

Minor Schedule Coming Up

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Hardin - Simmons University, which spawned the likes of Bulldog Turner, Model T Ford, Little Doc Mobley and Bob McChesney and gained national fame, will play what must be considered a minor football schedule this year.

Only three schools that can be called major are on it. Chances are that next year there won't be any.

THE REASON FOR deemphasis of football at Hardin-Simmons can be ascertained by looking at the figures. In nine years athletics have lost \$908,986.13. The best year was 1955-56 when "only" \$49,325.58 went into the deficit column. The worst was 1960-61 when \$129,405.37 told the officials something had to be done.

It is a story of futility. Athletic committee chairman Levey Jennings said his group had been "working on decreasing the cost of our athletic program for years."

Everything was tried—nationally known coaches, ex-students on the coaching staff, small staffs, large staffs, attempts to raise funds among the alumni and friends, schedules that might increase attendance.

"We have come to the point that we don't know what the answer is," said Jennings.

IN 1961 THE board of trustees decided to halt all athletic scholarships. But the alumni were chagrined, said the school just couldn't drop out of major college football. So the board said that scholarships would be awarded to the extent that funds were contributed.

Less than \$10,000 was given to support the athletic program.

So Hardin-Simmons decided that in the future athletic scholarships would be limited to tuition, general fees and books. Room and board must be eliminated because this caused 25 per cent of the deficit. Obviously top athletes can not now be obtained.

Hardin-Simmons earnestly wants to have an athletic program but it has to tailor it to its means.

THE SCHOOL ALSO realizes that it can't hope to even have the curtailed program unless it can be in some sort of conference where they'll be playing for something. That is necessary if there is to be a crowd.

So it is seeking other colleges having financial trouble in athletics or already on the deemphasis kick to form a conference that's in line with Hardin-Simmons' plan.

President James H. Landes declared that "through the years ath-

letics have become so professional that all of the smaller schools are literally being booted off the fields."

He pointed out that "we have had many fine coaches and many splendid teams, but even in the years of championship teams a sizeable financial deficit existed."

OBVIOUSLY ONE of the reasons for Hardin-Simmons' trouble came from the fact that it is just one of three colleges in a city of 90,000. The place just isn't large enough to support three football

teams. Dallas, which is about

times as large, couldn't do it. The theory that a winner always gets support doesn't true in the case of Hardin-Simmons. It lost money when it won money when it had a team in the national headlines. coach who rated with the best coaches.

One season it was undefeated and counted Baylor Southern Methodist among its rivals. It still couldn't find a way to pay its athletic

Registration For Swimming Instruction Ends Saturday

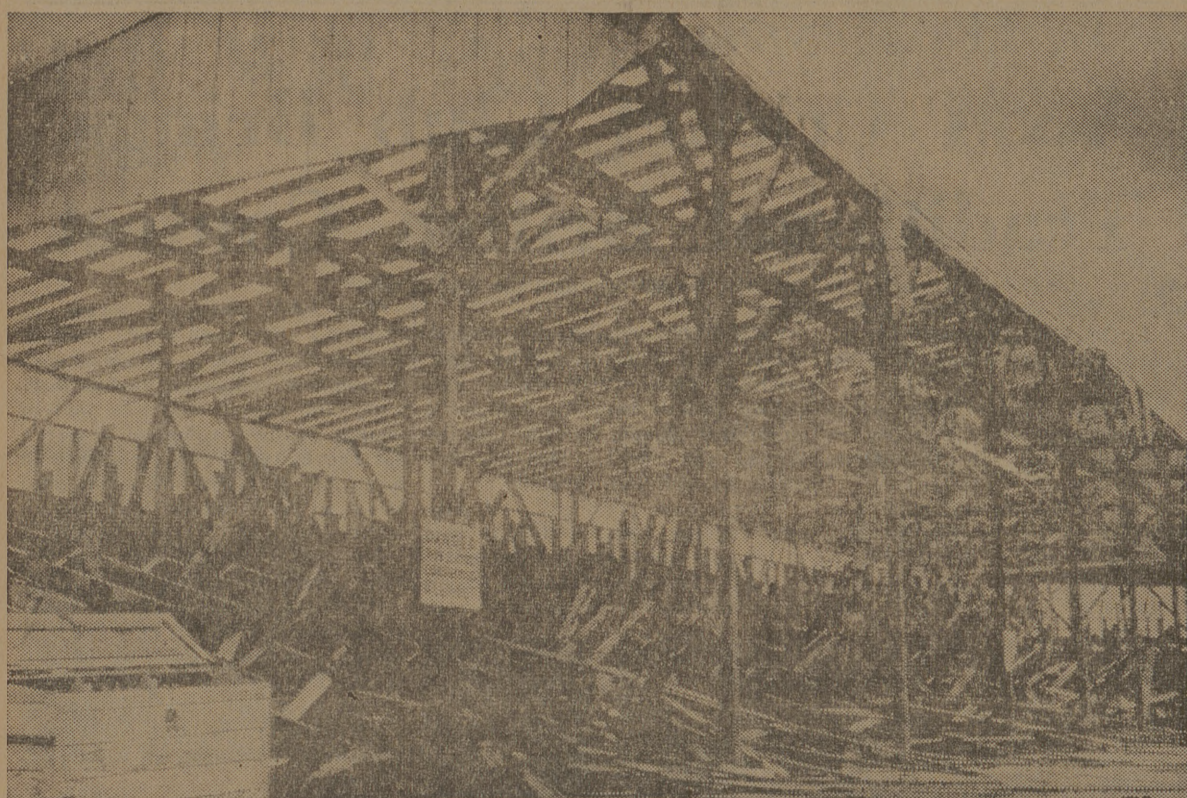
Registration for the second semester swimming program of the College Station Recreation Council began Monday and will continue through Saturday, according to Mrs. Stanley P. Clark.

Both new and old students for the program may now report to the P. L. Downs Natatorium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

Fees for lessons will be \$4.00 for residents of College Station and A&M faculty and staff. Mrs. Clark said the fee for others is

\$8.00. Instruction is under the direction of Art Adamson, head of A&M swimming program and swimming instructor for the department of Health and Physical Education.

Mrs. Clark said all beginners should bring swim suits. They should be at least 12 years old and either 11 inches or capable of swimming 25 feet. All classes will be closed when they are filled, Mrs. Clark



Due For Renovation

The old stands at Kyle Field baseball diamond are being carefully dismantled. Long-overdue improvements on the ancient wooden structure are scheduled to begin soon.

Primitive Fishing Available On Big Or Little Cypress

By VERN SANDORD
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If you are looking for a primitive fishing trip you don't have to go to the headwaters of the Amazon or to the Everglades of Florida.

Texas has an area, practically unexplored, where fishing is fabulous and the scenery is unbelievably beautiful.

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THERE YOU have two choices—Big Cypress or Little Cypress.

Big Cypress is the river which flows down from the Ferrell's Bridge Dam. That's the dam that creates Lake O' Pines. It is a wonderful float trip from the dam into the town of Jefferson.

Out of Jefferson you can take to

the big river, or you can put into the wooded Little Cypress and float through miles and miles of the most wonderful scenery you've ever seen.

It is a jungle so seldom visited you won't even spot a bear on an entire day's float.

TWO OUTDOOR writers from Austin—Russell Tinsley and L. A. Wilke—recently made this trip. At Jefferson they got Roy Butler, a native of the area, as a guide. The three spent the day in a virtual wilderness where they saw no other human beings.

For fishing they got a mixed creel. They hooked bass, both white and black. Also several species of bream, catfish and pike. Here you never know what is going to hit when you toss out your lure.

The trip was made in a heavy, 20-foot jon boat. It was equipped with a fish well, two deck chairs, a 5-hp motor and two heavy oars. Butler sat in the back of the boat and pushed it slowly through the bayous.

HERE THE water runs almost fast enough to keep the boat moving without pushing it with either oars or motor. On this particular trip the motor wasn't used until the return to camp which was upstream in the big river.

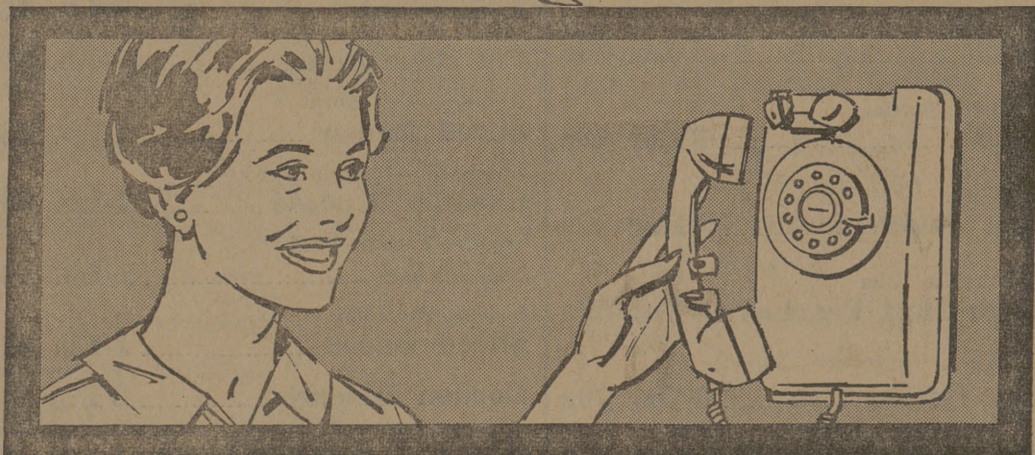
Banks of the bayou are filled with dogwood and other blooming trees. Bayous themselves are thick with huge cypress trees, with great cypress knees (roots) in grotesque shapes. Wild grapevines in some spots furnish an entanglement you have to cut your way through.

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