moesmink was gate-keeper. In the central room of the bath house was a built-in cabinet with ninety bexar-board boxes for storing swimmers' clothes; the valuables were kept by a girl at a table cut out on the large, 100-foot table.

From the beginning physical education was practiced by 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 cut 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 the
individual 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 Rebecca Barston was employed as swimming instructor for the girls; three years later, Lynnette Bailey became a regular instructor for the next seven years. The past two summers the work has been done by Wilnifred Turner, Inez Glutrap and Ruth Johnston. A few years after organizing the girls' classes, the boys' work was organized, and has been under the direction of Coaches Shaide, Rand and Gensberg. In the girls' work the regular instructors in physical education have been active.

During the past several years there have been from 600 to 700 girls and from 350 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 1929 Capt. J. B. Lowe, 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 last spring they started active class work in both senior and junior week. 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 representative say they do not find a better type of work anywhere than here. During these years Mr. Sewell has held several direction of the life saving work. For several years he has had the rank of Special Sa-
Final Statement of Cost of Cement Drive Bridge
From Island to Mainland at Riverside Park
September 27, 1924.

Steel reinforcement, $150.65 less $7.15—$143.50
Fram lumber, 1870 feet at $.40.00 per ft.—75.85
Cement, 96 sacks at 63¢—$60.48
Rock, 12 cubic yards at $1.60—$18.00
Screenings, 8 cubic yards at $1.80—$14.40
Sand, 3 cubic yards at $2.75—$11.25
Labor, Expert (Leffingwell) 9 days at $5.00—$45.00
Labor, Common (Gordon, Williams) 17 days at $2.40—$41.20
Labor, Students already employed, 23% days—$12.80

Total cost $486.66

Estimated cost of gates yet to be constructed $5.00—$511.66

This statement respectfully submitted by J. B. Jewell,
September 27, 1924.

Note: The estimated cost submitted in advance of the work was $474.45; 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

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

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

For the first three summers Mrs. M. H. Mussmink held the position of matron. Mrs. S. H. 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. H. Sewell.
As many know, Dr. Smith came to the college as athletic coach. Dr. Sewall 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. Sewall declares that the two hardest and most stubborn cases he ever encountered were Dr. A. H. Nolle, Dean of the College, and Dr. R. O. Tanner, Professor of Government. This should be a comfort to struggling students in the classes of these professors. They persevered and Dr. Sewall persevered and finally "they became right good swimmers." This method of individual instruction prevailed until 1928.

For three summers, beginning in 1925, Miss Rebecca Reardon (now Mrs. Rebecca Fairay) 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, 1922 to 1928, Miss Lynette Bailey (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 midday heat is past. Gymnasium activities of various kinds are required for Freshman 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 volleyball, barn dancing, ping pong, soft ball, badminton, baseball, and swimming are of-
fered 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 volleyball, 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 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 bona 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 1950 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 town people 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. M. Huemann.
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 1926 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 1926-26 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: 1920-21, Lloyd Patterson and wife; 1921-22, H. T. Gibbs and wife; 1922-24, F. A. Richardson and wife; 1924-25, J. M. Hoorman and wife; 1935-37, H. B. Tilley and wife; 1937-39, Curtis Shiflet and wife; 1939-40, Earl Hill and wife; 1940-41, Herbert Manoe 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. E. 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.
5. 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.
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 the college were guests of the affair.
Riverside Play Nights Increase in Popularity

College Star June 25, 1946

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 possessive 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 ballet 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

The recreation committee met Wednesday, July 20, 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. O. M. Newell, chairman of the committee:

Formal dances: July 25 and August 5, 8:30 to 11:30.
Informal dances: August 1 and August 5, 8 to 10:30.
Barbecue: July 29, August 1, 5, 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.

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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—
2:30-3:30—Campus School Students.
3:30-5:00—College Classes
5:30-5:30—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 5:00 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, volley ball, 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. Bregdon, Dr. L. N. Wright, Alvin Murdock, H. E. Speck, Margaret Meilin, and Clementine Piaster.
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 in-
corporation 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 sched-
uled for the spring semester of this year. The first half of the se-
moneter will be devoted to first aid, leading to the Red Cross cer-
tificate in the standard first aid. The second half of the semester
will be given to work in life saving, leading to the Red Cross cer-
tificate.

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
eight-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 family 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
confere with Dr. Sewell about com-
hbining the first aid with some oth-
er form of P.E. activity.
Independents Trample
Lowman to Grab Lead

Lumley’s Big Bat
Paves Way For 10-0
Triumph for Victors

NYA “A” Takes Game
From Team; Wins Up In Loop Standing

The powerful Independent softball team combined sparkling fielding, a 10 hit attack, and good pitching Tuesday night, June 19, 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” a 9-4 drubbing, then climbed into third place.

R. C. Whitmill, pitcher for the Independent outfit, was too tough for the Lowman team, and bundled them with a four-hit shutout, the first of the season for 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. Lumley, classy first baseman, sparked the Independent hitters, collecting two triples and one single in three trips to the bat, while Chambers, Whitmill, Turner, and John Vest got two hits each to add to the onslaught on pitcher George Vest of the Lowman Hall crew. Raymond Girrnan was the only Lowman batter to solve Whitmill for two hits.

The Independents got two runs in the first inning, as a result of Lumley’s first three-base knock, added one marker in the second canto, and climbed the game in the third frame by scoring five times. Lumley’s second triple started the rally, and Roundsville’s doddering pitcher put the final touches on the scoring spree. Two more runs were added in the fourth when Heredia led the parade, driving in a triple.

NYA “A” 7, NYA “B” 4

NYA “A” 3, NYA “B” 1

Lowman Hall AB H R
Grinn 3 2 0
Vast, G. 3 0 0
Wright 2 0 0
Huffman 2 0 0
French 1 0 0
Bundy 2 1 0
Edwards 2 0 0
Totals 18 4 0

Lowman Hall AB H R
Massey 3 1 1
Evans 3 1 1
Sharrell 2 1 1
Meador 2 0 0
Gould 2 2 0
Prest 2 2 1
Houglas 2 2 1
Howell 2 1 0
Totals 18 14 7

NYA “B” AB H R
Thurman 3 1 0
Cornell 3 1 0
Meados 3 1 1
Dunlap 3 1 0
Mills 2 1 0
George 1 0 0
Thompson 2 1 1
Roundsville 1 2 0
French 1 1 0
Totals 18 9 4

NYA “A” 4, NYA “B” 2

Independents 4, Cliffside 0

Independents 4, Cliffside 2

Indefatigable in full swing, the Independents overpowered their opponents in the semi-final game, winning, 4-0. The Independents, who have been consistently out-hitting their opponents, scored three runs in the first inning, and added another in the third for the final score. The Independents, who have been consistently out-hitting their opponents, scored three runs in the first inning, and added another in the third for the final score. The Independents, who have been consistently out-hitting their opponents, scored three runs in the first inning, and added another in the third for the final score. The Independents, who have been consistently out-hitting their opponents, scored three runs in the first inning, and added another in the third for the final score. The Independents, who have been consistently out-hitting their opponents, scored three runs in the first inning, and added another in the third for the final score.
Lumbley Leads Hitters of Men's Loop With .318

League Leaders Have Four Batters At Top Of Hitting Standings

J. B. Lumbley, slugging first baseman for the Independent softball team, has grabbed the league lead in hitting by collecting nine hits in eleven trips to the plate, including two home-runs, one triple, and two doubles; his average is .318.

Softball Standings

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| Schmelter              | 3 | 0 | .800 |
| Jones                   | 3 | 2 | .800 |
| Rosenbery               | 3 | 0 | .800 |
| Smith, W.               | 3 | 0 | .800 |
| Palmer                  | 2 | 1 | .636 |
| Fischer                 | 2 | 1 | .636 |
| Willman                 | 2 | 1 | .636 |

| Totals                  | 21 | 5 |    |
Lumbly Leads
Hitters of Men's
Loop With .818

College Star June 19
League Leaders Have
Four Batters At Top
Of Hitting Standings
19 42

J. B. Lumbly, slugging first baseman for the Independent softball team, has grabbed the league lead in hitting by collecting nine hits in eleven trips to the plate, including two home-runs, one triple, and two doubles; his average is .818.

Spike Evans, hard-hitting first baseman for the NYA "A" team, is batting a husky .804, and is tied for second place in the individual hitting race with Hamlet of the NYA "B" squad. Each of these players has collected seven hits while batting 11 times.

George Short, shortstop for the Lowman Hallers, is hitting at the rate of .795, and is tied with Elmer Bonds of the Lowman team. F. C. Whitmull, Independent pitcher, has a hit safely four times in seven trips, thus is hitting .714.

Other leaders include Lefty Herring of the Independent team, who is hitting the ball at a .755 clip, and Chambers, shortstop for the Independents, who has an average of .685.

Averages of the leaders are as follows:

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(Note: batters must bat five times to be listed.)
NYA "A" Team Spills Lowman Hall 16-8; Tie Results for Second Spot

Faculty Members, Graduate Student Run Playground

Classes In Recreation, Dramatics, and Crafts Open (at San Marcos)

Two faculty members, Misses Claire Mitchell and Margaret McDevitt, and one graduate student, Miss Houston, are supervising the activities of the San Marcos recreation park, which has its first open house night Friday, June 12, with the following program:

7:00 p.m. bushtit supper
7:30 p.m. band concert, Wilbur Dowden, director
8:00 p.m. Welcome address, Mayor Karl C. McGeis
8:10 p.m. Community sing-song, directed by Miss McDevitt.

Games 5 o'clock to 10 o'clock directed games of all types will be in progress and the swimming pool will be open during that time with licensed life guards on duty.

The park is open daily from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the afternoon with play directors and trained life guards on duty during those hours. Friday afternoon a class for beginners in swimming will be organized and a class in Junior Life Saving will also be organized within the next ten days.

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

Mr. Houston, who is finishing work on his master's degree, a 1916 graduate, and captain of the Bobcat football team in 1923, 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 grills 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 matched its second victory of the season last night by ousting 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 Cliffsides 4-2, and the Northside Hall team, heading Hines a second successive defeat by the score of 7-4. The Northside victory showed the winners into a tie for the loop lead. Willness on the part of Lowman Hall pitchers, plus timely hitting by the NYA team led to the victory. NYA scored the winners drew the 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 in first base.

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

NYA scored eight times in the second inning, to overcome a 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 led the victory.

Uwala Ilia and Mrs. Walter Righter paced the winning Independent team of the Women's League to the win it scored over Cliffsides. Each of these two batters collected two bingles. It was the winning pitcher.

Lora Vickery, Mildred Baker, and Mary Elizabeth Stojanen led Northside to victory. They got two hits each. These 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

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The Harris Hall softball team took the lead in the summer league last night by ousting the N.Y.A. "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 N.Y.A. "A" 15-10, while the Lowman team was holding N.Y.A. "B" a 14-9 lashing.

John Thorton was the winning pitcher for Harris Hall as the dormitory dwellers unleashed a 16 hit barrage on Prout and Spitke Evans, N.Y.A. pitchers. Home runs by Charles Lambly and Thorton were lolling blows, with triple by Otha Graham and Steve Ferwig figuring in the scoring. A free run spading in the sixth inning highlighted the victory for the winners.

The first game of the season was played Tuesday night between Harris Hall and N.Y.A. "A." It was fast pitch, second baseman, and Lambly, sparking fast pitcher, bid for the expected. Harris connected for a circuit blow, a double, and a single, while Lambly collected a homer and a pair of two-baggers. Lowman Hall handed N.Y.A. "B" a defeat by virtue of heavy hitting, as Jack Wright found himself three batters. Stewart was the winning pitcher.

The girls again started Thursday night when Cliftfield Hall slammed out a 23-22 victory over Hiles Hall.
HAVE SOME FUN

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

June 12, 42  College Star
Faculty Members, Graduate Student Run Playground
June 19, 1942
Classes in Recreation Dramatics, and Crafts Open to San Marcos

Two faculty members, Misses Claire Mitchell and Margaret Mulbin, and one graduate student, Abe Houston, are supervising the activities of the San Marcos recreation park, which had its first open house night Friday, June 19, with the following program:

7:00 p.m. basket supper
7:30 p.m. band concert, Will- bus Dowlin, director
8:00 p.m. Welcome address, Mayor Earl C. McGee
8:10 p.m. Community ring song, directed by Miss Mulbin.

From 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock, directed games of all types will be in progress and the swimming pool will be open during that time with licensed lifeguards on duty.

The park is open daily from 8 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the afternoon with play directors and trained lifeguards on duty during those hours. Friday afternoon a class for beginners in swimming will be organized and a class in Junior lifesaving will also be organized within the next ten days.

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 1939, 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.

Cheaney's P.E. Club Still Open to Men Interested in Sports
June 24, 1942
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 latecomers 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, foot- ball passing, and other ball games as well as a daily dose of calisthenics.
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

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

The league leader in the men’s
league will be at stake Tuesday
night, June 16, when the league
leading Harris Hall team clashes
with Lewman Hall at eight o’clock
in a feature attraction. The open-
ing games 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: Thurs-
day night, June 16, NYA “A” vs.
Lewman Hall; Tuesday night,
June 22, NYA “A” vs. NYA “B”,
and Harris Hall vs. Lewman Hall;
Thursday night, June 25, NYA
”A” vs. Lewman Hall; Tuesday
night, June 30, NYA “B” vs.
Lewman Hall; NYA “A” vs. Har-
ris Hall; Thursday night, July 5,
NYA “B” vs. Harris Hall. On
nights when double-headers are
played, the games begin at 8:00
o’clock, while all single games
begin at 8:45 o’clock.

The women’s schedule is as fol-
loows: Thursday night, June 18,
Cliffside vs. Independents; Hines
Hall vs. Northside; Thursday
night, June 25, Cliffside vs.
Northside; Hines Hall vs. Inde-
pendents; Thursday night, July 2,
Northside vs. Independents.

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 Com-
mitee released the swimming
schedule and set the time for ac-
tivities to take place at Riverside
during the first semester, Tues-
day 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.

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

The night recreational pro-
gram will include playnights on
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thurs-
day evenings beginning at 8 o’clock. Skating, ping-pong, volley-
ball, badminton, and base-
ball 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.
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June 19, '42 College Star

Softball Schedule—First Six Weeks

MEN'S LEAGUE

Tuesday Night, June 22
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 29
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
Clifftide 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.
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 22, when the
lendees attempt to annex a fourth
straight victory.

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

Thursday night, June 25, Low-
man Hall plays NYA "A" and
games in the Women's League
pit Clubside against Northside
and Fins Hall against the Inde-
pendents. Northside and the In-
dependents are currently leading
the league, each team having won
one contest.

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 informa-
tional hags' lag of the summer
on the moonlight slab at River-
side tonight starting at 8
o'clock.

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

Or if your favorite man is
not on tap, lease your best girl
friends and come as stag-
ettes.

Besides, it's free 'n every-
thing!

June 23, '42

Dance Tonight
To Be Informal
Says Committee

At Smith's Band, his orchestra
will play at an informal college
dance on the summer at River-
side tonight, June 18, at 9
p.m.

The secretions committee de-
scribed that the dance would be a
"party" type and the price of admis-
sion will be 50 cents per couple
or 25 cents single.

J. H. Bailey, chairman of the
satisfaction committee, will direct
the final dance Saturday night,
June 20. The program will com-
prise softshell songs, Ptg. Your
Kettle Fork, Peck Hess, and some
modern dance steps.

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June 23, '42
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. Therefore 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 evident, that after the close of the class period at 5:30, the park is open to the public in general, as well as to the school. This has never been true. We are always glad to have causal visitors in the park to enjoy its baselines and swimming activities; especially to local people to bring up their own 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.

Privates 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 our special privileges, confer with Mrs. M. H. Gibbs, who lives in the park cottage and has direct supervision of the swimming activities, or with G. M. Sewell, who has general supervision of the park management.

G. M. SEWELL.
REVISED SWIMMING SCHEDULE
AND REGULATIONS
For Riverside, Summer, 1939
Adopted June 29, 1939

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6:00 to 8:00 Sunday, General swimming.
2:00 to 7:00 Monday, General swimming.
10:00 to 11:00 and 2:00 to 3:00 Daily, except Sunday, Special N.Y.A. groups.

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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.
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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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Approved by Recreation Committee:
H. E. Speck, Chairman
S. M. Sewell
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The Recreation Committee met at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 6, with the following members present: Dr. L. H. Wright, Chairman, Dean Mary C. Brogdon, Dr. Hugh E. Seabury, Dr. J. H. Sewell, Mr. H. A. Temple, Dean H. B. Speck, and Miss Claire Mitchell.

The motion was made and passed that the same schedule 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), Temple (Music).

Riverside activities: Sewell (Swimming and water pageant), West, Mitchell (Games), Brogdon, Speck (Cannes).

Music: Speck, Seabury, Wright.

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

Movies: Ready, Seabury, Wright.

Complaints and Suggestions: The whole committee.

Maintenance: Mitchell, Sewell, Brogdon, Wright.

Publicity: Wright, West, Temple.

Miss Mitchell presented the possibility of having Mr. Lynn Tubbs on the campus again to supervise another week of play activities. Miss Mitchell was appointed to communicate with Mr. Tubbs 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. H. Wright, Chairman
Riverside Committee Meeting, May 15, 1940.

Members Present: Speck, Allen, Berry, Wildenthal,ände, Sewell.

From 4:00 to 5:00 AM, (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 5:30 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 system and their families, for class work and recreational swimming.

A sub-committee, consisting of Sewell, Allen and Speck, 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 Kushetons 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 Kushetons 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.
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June 6, 1939

H. J. Speck
Dean of Men
Work Schedule for Riverside for April and May, 1939.

Basket Room Service:

Sibyl Adams, Tu. Th. 11-12
Ethel Beatty, M. to F. 11-12; Th. 2-6.
Essie Wiseman, W., F., 2-6; Sun. 2-6.
Mary Elley, W., F., 2-6; Sun. 2-6
Ernestine Stanfield, Tu., W., Sat., 2-6.
Gertrude Roedeker, W., Th., Sat., 2-6.
Ylma Schum, Tu., Th., 2-6.

Telephone

Life Guard Service:

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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.
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Rec.  $270.00
Riverside Employee--Summer School 1936

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President
CHAPTER VII
THE ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT

The Aquatic Club, organized in 1925 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 excel 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 reed. 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 these 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 club 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 red back drop screened Dr. Sewell from the audience as he explained through a megaphone the dramatic sequence and dramatus personas.

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 intended-
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. Sewall 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 pulleys 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 reins 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 when the huge mouth opened and swallowed a swimmer, a little boy sitting in 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 sought. 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 1954 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 fastened to 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. Dewell 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. Dewell - 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 aching 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 preceded 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 1957 $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 1956 Dr. L. W. Wright of the English department started announcing the program over the loud speaker. Dr. Wright excelled 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 1956 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 1959 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 credits 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 Janiero -- 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
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 parents to carry a little lunch and go to the park while there is time to select a good seat.
HEAVY WATER CIRCUS
GIVEN AT RIVERSIDE
SEWELL DIRECTING

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

Many Water Stunts Feature Longest 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. 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. Brandt, gave a thirty-minute concert. Thrills and doublings featured the water polo game which was won by the Whites by the slim margin of one field goal. Other highlights were the parade, grand march, acrobatic acts, floating pyramid, and chariot race. Harold Fisher did the announcing for all events. Bill Connolly, local aquatic trickster, gave a series of fancy exhibition dives. Miss Danforth had charge of all stunts and Miss Frances McNaughton directed the pyramid race.

Coaches for the boys were Harold Fisher and Frank Genberg. Miss Lynette Dalley was in charge of the program and together with Miss Clara Mitchell, coached the girls.
WATER PAGEANT
AT RIVERSIDE IS
A GREAT SUCCESS

Spectacle Thrills a Crowd of 2500
Spectators Monday Night.

Riverside, the park and swim-
ing 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
programmed and extra-programmed.

King Neptune, with his attend-
ants upon his large throne slowly
from out the darkness and quietude
of the star-light evening, is his ma-
fest presence in the boy’s pool,
beautiful in its natural surround-
ings. There, before a large crowd of
spectators, he and his attendants
viewed the program rendered by the
water nymphs and their assist-
ants, male and female.

Many demonstrations of life sav-
ing were witnessed. The special
event of the evening was the presen-
tance of an unknown man that ap-
peared to be unaware of what was
taking place. He spent his time
askingupid questions and tell-
ing the swimmers to calms them
a few things about swim-
ing. He attracted the attention
of everyone by talking very loud
and walking up and down in front
of everyone. He started an argu-
ment with one of the fun-makers,
and was thrown into the pool. Miss
Jenkins, who was standing nearby,
became very much alarmed when
the poor man started a struggle.
She was ready to panic him when
the fun-maker went to his res-
cue. The announcer from the oth-
er side of the pool was telling him
to remove his clothing, and ever-
yone was in great surprise. Af-
after the man, had divested of the
bathing suit, he swam across the
pool with the greatest ease, to Miss
Jenkins’ surprise. He was intro-
duced to the crowd as the special
examiner of life savers, Mr. De
Bellavose.

Demonstrations of swimming
were also witnessed. The chief rep-
resentative of the four types of
activities were: Health, Louise
Jenkins; Safety, J. Wood; Sports,
Lynnette Dalley; Fun, Milton
Thom and Clarence Hudson.

Another event of interest was the
fancy diving of Memers, Doyle,
Stanforth, 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 page-
cant will be an annual affair, as it
impresses upon the minds of the
public a greater necessity for life
saving work, and shows the struc-
tuous tests that swimming must
pass before the life saving badge
is awarded.
A program of improvement at Riverside, the swimming and recreation park of Southwest Texas State Teachers College, includes 408 feet of concrete wall and walk along the San Marcos River front, 69 feet of which is an extended seawall on the west bank of the main channel and the remainder "round 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 26 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 26 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 area near the bath house and several other minor features of improvement.

The E. W. T. C. T., the Federal Public Works Administration, with the help of CWA labor, have constructed 426 feet of seawall along the boundary front of Riverside on the San Antonio-Austin [Foot Note: the fish hatchery and the city continuing the walk to the southwest corner of the hatchery. The swimming pool, consisting of about 920 feet of the San Marcos River channel, has been thoroughly cleaned, and other things put in proper order for enabling the town of more than 2,000 students attending the summer session to enjoy the river and the surrounding park to a high degree.
FANCY DIVING AND SWIMMING ARE THE FEATURES OF SHOW

An estimated audience of 4,000 persons composed of college students, townpeople, 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 B. M. Sewell, director of Riverside.

The pageantry and stunts of the first part of the program, though striking in themselves, were perhaps eclipsed by the diving demonstration which climax ed the evening's entertainment. Outstanding in the diving exhibition were Noyea 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. Brandtstetter, assisted by R. A. Tampke. This orchestra was the regular college orchestra augmented by members of the college band, the Collegians, and guests performers including the following: Julian Holloway at the piano; John Brandtstetter, R. A., 1913; Dr. C. B. Silver, Christine Brandtstetter, Music Supervisor at Highland Park, Dallas; and Russell Williams, Instrumental Instructor at Seguin Lutheran College.

The main performers in the pageant were: Helen Hoboubee and J. L. Haysky, princess and prince; and Virginia Hoffheinz, Louelle Johnson, Wm. Annell, Lewis Nix, Billy Kirk, and Dean Hop, all of whom were attendants to the prince's court.

Those who assisted Mr. Sewell

See WATER PAGEANT pg. 4
LOCAL TALENT WILL STAR IN ANNUAL FETE

‘Apollo and His Loves’ To Be Program Feature

On the evening of Thursday, July 9, Riverrist 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-symphs of the Island, he kills in a fit of anger and jealousy; his second, Paphnut, Goddess of the 

program by Neptune to cheer Apollo, succeeds in his charms, and Neptune angered by this, transforms her into a tree. Out of sympathy for Apollo, Jupiter sends Aethra, Goddess of Light, who finally brings him consolation. These scenes will be acted out in elaborate detail, and accompanied 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. W. D. Sewell; director - general, Mrs. Winfred Blanche; chairman of music committee, Vivien Dafores; chairman of costume committee, Mrs. Marguerite Eden and Mr. J. L. Hardy; chairman of decorating committee, Jack Andrews; chairman of lighting committee, W. A. Mathews; chairman of music committee, Mr. R. A. Thampe.

The annual water pageant given at Riverrist dates back, in one form or another, 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 whole 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 brilliancy 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 crowd.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1925

July 2nd Date Set For Water Pageant
Water Pageant
Plans Complete;
Will Be July 31

The water pageant which the Southwest Texas College postponed recently because of inclement weather will be staged at Riverview park at 8:00 o'clock Friday night, July 31, according to Prof. B. 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 spectatures 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 cheat him, succeeds in her charms, and "Neptune, angered by this, transforms her into a tree.

Finally, Athear, goddess of light, brings Apollo consolation.

The leading characters are: Apollo, Jack Andel; Coronis, Evolly Novack; Daphne, Sara Lewis; Athear, Beatrice Force; Bronete, Michael McNulty; Stigeone, Josephine Blumenthal; Rain, Sally Whitesides; Neptune, Jasper Try.

The preparation of the pageant is in the hands of the following: Mrs. Winifred Blanch, director; L. N. Wright, announcee; Vivian Densford, program chairman; Mrs. D. H. Pajry and Iris Frances Bihnmond; dance committee; Mrs. Margarette Edens, Mrs. Peggy Walker, and J. L. Hardy, costume committee; Jack Andel, David Yatow, Mrs. Dawn Marshall, and Sara Lewis, stage arrangement and decorations committee; mms. R. A. Tampke, W. A. Matthews, O. C. Hargus, and John Claxton, lighting.

Amorous Adventures of Apollo Theme of Show

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MORE THAN 4,000

SEE WATER PAGEANT

SAN MARCOS, Tex., Aug. 1.—The 17th annual water pageant given by the Southwest Texas Teachers College was witnessed by more than 4,000 persons Friday night at Riverview, 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 events were included in the directed program.

The cast of characters of the pageant was: Apollo, Michael McNulty; Stigeone, Josephine Blumenthal; Rain, Sally Whiteside; Athear, Apollo; Jack Andel; Crowete, Evolly Novack; White Raven, Lula R. T. Pajry; Neptune, Jasper Try; Daphne, Sara Lewis; Athear, Beatrice Force; Sunbeam, Norma Ruth, O. B. Ruth and Homer Uncleall; Four Hours, Dorothy Riehl, Betty Max Stahl, Hertel Farber, Estelle Jean Novack; Mary Frances Hardy, Mary Illinois Green, Katherine Smith, Martha Noger, Betty Neil Anhelson and Bessie Mae Churchman; Daphne's swimmers, Pauline Batch, Dorothy Ginder, Elizabath Shaw and Dorothy Kienzle; attendants for Coronis: M. E. Daubron, Helen Meyer, Melba Hinchman, Reemae Filgran, Margaret Turner; attendants for Athear, Ethel Ruth May, Barbara Ann Miller, Doris Eleanor Segrump, Wenda Hawkins and Glenda Miles; Rain's train, Melba Riedel, Grace Oliver, Elizaboth Marshall, Mildred Lott; Sunbeam, Fred Gray; Prog, Mall Gray, Carolyn L. C. Ramsey, George Sturgeon; ushers, William Marshall, Reemae Nuester, R. C. Whissling; Chios Walker, stage crew, Mrs. Miller, Will and Grace J. M. Hardy.
SCENE OF S. W. T. C. ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT

According to Miss Danforth, ill.-Danforth the pageant will be titled: In a Deserted Court. The cast is as follows: King Abdul, John Bratwell, King's guards, Keith Romets, Joe Taylor, Maurice Hoffman, and Ronnie Ackman. The King's princess Hattee Mac Stahl, princes' attendants, Joanne Rinner, Mary Rice, Virginia Kates, Norma Smith.

Princess Pavone: Melsa Robinson; her attendants, Lois Xiler, Daphne Hines, Evelyn Daley, Edith Johnson.

Princess Balithan: Correne Jacobs; her attendants, Bonnie Ruth Wheeler, Oneida Couch, Betty Jean Dobblin, Billy Fugie.

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

Prince Yendid, Edward Parker; attendant, Billy Kirk.

Nine bare boys, twelve girls, swimmers, and eight mermaids complete the cast.

The plot of the presentation centers around the disappearances 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.
Acquatic Club

Show Staged in
Oriental Setting

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 Parker, Betty Mae Stahl, Melva Robinson, Correne Jacobs, and Margaret Young in principal roles, punctuated 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 E. M. Sewell, Mrs. Margaret Edens, and Clyde Moore, members of the general committee.

The College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of E. A. Tampaio furnishing 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 Kassel, Luce Jean Sawyers, and Dorothy Leslie Mundace, 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 News June 24

Plans for the nineteenth annual water pageant, to be given at Riverside, Friday, 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 Station

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 program 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 “Tale 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 Audrey Dunn, Mel Greene, David Votaw, Roscoe Givens, and William Morgan, all speech students.

Patricie Champion will play the romantic role of Hoffman, tall, dark, and handsome. Mary Anne Pohl has been selected to characterize the leading lady, Gualletta, an exotic brunette. The hero’s friend, Nikias, an intellectual character, will be portrayed by Roy Wilson. George Norris will be the8selected liver, Schimbuhl, and C. E. “Dirty” Doyle will play Duperotito, the devilish-looking villain. Utopia, a huskback, is played by Clint Lewis. Other minor roles include Warren Le Bourvex as a goonish, Allen Weber and R. B. Spach as lords, and Mierce Barr Broughton, Ber-nice Kerlick, and Billie Vogel as ladies.

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

The dancing features will be performed by Dorothy Aubrey, Donna Martin, Verna Lee Lucas, Elsie Myers, Lois Keifer, June Jacks, Ann Braha, Omella Coach, Janie Chambers, Peggy Young, and Olive Miller.

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Helen Young, Kathleen Tanner, Kathleen Hoolester, and Fina Kincame. Three groups are directed by Peggy Young and Lois Keifer.

The starring under the direction of Nettie Mae Smith will be performed by the following young ladies: Arlene Spack, Vivian Danforth, Iris Hunt, Orma Ruth Proctor, Martha Jane Rush, Nettie Mae Smith, Cicie Walker, Margie Williams, Arnold Dean Williams, Helen Kirkholler, Jean Webb, Elsene Yeabrough, Minnie Wehmeier, Guinivere Rohles, Lucille Axhend, Ola Max Stahl- man, Ruth Filtz, Dorothy Hale, Grace Braddock, Belle Wilson, and Misses Milburn and Wilke.

Edward Plucker and two record swimmers from San Antonio will be featured in special swimming exhibitions. The Campus Demon- stration 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 phoneline. Dallas Williams will supervise the lighting and staging effects assisted by Mel Greene and O. D. Vargus, college electrician. Others on the pageant committee are: Mrs. Margarita
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 called the "Desert Storm." Upper left shows a group of "Hula girls," while upper right shows the "Fire dive." Group at the lower left includes Gwendolyn Chan, of New Braunfels, who was head of the program; Pauline Harris, of Victoria; and Mildred Doenof, of Austin. At lower right standing is Mary Elizabeth Mullen, of San Antonio, who was head of the program.
WATER PAGEANT
AT SAN MARCOS

Teachers College Sponsors
Annual Event Monday

SAN MARCOS, July 31—Monday night before approximately 6,500 people, the Athletic Club of Southwest Texas Teachers College presented its 15th annual water pageant, under the general direction of Mrs. Margaret Horns at Riverside, recreation center of the college.

A special feature of the program, there was an original play, written by Dr. J. W. Wright of the college faculty. The play had a dual theme, and the stage arrangement 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 costumes 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 Austin demonstrated various methods of swimming. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the water ski exhibition, with Dr. W. K. Sorell, director of Riverside, as the subject and the rescue a 14-pound junior high school girl.

San Antonio Express
AT WATER CARNIVAL—Left Misses Mary Clark, Center Point; Brunhilde Morisse, Northside; and Grace McPherson of San Antonio, swimmers. Center, Miss Helen Young who portrayed clips in "Gypsy Love Along the-Marina," and right, an exhibition "tropical orange" ball. More than 200 took part in the pageant. Director of dancing was Virginia Cheptoe and of swimming and diving, Mrs. Marguerite Edens.
Among the musical numbers will be "The Aroo," by A. Par- lower; "Blue Damon," by Johnson Smead; "Le Tambourin," by Jane B. Phillips-Romani; "Two Hearts," by Robert Scott and "Whirl," by Theo. Moses, and "Tambourin." As the story unfolds the voices of the college chorus will be heard singing "Blue Dancers" by Sum- mers, led by Dr. H. Grady Harlan, head of the voice department.


The Men's Glee Club also led by Dr. Harlan will sing "Sweet- heart," from "Overture," by Rom- berg.

Three soloists 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 fall dance, under the direc- tion of Miss Virginia Clappitis, dancing instructor, will be divided into two parts, the first being the harvest dance, which was de- veloped by the 10 o'clock dance- ing 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 Griffin, Nid Koszi, Hessequida Aguirre, Billie Ruth Vaughn, Eline Mallett, Mary Clark Smith, Blanche Regner, Anita Kuower, Mary Riley, Marier Suvor, Mary Louise Ruffin, Mary Louise Doty, Dolores, Dorothy Standfast, Marie McCall, and Victor Mocilla.

The 11 o'clock class is made up of Annie Louise Taylor, Virginia Paprockie, Wlliam Wynn, Margaret Boll, Leila Thomas, Marie P. Li, Lorette Clie, Anita Taylor, Catherine Salter, Ophie Ruth Whil- ley, Nancy Severe, and Francis.

At the end of the story, the water show begins with many and var- ied events including all types of dives, strokes, Synch and others displayed by expert performers.

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

Those taking part in the Miss Wynn are Berthilde Morrison, Merry Ross, Bertrude Watts, Ethel Holcombe, Cline Walker, Owen Hall, G. B. Ruth, Myra Bish, Maybellene Bevan, Nancy Squirre, Lilian Wetmore, Virginia Jackson, Adel Benison, Aud- ry Heiser, and Olal Ruth Wash- ley. Floyd Petty, Pat Kelley, Till- man Bell, Lloyd Petty, and Leanne Lawdin.

Under the supervision of R. B. spacious, Jr., president of the Ag- ristic Club and D. J. Jackson, the swimming 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 div- ing should not be disappointed, they said.

The names of those participating in the water activities were re- corded by the"
The
Southwest Texas State Teachers College
Aquatic Club

— PRESENTS —

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

— BY —
Dr. L. A. Wright

Riverside, Wednesday, July 10, 1940, 8:15 p.m.
Swimming Show
Attracts 3,000
At College Pool
College Station—July 19
Development of swimming, diving, and life saving demonstrated by 100 SWCDC Performers Directed by M. M. Sowell.

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, Kohlscheger, and orchestra furnished music for the occasion, which was planned and staged by S. M. Sigler, swimming instructor at Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

The spectators were interested in the accomplishments of young Gene Smith, who cast a dove’s fearfully around the pool. Later, they were amazed when two girls who had been thrown in the water, were able to move as the diving demonstration was about to begin.

Life guards immediately jumped into the pool and “recovered” 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. Assisted swimming was done in the pool, mermaid exhibits, floating, and swimming stools.

3,000 ATTEND WATER EVENTS IN SAN MARCOS
SAN MARCOS, Tex., July 2—More than 3,000 persons attended the water pageant “A Century of Progress in Swimming” at Riverside. The pageant consisted of contests in the present and past forms of swimming, bathing suits, evidence of rescue and drowning accidents, and recreation methods, and the attitudes towards swimming in general.

The program is one of the regular programs organized by the American Red Cross, by which Turner of the School, and Jane Blossom of Del Rio, swimming instructors at the college, were assisted in dressing up Ruth Jutler, a former instructor in swimming at S. W. T. C., who is now a teacher in the Physical Education Department for the summer school. S. M. Sowell, special swimming 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 recreation work of the college students, with a group of students in bathing suits, gave demonstrations of agility feats and rescue work followed by conservation methods.
ANNUAL WATER PAGEANT
SCHEDULED EARLY IN JULY

Dorothy Jean Taylor
To Write Adaptation
For Credit On Degree
June 12, 1946

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 Miller's play, "The Man." Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student at 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. Seebury will act as dramaturg advisor for the presentation and Miss Margaret Mac- lin of the physical education department will handle the dance routines. R. A. Tamsie will be in charge of the musical score and Dr. E. 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.

The program, a part of the annual affair, began with the students under Dr. Sewell's supervision, en--decorating 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 music and lights put on for the guests. The crowds grew noticeably from year to year, expanding from several hundreds of persons to four or five thousand in recent years.

The gay decorations, the perfectly executed diving stunts, the expert formation swimming, the magnificent pageant music, dramatic presentations, all in the picturesque setting of the cold, clear San Marcos River, have made the SWTU water pageants increasingly popular. Usually they have been shown 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, 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 washtub (then very high), King Neptune 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 how he was saving he immersed again to hide his swimming 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.

GAY COLORFUL PAGEANT
CUSTOM OF MANY SUMMERS

With the heat of the summer season, 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 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 active or entertaining program provided for them while school was closed. So in 1914 was born the 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.
July 12, 1940 College Star

Capacity Crowd Attends Annual Water Pageant

PAGEANT FLOAT

Hungarian Gypsy Theme Carried Out In Music, Dances

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

Pianist, Frank Ing furnished the singing voice of Minos, played by Walker, J. L. Smelings sang for Rado, played by Champion, and Limahelie Harrison provided the singing voice of Zenis, played by Miss Young. A violin solo, performed by Miss Young, was played by Howell Drumming.

MRS. MAGGIE ELLISON

Mrs. Maggott Ellison, director of the pageant.

Students of the college and campus school were dressed as Gypsies to add to the atmosphere. College girls, in native costume designed by Miss Evelyn Howard, home economics instructor, danced to the accompaniment of the Hungarian music furnished by the Little Symphony Orchestra under the direction of J. A. Tampico. The dancing was directed by Miss Virginia Claypoole, the dancing instructor.

The orchestra also played intermission music and accompanied the soloists, the College Chorus and the Men's Glee Club, which under the direction of Dr. H. Gregg Harlan, sang several appropriate numbers.

With activities announced by
BIG CROWD IN ATTENDANCE FOR WATER PAGEANT

Pageant: July 17, 1940. Students of the college and campus school were dressed as Greeks to add to the atmosphere. College girls, in native costume designed by Miss Evelyn Howard, were accompaniment to the accompaniment of Hungarian music furnished by the Little Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. H. A. Temple. The dance was directed by Miss Virginia Chapman, directing instructor.

The orchestra also played introductory music and accompanied the faculty, the College Choirs and the Men's Glee Club, which under the direction of Dr. H. Frank Martis, sang several appropriate numbers.

With activities announced by Dr. Wright, college and campus school swimmers demonstrated the various swimming strokes and presented various water formations. Miss S. M. Bowers, sponsor of the Aquatic Club, was one of the leading participants in these demonstrations which were directed by Mr. Brown, D. J. Jackson, and E. A. Spark. Jr., student instructor at Riverside.

Diving and swimming activities also attracted by spark and Jackson completed the activities.
Annual Summer Water Show to Be Staged
For SWTTC Student Body at Riverside

Promising a streamlined exhibition of swimming and diving
at the SWTTC Water Pageant Friday night are the shapely belle-
maids pictured above. To the right is camouflage Charlie Hulce,
assisted director general of the entire pageant. Lined up on the
bridge set to make a splash are, left to right, Marilyn Wade, Dar-
elby Steinert, Jo Wayland, Peggy Young, Charlie Hulce, and De-
borah Patten.
Dorothy Jean Taylor
Writes Adaptation
Of Milton’s “Comus”

Loudspeaker System
To Carry Speeches
Of Pantomime Cast

The twenty-third annual Water sports, sponsored by the Athletic Club and featuring talent of the usual, music, speech, physical education, and art departments, will be presented tonight, July 30, on the “Island” at Riverside.

An adaption of Milton’s “Comus,” pre pared by Dorothy Jean Taylor, graduate student, will furnish the dramatic presentation (cation throughout central Texas background materials) for the event.

Riverside Is Setting

Riverside will presumably be a setting for the production “Comus” since its initial appearance at Ludlow Castle on September 29, 1634.

The adaptation of “Comus” is a story of a young girl (The Lady) who lends her hands to a villanous woman’s attempts to play her of magic (Squall) which causes, in spite of her most reasonable efforts, to have animal heads. She gives off the would-be seducers the arguments until her brother can draw her to the rescue.

The pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh Seabury include, Dr. L. N. Hight as “Comus,” Don C. Streete — the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Miller, The Lady; Dolores Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Farrell, her brother; and Denver Wood, his brother.

Voices For Cast

The sources of the pantomime cast der the direction of Dr. Hugh Seabury include, Dr. L. N. Hight as “Comus,” Don C. Streete — the Attendant Spirit; Doris Moeller, The Lady; William Morris, first brother; Dr. Seabury; and Margaret and as Sabrina.

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From The Swing

1. Elmer Bondy — Flip, and half, one half, one half, one half, one half, half

2. Gordon Asbury — Full, Full, Full, Full

3. Jimmie Turner — One half flip, forward and one half cutaway

4. Hopt Stewart — Full, Full, Full

5. Mickey Goodin — Full, Full and back flip

From The Tower

1. Tommy Pappas — Swim

III. Demonstration Swims

1. Racing free style — Mickey Goodin

2. American Crawl — Charley Hutto

3. Racing Back Stroke — Benny Goodin and Virginia Rhinehardt

4. Submarine — Charley Walker, and Charley Hutto

5. English Overarm — Virginia Rhinehardt

6. Inverted Butterfly Breast — Charley Hutto and Charley Walker

7. Tuglone — Charley Walker

8. Butterfly — Charley Walker and Charlie Hutto

9. Butterfly Tandem — Don Streete and Charley Walker

10. Overarm Tandem — Walker and Hutto

11. Dog Paddles — “Buzzy” Goodin


13. Elementary Back Stroke — Alex and Kay Fischer

14. Wall’s Stroke — Charley Hutto, Charley Walker and Jo Wayland

15. Spiral — Martina Wade — first and second

16. Underwater Swim — Travis Connolly
The Lady, played by Catherine Sailer, 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.

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The action in the story concerns a lady who falls into the hands of a rililian, 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 Joaz Taylor, graduate student, who did this work as a part of the requirements for completing her thesis.

The pageant cast which was upon stage consisted of: Clive DeLong as "Comus"; James Bishop, the Attendant Spirit; Catherine Sailer, The Lady; Debra Patton, Sabrina; H. C. Fassell, second brother; and Denver Wood, first brother. The voices of the pantomime cast under the direction of Dr. Hugh F. Scabury included, Dr. L. N. Wright as "Oxon," Dan C. Brewster, the Attendant Spirit; Doris Moon, the Lady; Margaret Young, Sabrina; William Morris, first brother, and Dr. Scabury, second brother.

The dancers for the cast included Mary Jane McCaugherty, Mary Jane Boucher, Elaina Opson, Revlyn Lay, Margaret Young, Eva Waters, Beatrice Prakas, and Trudy Jenkins in the Court and the animal dancers. In the country dance was Betty Miller, Helen Coli, Miford Baker, Wanda Baker, Lora Vickery, Margaret Swensen, and Lucille Sweats.

Other officials of the program included Charlie Hutto, director general; Don C. Stuecker, director of lighting; Mary Jane McCaugherty, director of dancing; Mrs. See WATER SHOW, page 4.
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Verena Dockert, director of extracurricular activities; Hoyt Stewart, director of diving events, and Delores Patton, director of swimming events.

An 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:

1. Army Navy....V.... For Victory

2. Army-Navy....Anchor with circle around it.

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

Three taking part in these formations are: Mariene Wade, Carol Huey, Dorothy Sanders, Jeff Ashberry, Jane Ashberry, Mary Pappas, Jean Fischer, Ray Pinal, Lou Fitzgerald, Virginia Stith, Lois Cleed, Ann Warren Proctor, Marna McIntyre, Ruth Ashberry, Dorothy Greene, Jo Wayland, Jassie Nix, Jo, Itaska Blunt, Nancy Beau, Chensiey and Dorothy Pfeifferman.

II. Dives 20 Foot Board.


4. Reid Connolly—Swan.

5. Hoyt Stewart—Flip and one-half forward, Back Jackknife, Fire dive and Flip and self-back with full twist.


From the Swing

1. Elmer Zony—Flip, Flip and one half, one half butterfly.

2. Gordon Ashberry—Full Gaber.

3. Joanne Turner—One half forward and one half butterfly.

4. Hoyt Stewart—Full Gaber.

5. Mickle Goodin—Flip, Gaber and back flip.

From the Tower

1. Tommy Pappas—Swan.

2. Demonstration Swim.

1. Radio free style—Mickle Goodin.

2. American Crawl—Charley Hutto.


7. Techergon—Chloe Walker.


11. Dog Paddle—“Bunny” Goodin.


15. Spiral—Mariene Wade and Jo Wayland.

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 SWTTTC 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 problem 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 25, 1634, on the occasion of Earl Bridgewater's being made lord-pensioner of Wales.

"Island" To Be Stage Set

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; B. A. Temple, director of music; Margaret Moulton, director of dancing; Mrs. Verna Deckert, director of art activity (production of masks). Hoyt.

Water Show--
(Continued from Page One)

Stewart, director of diving events; and Chloe Walker, Pat Patton, and Charlie Rulo, 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 brethren 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 Thernia)--Mr. Streeter; Comus--Dr. L. N. Wright; The Lady--Doris Mueller; First Brother--William Mrazan; Second Brother--Brother--Sr. 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. Temple. Enthusiastic Alexander and B. L. Branchley, both students, will sing two of the songs in the story-drama. The music was written by Harry Lowry, music teacher in the Bridgewater faculty.

The dance, 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 armed forces of the United States armed services. 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 Walter, Miss Hust, Miss Patton, Virgil Williams, Julia Ashberry, Anna Warren Proctor, Jean Ashberry, Eleanor Sasser, Marilyn Wade, Dorothy Slaugth, Bonnie Snidow; Hugh Oxford, Jo Wayland, Teal Ford, Ann Floyd, Jane Talley, Catherine Agnew, Ellen Key, Eleazer Gillis, and Loren Hamilton.
Annual Summer Water Show to Be Staged
For SWTTC Student Body at Riverside

Promising a streamlined exhibition of swimming and diving of the SWTTC Water Pageant Friday night are the athletes herself pictured above. To the right is consummate Charlie Hutto, co-ed director general of the entire pageant. Lining up on the bridge set to make a splash are, left to right, Marilyn Wade, Dorothy Stanier, Jo Wayland, Peggy Young, Charlie Hutto, and Doris Patton.
Dorothy Jean Taylor
Writes Adaptation
Of Milton’s “Comus”

Loudspeaker System
To Carry Speeches
Of Pastoral Cast

The twenty-third annual Water Pageant, sponsored by the Acous-
tic Club, will be presented tonight, Sunday, July 7, 8:30, on the "Island" at Rivierside, and feature the dramatic presentation and background material for the Pageant.

Riverside Is Selling

Riverside will presumably be the first setting for a production of "Comus" since its initial ap-
pearance at Ludlow Castle on September 21, 1894. The sub-
stance of "Comus" is a poem 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 power to have animal heads. She escapes the would-be seducer with arguments until the brother can reach for her rescue.

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ten and Lucille Sweeten.

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Army

Navy

Anchors Aweigh

Marine

Anchor with a circle around it

Air Corps

Propeller Squad Right and the Red Cross

Those taking part in these for-
mations are: Marilyn Wade, Char-
ley Hutso, Dorothy Standt, Julie

Ashberry, Jean Ashberry, Mary

Dianne, Jean Fischer, Kay Fischer,

Luis Fitzgerald, Virginia Ruther-
bardt, Lois Cloyd, Anna Warren,

Puckor, Virginia Laughling, Ruth

Ashberry, Dorothy Crenn, N. Way-
land, Janelle Kadelt, Blanka Blunt,

Nancy Bone Clewig and Dorothy Peerhoff.

II. Divers—In Full Board

1. Preston Clewig—Jackknife

Swan, Forward 1½, Back

Dive, Pulk forward twice, 

Back 1½ and the Half Gyr-

ator.


Back flip, Jackknife and Fife

dive.

3. Delores Patton—Jackknife and

the Back Jacknife.

4. Reid Clewig—Swan.

5. Hoyt Stewart—Flip and one-
half forward, back jacknife,

Fire dive and flip and tail-

with full twist.


7. Gordon Ashberry—Open-

back flip.

From The Swing

1. Elmer Boudin—Flip, Flip and 

one half, one half cutaway.

2. Gordon Ashberry—Full Gyr-

ator.

3. Jimmie Turner—One half,

Flip forward and one half cutaway.

4. Hoyt Stewart—Full Gyron.

5. Midge Godlin—Full Gyron and

back flip.

From The Tower

6. Dionnie Pappas—Swan.

III. Demonstration Swims

1. Racing free style—Midge

Godlin.

2. American Crawl—Charley Hutso.

3. Racing Back Stroke—Bunny

Godlin and Virginia Ruther-
bardt.


5. English Overarm—Virginia

Rutherford.

6. Inverted Butterfly Breast—

Charley Hutso and Blanka Blunt.

7. Treadpool—Charley Hutso.


9. Butterfly Tandum—Don

Streeter and Charles Walker.

10. Overarm Tandum—Walker and

Hutso.

11. Dog Paddle—"Hung" God-

lin.

12. Breast Stroke—Jimmie

Kadelt and Blanka Blunt.

13. Elementary Back Stroke—

Jean and Kay Fischer.

14. Waltz Stroke—Charley

Rutherford and Hubso.

15. Wayland.

16. Spiral—Marilyn Wade and Jo Wayland.

17. Underwater Swim—Preston

Connolly.

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Friday, July 31, 1942
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The dancers for the cast included Mary Jane McGaugherty, Mary Jane Boucher, Elaine O'groskey, Evelyn Lay, Margaret Young, Eva Waters, Beatrice Frank, and Trudy Jenkins in the Court and the animal dancers. In the Country dances was Betty McElroy, Helen Good, Mildred Bako, Lorna Baxer, Elsa Vickers, Margaret Rowes, and Lucille Rowes.

Other officials of the program included Camille Houlton, director general; Des C. Streeter, director of lighting; Mary Jane McGaugherty, director of dancing, Miss...

See WATER SHOW page 4
From The Tower

1. Tennis Pairs—Swan.
2. Demotion—Swan.
5. English Overarm—Virginia Brehm.
7. Tugboat—Chloe Walker.
15. Spiral—Marilyn Wade and Jo Wayland.

THE COLLEGE STAR  Friday, August 7, 1942
To Mrs. Banes -- Costume material-Harrison $1.45
Penny .08 Total $1.53

To Miss Turner -- Costume Materials

Virginia Homeins $1.95; Urs Ansell $2.58
Lucille Johnson $2.65; Helen Melcombe 1.70 ------ $8.48
Jill Hambrough $1.40; E. L. Williams 2.80 4.20
Sparklers, Paint, etc. ----------------------- 2.73

$15.25

To Williams Drug Company, Costume Materials ------- 2.04
To I. H. Harrison " " 4.26
To San Marcos Hardware Co., Paint Material ------- 2.25
To San Marcos Hardware Co., Hatchet 99c, Hammar 38c
Replacement 1.54
To Duke and Ayres, Balloons $2.10, Oil cloth $2.56,
Cord, paint, etc., 70c 5.36
To William Cameron Co., Urn and Dragon material 2.50
To Auditor's Office, Music (Vampires)
Paint (Derrick) 2.39 2.34
To J. E. Dobbin-- Inner tubes -- 1.00
To College Exchange -- Green Paint ---- 1.00
To J. J. Penney, cambric -----.25

Special work ------------------------------- 10.45

Wilson $.60 Smith $.36
Poude $.75 Thompson $.00 Grand Total $13.28
Bird $.60 Anden $.45
Shrank $1.58 Deriner $.75
$2.39 $4.65

Fire bags $.20 Total $10.45
July 13, 1958

Listing of After Pageant Expenses for July 9, 1958. 
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Total       $100.35

July 19, 1935.

Southwest Texas State Teachers College, 

Debtor.

To: S.M. Sewell,

Annual Water Pageant Expenses July 10, 1935.

Lynch Davidson Lumber Company $11.15
Mrs. Marguerite Menz, 5.17
San Marcos Fire Department 10.00
Alvin Perschott, 1.65
San Marcos Hardware Company 5.25
San Marcos Record, 11.75
Hugh F. Seabury, 9.94
Arlene Spencer, 8.82
University Studio, 1.00
Vogelman et al, 4.14

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Total 94.28

Find herewith itemized bills for all expenses, duly paid.
NEPTUNE'S CURSE FOR PIRACY
A Water Pageant

As produced at the First Aid and Life Saving Institute held at Camp Inshas, Brevard, North Carolina in 1926.

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 - Ferosious moustache, ear rings, sheet 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 chiffon cloth costume.

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

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

Epilogue

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 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 sea 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 unfriendly 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..."
Neptune - "Betsy Jones Locken 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 nympha leaves for Pirate Island.

Land ballet
Little tots' swim -- Milan Ruth, Betty Ann
High Dives -- Marilyn Jade, Bryant
Back Swim -- Jane Smith
3rd & 4th Grade group -- lone
5th & 6th Grade Group -- Henderson
Balloon Drill
Polo Game
String Apparatus -- Swift -- Between halves
Polo Game
Long Underwater Swim

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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."

Nymph 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 brick 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 mustaches are washed away. The savages emerge very presentable young men and the whole group winds up in a water glee 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
Pendulum
Sitting

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 Games
One and a half
Full swim
Side Back and Reverse Twist
Torso
Swan
Flip and a half
Three foot board - Double back somersault
Ten foot board - One and a half forward layouts
Whole twist or somersault
Back flip
Tower dives - Swan dive
Handstand forward somersault
One and a half forward somersaults
CHAPTER VI
OTHER INTERESTING AND ABOUT ACTIVITIES AT RIVERSIDE

It was in the summer of 1923 that Captain J. G. 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. O. 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 HaukAmba Croselin, 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 (Carley) and J. J. Hodge. Early in 1926 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, 825 senior life savers have qualified here and 483 juniors, making a total of 1,308.

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 examiner-ship and senior test 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 1955 the aquatic Club presented Dr. Sewall 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. Sewall 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 1955, is a life saving corps. There were in 1956 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 A&M 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 dis-
pensed 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 B. 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 pub-
lisc from its elevation.
Fox News announced as one of the commercial photographers and representatives of College's Weekly. San Marcos, Wednesday, the section of Southwest Texas State Teachers College took part.

Cameras in Hand:

Such an event, at this date, could not have been anticipated as the start of the Fox News company ever on the March for that bit of news, which reveres the meaning of the eastern. Missa, B. Burns, director, and B. M. Felson, cameraman, both of whom represent this district for Fox News were on hand early in the day taking shops of the college buildings, the executive of the college, after an interview of the student bodies around the San Marcos river, and in general photographing the background for our publication.

Throughout the afternoon's activity, they filmed the most interesting parts of the demonstrator's drive, using more than four hundred feet of film. Much of this footage will undoubtedly be used in the National release of the Fox News pictures, which will be shown in the vicinity of 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 cameramen were the grand finale of the Texas State student, inside the motion pictures. A variety of the many, both Red Cross, and such events having passed all the picture units necessary to win the honor, the rescue of a 300-pound man by a slight girl of 110 pounds, and the official methods set down by the Red Cross; and many happy divers enjoyed by the public.

Roberta Houston, Terrace

Mae Kievitz

Roberta Houston, student from San Marcos, who has for the past year been stationed at University, was also a member of the Fox News team.

Lending lady to the most spectacular exhibition of the afternoon, the women of "alias Hercules" when the slim one in tiny fifteen other girls and seniors with them for more than twenty yards, demonstrating the practicability of one aspect of swimming creating a number of persons, who might be thrown into the water and not be able to swim alone.

Red Cross Life Saver Review:

More than sixty qualified Red Cross Life Savers took part in the exhibition. These students have taken special work in life saving work and are the choice of Prof. H. M. Sewell, of the college, and have all passed the tests required to qualification.

More than fifty students quality as Red Cross Life Savers have every summer, and during the summer, Prof. Sewell has been instructing these training many hundreds of students from all over Texas have qualified themselves along this line.

Outstanding among these students is Joe Verelander, who after thought of qualifying himself for the same small place after he had himself, was the highest award in the world for the very act that he has now learned how to perform scientifically.

Several years ago, Messrs. Houston throw himself in the water to rescue a drowning companion, and carried out a successful rescue, for which he was given a little advice by his seniors which enabled him to work with it a scholarship, he has also attended where he might receive a complete education. He is now in the fourth year at the University College.

There are only thirty-three of these students in existence, and Messrs. Houston holds one. Like many who have performed acts of heroism, he is very reticent on the subject, and prefers not to talk about the peculiarities of the results, nor the part he took in it.
SEVENTEEN STUDENTS PASS SENIOR LIFE SAVING COURSE

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

Last week seventeen of the South-
west Texas Teachers College students and Colonel J. E. Franklin of the Bap-
tist Academy faculty successfully passed the Red Cross Life Saving tests conducted by Professor S. H. Sewell, C. E. Dupie, and J. Wool.
About six weeks age a series of tests were given in which eleven college students and one Academy student made satisfactory records. Also, at the same time twenty-three boys and girls made 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 credentials from the Red Cross headquarters at St. Louis are as follow:

Merritt Davis, Jim Jones, John Bar-
ren, Max Bras, R. W. Faux, Henry
Bway, J. E. O'Bryant, Walter Mayer,
Everett Bridges, T. M. Webb, Ray
Shelton, Henry Scott, E. W. Byrns, A
J. Below, Jerry Shifer, Dan Burtet,
Sallie Ross Jones, Lydette Dallary,
Adeline Thomas, Cecilla Seiber,
Ralph Jordan, Alma Lambert, Abi-
Moore, Edna Smith, Frances Ray.

Professor Sewell contemplates carry-
ing the work on during the new
session. A new class will be orga-
nized this week to begin instruction during the second half of the summer session.
Swim Course
Ends; Students
Get Certificates

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

The class in Becker Life-Saving for the N.Y.A. Boys also closed Friday when the examination was completed, and the following boys qualified for the certificates and badges: Willis Anderson, Fort Arthur; Lorane Harris, Waco; Marvin Panday, Hamilton; James Lindsey, Denison; E. R. Nelson, Fort Worth; Jessie Billard, Throck-

more; Ivan Bradley, Culleokett; A. W. Meyers, Groves; Mack Murphy, Groves, Fred Huttig, Gal-

veston; Eugene Salaman, Gal-

veston; Victor Lane, Balchilis, and Lewis Bradley, Rockdale.

About twenty-five swimmers took all 0R the major part of the Special Course offered by Roger C. Pelletier, and the following finished the complete course successfully and received their certific- ates: George Allen, San Marcos; Otto Beiler, Saginaw; Helen Burkholder, San Marcos; Johnny Burdell, New Braunfels; Allen Gardett, Del Rio, Jacobs Tye, New Braun- fels; Russell T. Lewis, Robinson; Virginia Pendleton, New Braun- fels; Alon Pasqualett, L. Owen- ville; George C. Price, New Braunfels; Jo Holly, Hondo; Clarence W. Rice, New Braunfels; Arthur Speak, Fayetteville; B. M. Spence, Fayetteville; Norman E. Brandebaum, Maxwell; H. M. Swell, San Marcos; Winona Wynn, Orchard, and A. E. Gary, Saginaw.

Twenty-Three Students Pass Saving Tests

During the swimming season of the spring semester three classes of college students took the course in junior Red Cross life saving; 15 class of girls under the instruction of Robert Steen, a class of boys under Robert Partor, and a class of boys under Alvin Pentroom.

Twenty-three of these students passed successfully the standard tests, administered by Robert Steen, R. M. Swell, William Darsey, Duran Dowling, and Mrs. Marguerite Hodges, and received the Red Cross certificates.

Those passing the tests were:

Beeler, Tye; B. M. Swell, Alvin; Al Beeler, pec; A. T. Brown, Pas- qualett, L. Owenville; George C. Price, New Braunfels; Jo Holly, Hondo; Clarence W. Rice, New Braunfels; Arthur Speak, Fayetteville; B. M. Spe- nce, Fayetteville; Norman E. Brandebaum, Maxwell; H. M. Swell, San Marcos; Winona Wynn, Orchard, and A. E. Gary, Saginaw.

New courses in life saving will be organized at the beginning of the summer session.
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 "inman's carry." In fact, he has no difficulty demonstrating any phase of life-saving techniques. Often he goes through the tests with his students with an ease which would do credit to a young man.
Sewell Gets Cup for Service
College Cup 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 reservoirs 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. Speck, 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, 1940

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 president.

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

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

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

Walker Selected
Aquatic Club Head
College Cup 1940

Chief 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 Charles Hitts, in charge of swimming; Dorothy Jean Taylor, head of dramatics; and Miss Margaret Madsen, conductor of dancing.

Anyone interested in participating in any one of those 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 3 o'clock Tuesday, June 28, at Riverside. All life savers or potential life savers are requested to attend. June 15, 40.
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. Swall. Seven hundred ninety and 450 junior life-savers are included in the group.

The life-saving class was begun in 1928 when a class of four, Dr. Swall and three college boys, took the training and qualified. The class increased to 16 the next year.

Dr. A. C. Ellis, an authorized examiner in the University of Texas, and Miss Haworth Cum- lin, then a University student, came over to conduct the first examination. The entire class passed and Dr. Swall was made an examinee.

In the summer of 1936 the life-saving program was started on a large scale, qualifying 50 seniors, and 65 juniors during the summer.

Recognizing the value of work in providing excellent physical training as well as preparing trained workers to cover the work built up interest through the co- to other fields, Dr. Swall has resignation 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 Funnies, 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 30,000 gallons a minute or about 60,000,000 gallons a day, maintains a temperature that varies little from 75 degrees throughout the year.

College Star—Life-Saving Classes Are Now Organized

June 9, 1940

Life-saving classes started Fri-

day, June 6, with Gene Frost as

supervisor; and Pat Patton and

Chloe Parker, as assistants.

The classes meet every day at

4 o'clock. Frost has ten students
collected in the below class, while

Patton and Parker are working

with a group of eight girls.

We urge our student to join the life-saving class.

It is not too late for them to re-

cieve credit," Patton stated.

The classes meet a re-

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be given in life-saving.

College Star — Life Saving Notice

All students wishing to take

Red Cross Life Saving classes

must meet Mrs. Hank at Riverside

Friday, June 12, at 4 o'clock.

JUNE 12, 1940
Life-Saving Notice
All students wishing to take Red Cross Life-Saving, please meet Mrs. Mink at Riverside Friday, June 13, at 4 o'clock.
College Star

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 18.
Persons interested in participating in the dance, routines or swimming events of the pageant are requested to see Miss Margaret Madlin, 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.

Life-Saving Classes
Are Now Organized
College Star June 13
Life-saving classes started Sunday, June 2, with Gene Frost as supervisor; and Pat Patton and Chloe Walker, as assistants. The classes meet every day at 4 o'clock. Frost has ten students enrolled in the boys' class, while Patton and Walker are working with a group of eight girls.
"We want to urge more students to join the life-saving class. It isn't too late for them to receive credit," Patton stated.
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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.
SAN MARCUS, Jan. 27.—Students of the Southwestern Texas State Teachers' college enter swimming this year around the temperature of the river water being the same in winter as in summer. The above picture shows a group of swimmers, Red Cross Life savers, having a swim January 12th at the college swimming meet 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. B. Seuell, member of the faculty; John Edward Penick, M. E. Holst, R. G. Peeler, Wayman Rogers, Ford Stoggs, Harold Stevens, Ethel Griffin and Carrel Stevens, students.
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 deter members of Gamma Phi Alpha sorority from having their annual Christmas swim in the San Antonio River at Edwards, the college playground of the Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Antonio. The parties included Miss Nellie Ray, Miss Anna Brown, Mrs. Ada Dugas, Mrs. Lacy Scanlon, Misses Donald, and others. The party, swimming in the river, starting from left to right, was: Misses Ada Dean, Betty Smith, Mrs. Stuart Clark, Misses Varner, Varner, Davis, Davis, Margaret Williams, and Jeanne Trice. This year the annual swim took place Dec. 25 and the celebration at the college was about the same as in December.
Life-Savers' Christmas Swim in River

Snow on the banks and chill waters fail to check the zeal of these true Christmas swimmers. Laid down in Dec. 23, 1929!
STUDENTS SWIM AT RIVERSIDE AND LIKE IT

The S.W.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. Since 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, Eunice Hodges, Kenneth Musson, Jack Andre, Jasper Ivy, Woodrow Smith, Edward Gay, Paul Simmons and Mudford Canova, Life Sewell; Billie Kirk, J. C. Ferguson, Misses Crystal Shafi, Berta Smith, Emma Wilke, Beatrice Holcomb, Dorothy Mae Marcus, Virginia Young, Mary Neil Mitchell, Margaret and Helen Young, Mildred Keezing and Evelyn Tarik. Mrs. Elders, 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 benighted 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 40-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 18 years, that the colder the weather, the warmer the water.

Left below are Frank Hefner and Walter Richter, college students. Frank, whose knees of Fredrickburg, standing on the diving board, admits it's pretty chilly outside—but he'll stick to his 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 Karen, Clifford Burkholder, Frank Brawner, George Allin, Mary Elizabeth Homan, Tilly Putnam, LeRoy Walker, Harling Proctor, Audrey Heiser, Zada Williams.

By RUTH LEWIS

SAN MARCOS, Jan. 23—When it's 40 degrees outside and 80 degrees under, the thing to do is dive right in—come cold or hot. That's the theory that St. M. Sewell, aquatic member of the Southwest Texas Teachers college, and others of water sports, have been taking action on the past 18 years. And every winter since then he's had a group of students who subscribe to his unique method.

So it was that Tuesday afternoon (Continued on page 2, column 1)
Students Take Swims to Warm San Marcos Professor Tests Theory

(Continued from Page 1)

camper 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 be-
fore, has been an annual one of
the students at the college, but
the men, with altered battle
steps and the men now dress
for them chose the coldest day for
their winter ducking in all the 18
years.

This is not a man-made stunt; five
students had to displace the water
along the eight men.
A few spectators, bunched from
head to toe, gazed admiringly
from the bank, the 15 men in the
pool at Riverside, college reces-
sion better, broke off diving.

A few crossed the river in less than 10
minutes, be-

Hence the aquatic-minded col-
lege-

He Came Too Late

Shoveling up our cottons just a
fraction of an inch, we caught these
first-hand observations from the

Walter Richter of Liberty Hill:

"The water is really cold. If it
wasn't windy, it would be just
dandy." (At which Walter
shook for the bathroom—and a

Henry Gagnon of Liberty Hill:

"It's fine. I'll go in later when it's
cold.

Mary Elizabeth Hagan: "It's
warm. Really it is." (That his-

Candis of the waterfront,

Frederickburg—after a swim

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LINES WATER COLD—Prof. S. M. Sewell, 72, 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 dog 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, 1942, 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 15.60 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, 1945, 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 1948, 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 20, 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.
College Gets Property Which Includes Riverside In Federal WPA Grant

Improvement Project To Be Carried Out At Recreation Park

The way to a $25,653 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 $1,900.

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, addition to the alah, and probably additional shrubbery.

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. Temple, orchestra; Miss Claire Mitchell, dancing; J. B. Cleanthes, Miss Hannah Preston, and Mrs. Ruth Joiner Monk, 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 Monk, 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 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Monk 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 performers are not required to be able to take part. The dance 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.

High atop a beautiful hill in southwest Texas, young men from every state in America, are acquiring the knowledge, the skills, and are becoming the nucleus for the job of making America flying fighting planes. Through the halls of this dignified institution, scattering the stillness by their vibrant zest, they march half a thousand strong. They come and go, a visible 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. Rain, 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 Garlade Flowers, proceeded to organize a program of intensive ground training for 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 still quire of five hundred men. On April 1, one hundred men were placed on full 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 Rain continued as commanding officer of the unit until November 30, 1945, at which time he was ordered to combat duty. On December 4, 1943, Captain Paul E. D'Agostino arrived to assume duties of commanding officer of the Detachment. Captain D'Agostino remained with the unit until March 20, 1944, and on March 23, 1944, Captain Frank M. Ovenden 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 cadets. This program consisted of swimming, basketball, touch football, track and field, and other extra-normal games.

The social life of the Aircrew students was by no means neglected. Numerous dances were staged for the members of the Detachment and all such class was assembled, a mixer and a dance was given in their honor. Several of these parties will 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 UDB was a favorite hangout of theirs, and they made important contributions to the entertainment sponsored by the UDB. 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 airport 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, Jeanie Abbas.
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, climaxing 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 girls 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 301st 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 o'clock.

Students, poets, 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.
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 modern 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: R. D. Jones, general contractor; Rufus Wimberly, who worked on foundations, floors, sidewalks, and other concrete work; Max Shepperd, who handled the stonework; Dan Kennedy, who did a one-man job of plastering the entire structure; Weldon Schlaum, painter; O. L. Hargis, in charge of electricity and plumbing; and C. F. Sisbelle, 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 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 carnivals area) will have been removed, and the site of the river opposite 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 patio and the area surrounding the bath-house, and unlined tile surrounds proper sub-drainage.

Inside the building is a steam 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.

SWTC students indeed have a summer of fun to look forward to at Riverside, the most beautiful recreation park in any college in Texas.

SAN MARCO'S, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1944
Leaving Riverside Is Sewell's Chief Regret
On Returning Home

When summer comes and swimming at Riverside Park is the favorite recreation, and with one of the largest swimming pools in Texas is well filled with swimmers, enjoying the swings, the diving board, 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 Water Pageant. This event started in 1926 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

DR. S. M. SEWELL

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 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 1938 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 "invasion" of Indians and sea serpents were all the work and planning of Dr. Sewell. Then, while the acts were performed, he read a script of the tale which was being enacted, using a loud speaker behind the screen. In 1936 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 1933 Dr. Sewell invited Capt. J. R. 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.
Annual Summer Water Carnival
Scheduled at Riverside Aug. 17

College Houses and Organizations Urged to Plan Entertainments

The annual SWITC 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. Elsworth Croasaz, Dr. F. Merville Lason, and Dr. Lester Ewing.

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
Tentative Program Is Planned
For Annual Water Carnival

WHAT'S COOKIN'?  
Maynight, Saturday, 7:30  Riverdale
Water Carnival, Thursday, August 17  Riverdale
Home Nursing Classes  (see Coach Strahan)
Water Carnival Rehearsals  (see Dr. Croussin)
Patch Test, Friday, 3-4  College Hospital
Last Typhoid Shot, Wednesday, August 18  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 that Weyland 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 Neil Jochner is planning a country dancing exhibition; Nina Jean Moore, Chubby Stockton, and Mary Rustin 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
Old Bathhouse — 1944
From the steps of the new Bath house 1944
"The dach-pond" 1944
The Slab — 1944