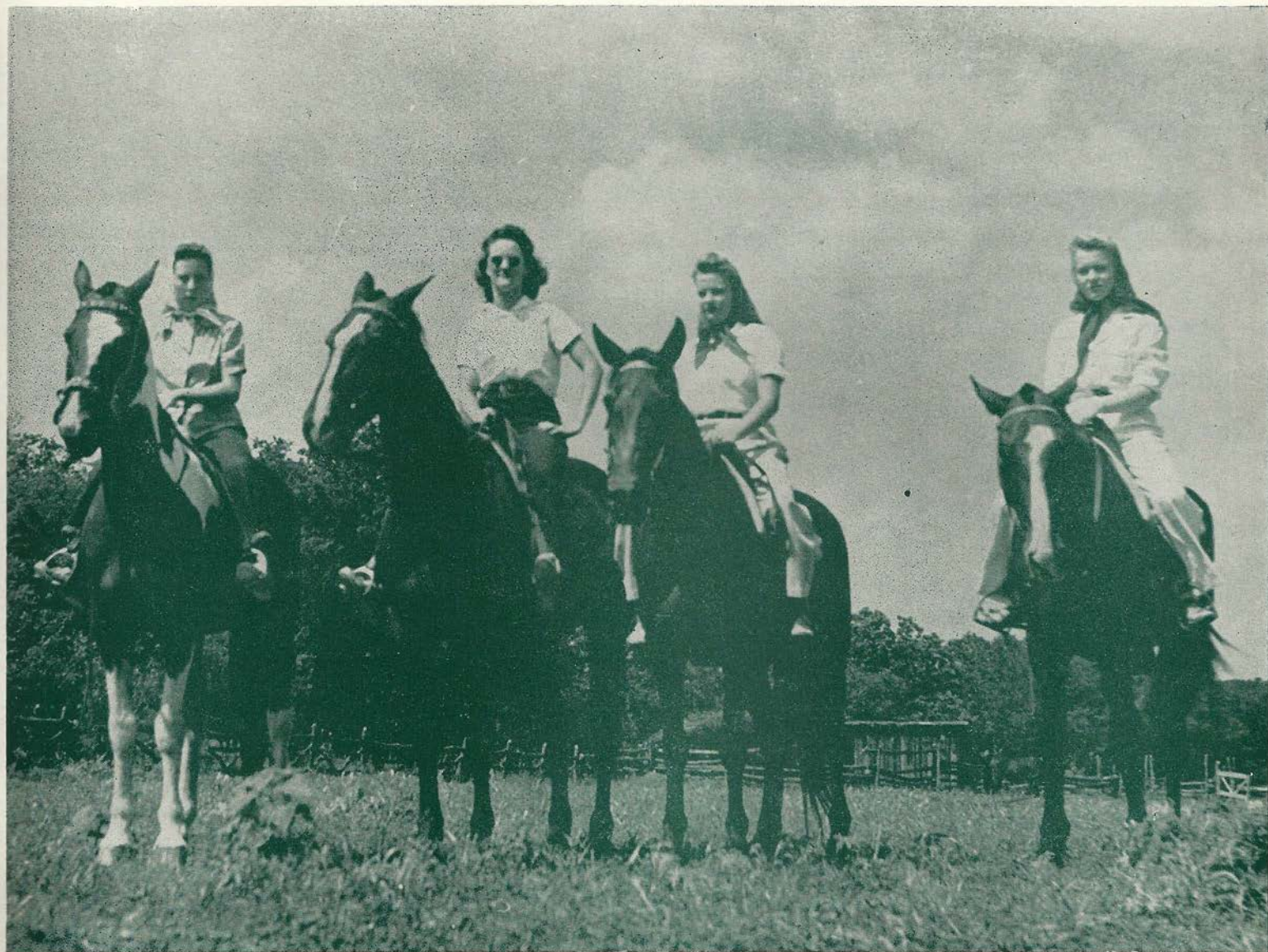


# Camp Waloa

Wimberley, Texas

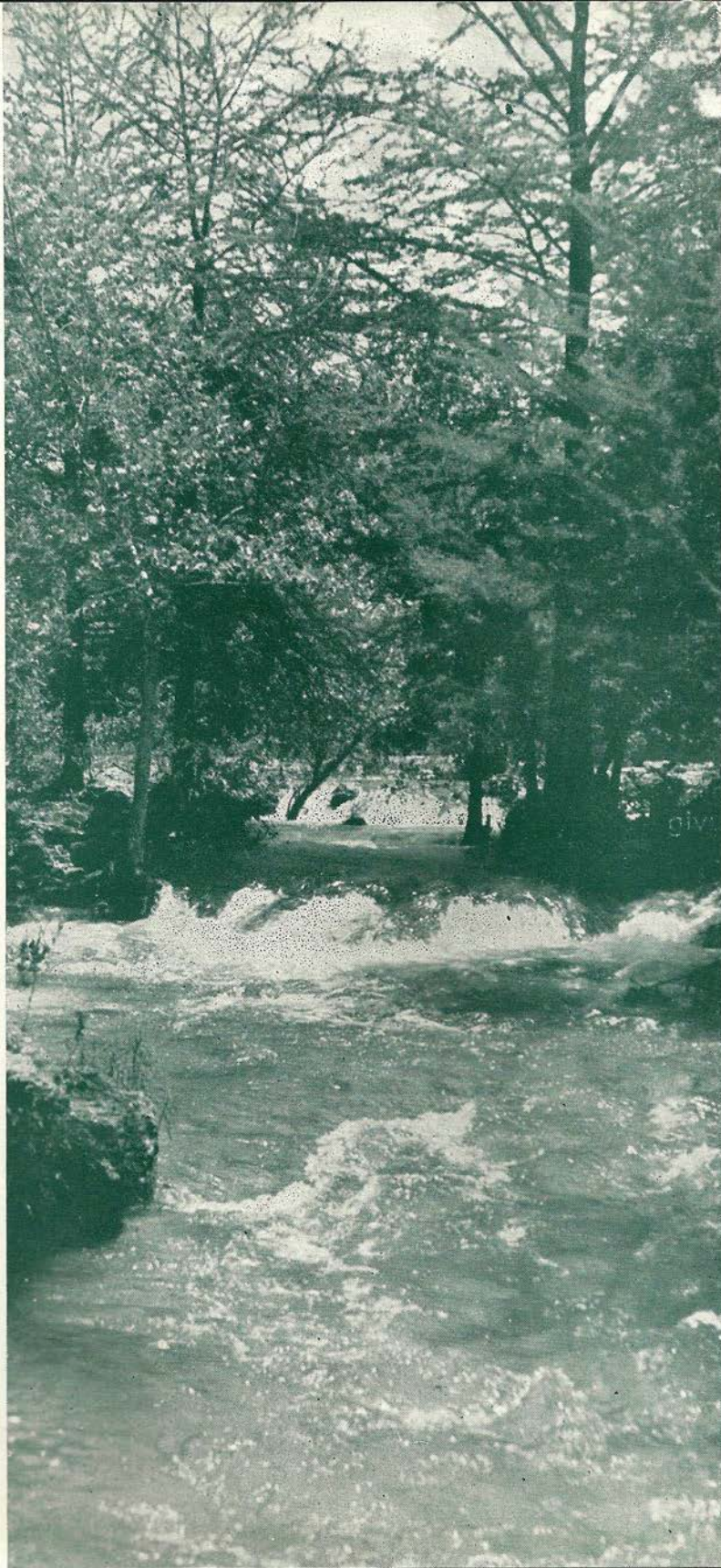


A Summer Camp for Girls, Ages 7-15

Directed by MRS. SARAH PENN HARRIS

Winter Address, 3109 Grandview, Austin, Texas





### CAMP WALOA CAMPSITE

In the foothills of the West Texas ranch country near the picturesque village of Wimberley, there flows the remarkably beautiful Cypress Creek. There are many creeks by the same name, but none so entrancing as the one which flows from the famous big spring Jacob's Well. For a few miles before it flows into the Blanco River, its sparkling clear and cool spring water transforms the dry, sunny, hill country into a fairyland of woodsy shade, immense Cypress trees, lacy ferns, waterfalls and long quiet pools. It is no wonder that Camp Waloa was established there on the banks of Cypress Creek, so that young people may enjoy the varied beauty so abundantly provided by nature. The camp grounds extend for one-half mile along Cypress Creek, and include two pools, a waterfall (shown in the picture) and a low water dam. Beautiful ranches extend for many miles in every direction. An invigorating climate, with sunny days and cool nights, helps make this spot the ideal vacation land for active young people. Camp Waloa was established at this location in 1938, and is owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Harris of Austin, Texas.





MRS. SARAH PENN HARRIS

Mrs. Sarah Penn Harris is in complete charge of the organization, personnel, and activities of Camp Waloa. For eleven years she taught the childrens' swimming classes each summer at the University of Texas. She has conducted her private classes in swimming, and maintained a studio for the instruction of young people in ballroom, folk and cowboy dancing in Austin, Texas for many years before taking over the directorship of Camp Waloa. She personally selects the counselors for the Camp from among undergraduates and graduates of colleges who have special aptitude and interest in leadership, outdoor sports, and crafts.

It is the director's conviction that the summer camp, properly planned and supervised, can be of immeasurable value in the development of the health, character, and personality of young people. Therefore, the chief aims of

Camp Waloa are to build up a reserve of health and vitality that will serve each child well during the following school year, and to develop a keen sense of competence, resourcefulness, and responsibility in each individual. Aiming also to encourage a lasting love of sports and outdoor living for their own sake, competition, with its resultant overstrain and disappointment, is carefully avoided. The individual happiness and needs of each camper are matters of prime importance.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN  
AUSTIN 12

March 27, 1944.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mrs. Sarah Penn Harris has taught with me for many years and I am always happy to have the occasion to recommend her as a teacher, counsellor and friend of young people.

Mrs. Harris has unusual ability in handling groups of young boys and girls. She has splendid control and an intelligent one. I have never heard her raise her voice in giving directions, nor speak abruptly to any one. She always has in mind the interests of the group as a whole, but never fails to be thoroughly conscious of each individual in the group. She has a charm of manner and an enthusiastic spirit at all times and she is kind, encouraging, and always cheerful and happy with everyone. She is truly loved by her pupils and has the ability to develop within them independence, initiative and imagination.

She has a real love of people and especially of young people and I consider any boy or girl very privileged if he or she has the opportunity to be under her influence and leadership.

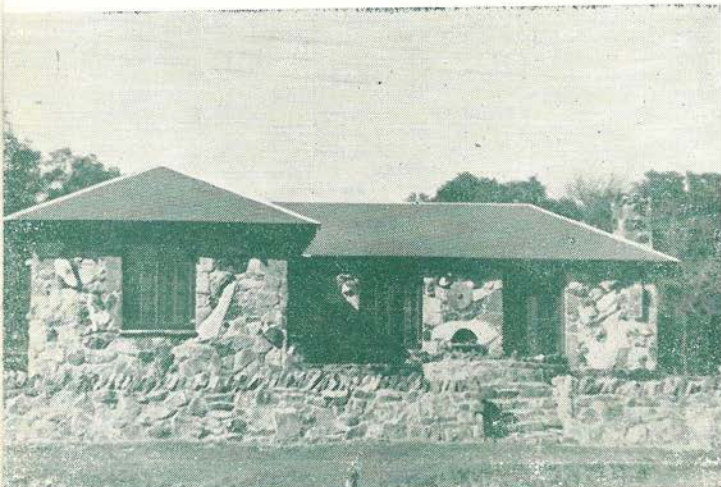
I shall be happy to give any further information requested concerning Mrs. Harris, her personality and abilities.

Very truly yours,

*Anna Hiss*

Anna Hiss  
Director, Department of Physical  
Training for Women





## MAIN BUILDINGS

The buildings of Camp Waloa were planned and located to meet the needs they now serve. The camp is fortunate in possessing ample building space on a high bank well above flood level, so that each building is adjacent to and overlooks the waterfront. The presence of centuries-old cypress trees and numerous shade trees, together with the deep blue, crystal clear water provide a surrounding that one never tires of. The first two pictures on this page are views of Waloa Lodge. Here are located the directors office and the camp library. One wing of the building is set aside for a hospital, and a well equipped first aid dispensary is maintained. The third view is of the dining hall. Here meals are carefully planned by an experienced dietician. Emphasis is placed on easily digested, well balanced meals. Pasteurized milk and dairy products are used. Separate tables are provided for overweight and underweight campers, and serious attention is given to encouraging proper food habits and tastes.

A drilled and cased deep artesian well supplies water to all camp buildings. Water is tested and approved by the State Health Department. Cemented flagstone walks connect all buildings, and stone steps lead down to the swimming pool and docks.

## RECREATION AND INSTRUCTION

The rustic covered pavilion is the recreation center of camp. It is equipped with electric phonograph, organ, ping pong and other table games. Sing-songs, Sunday services, plays, are conducted here. Valuable class instruction is given each camper in folk dancing, cowboy and ballroom dancing. The group dancing at the pavilion is so popular that all campers have enthusiastically taken part. Work benches and tools are also located here for woodworking, pottery making, and other handicraft projects.

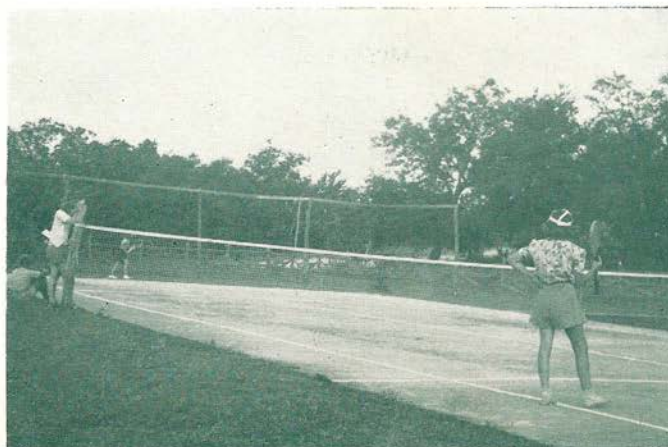
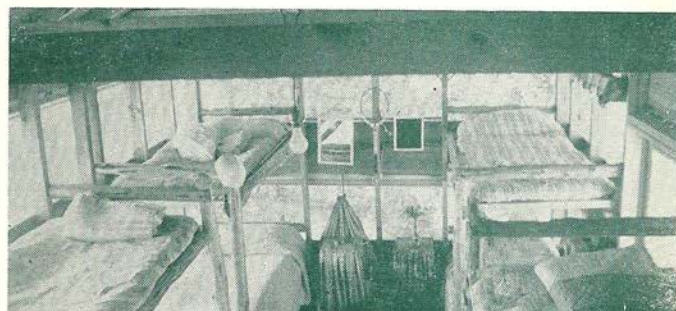


## ORGANIZED CABIN GROUPS

The living quarters of campers are divided into cabin groups of like age and interest and experienced counselors are in charge of each group. Cabins are equipped with single beds, mattresses, electric light, shower, toilet and lavatory. Care of cabins is the group's responsibility. Here many youngsters for the first time learn to be self reliant in taking care of their clothes and personal belongings. Daily inspections and awards stimulate pride in neatness. This group life designed entirely for them is a new experience to campers and parents do notice a decided improvement in their children after camp attendance. Self-confidence and self esteem, so necessary to a happy and successful existence, is developed. The child grows mentally and physically under the stimulus of camp life. It is this fact that suggested the name Waloa for the camp, an Indian word meaning growth.

## SWIMMING AND WATER SPORTS

The Waloa swimming pool has been described and you will find many pictures of it in this book. Eleven o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon are swim hours for everyone. So far all beginners have learned to swim in a few weeks time. Advanced swimmers work to perfect their swimming stroke, or improve







diving form, and go in for distance swimming. Splendid deep water and shallow water pools are provided. The entire camp staff is on duty to lifeguard the pool, and the buddy system is used to keep tab on every swimmer. Swimming is the most popular sport, and there is no better exercise for developing a well proportioned physique.

Every camper learns to handle a canoe and to row a boat under an instructor's direction. All campers have demonstrated great interest in these sports.

### **RIDING**

Horseback riding is taught in the early morning hours. After the riders have learned to handle their horses and keep their seats, long rides on beautiful ranch trails are scheduled morning and evening.

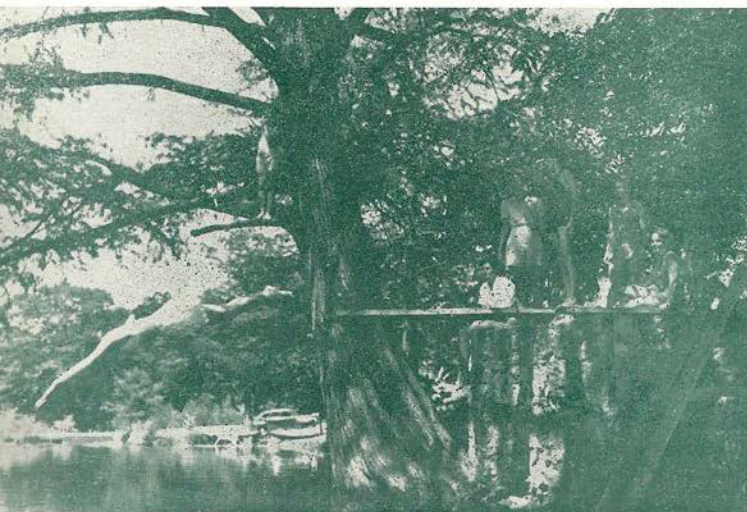
### **MINOR SPORTS**

Tennis, badminton, and archery are offered to all interested in these sports. A concrete tennis court, racquets and balls for the use of those who do not have their own, a shady turf badminton court, bows, arrows, targets, are provided. Other activities include fishing, casting, handcrafts, sketching, photography and nature study.

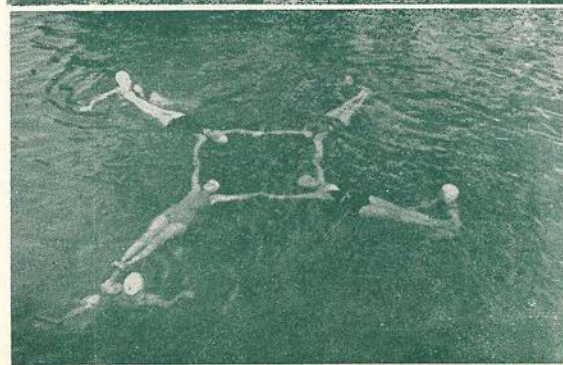
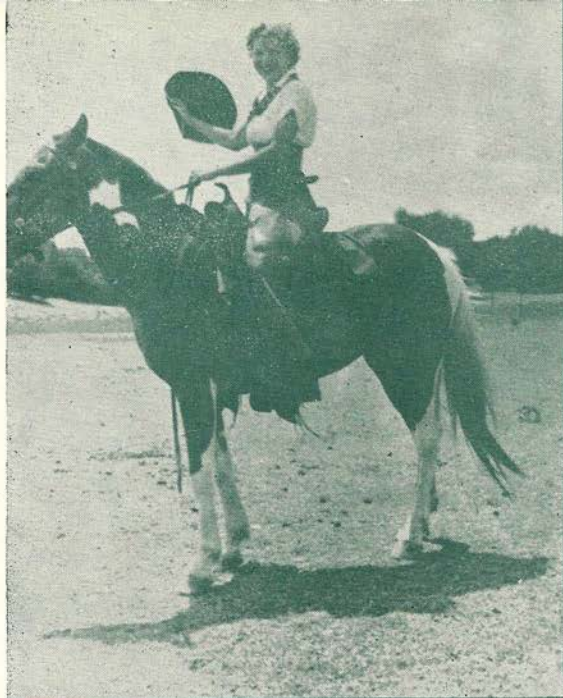
### **REST**

Rest and relaxation are parts of the daily program, and strenuous activities are alternated with less active ones to make a well balanced schedule.

Sundays are devoted to rest and play,



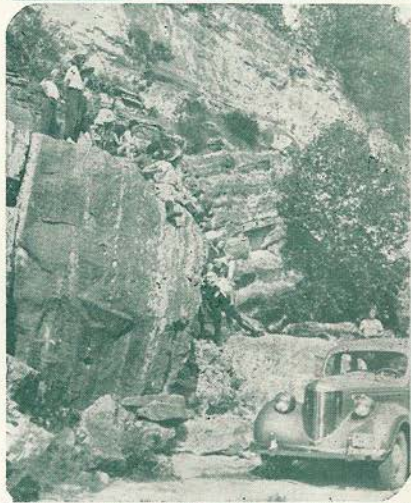




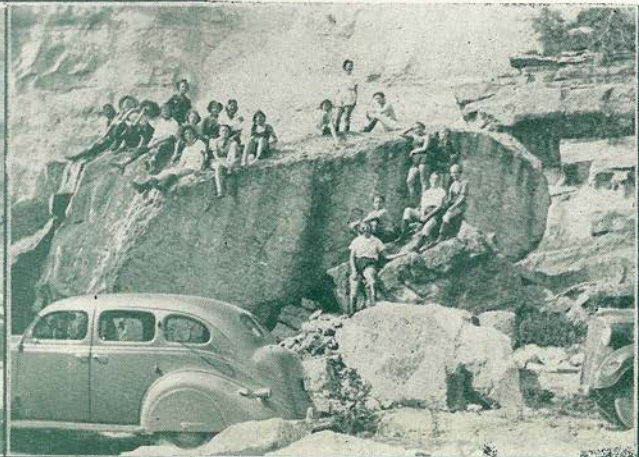
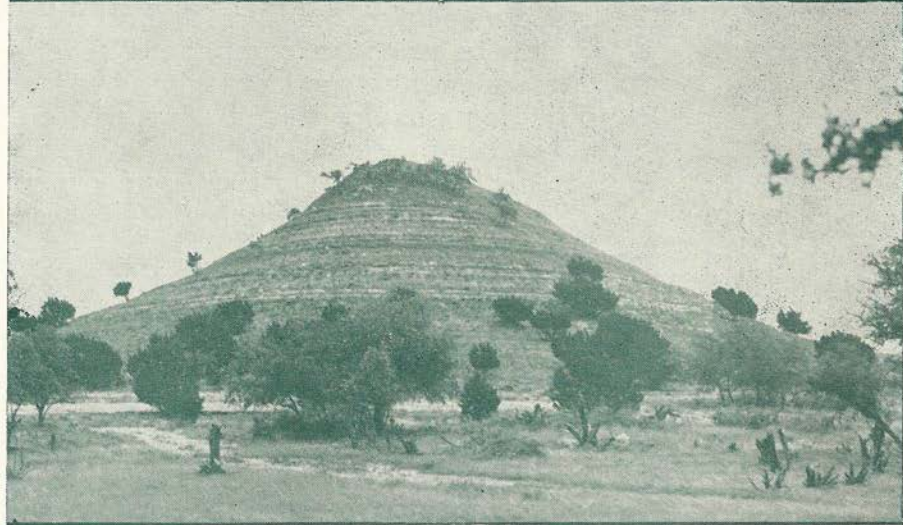
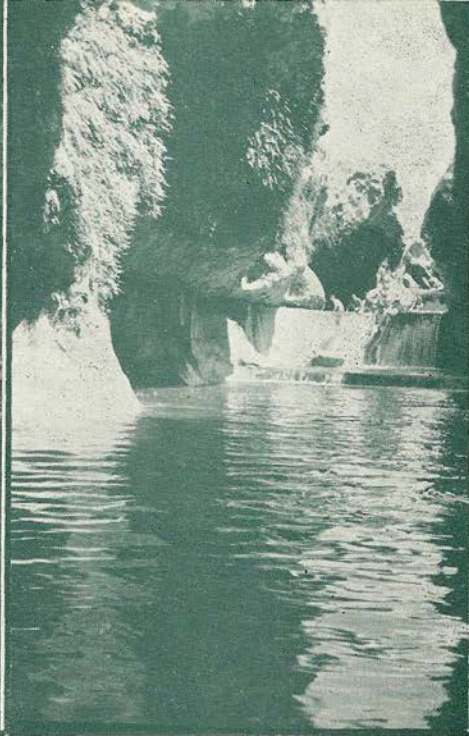
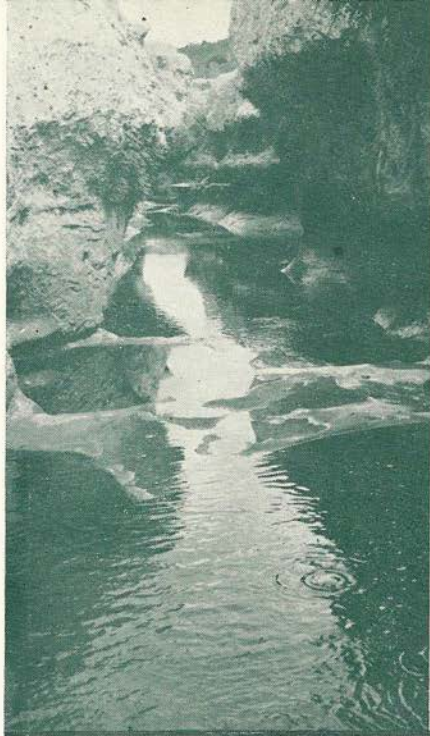
# SPORTS















reading, letter writing, and music. Sunday is Visitor's Day; however, visitors are welcomed at any time. Parents and friends may make reservations for meals at the camp. A hotel and cafe are nearby, and summer cottages are available.

### **SCENIC SURROUNDINGS**

Many unusual, picturesque and beautiful places are to be found within an hour's driving distance by car and station wagon, and trips are regularly scheduled



for visits to as many of these interesting places as possible.

Rodeos are frequent in the ranch country near Wimberley, and everyone who wishes to attend has an opportunity to see one or more.

### **CARE OF CAMPERS**

Counselors are required to report the slightest illness to the director, and the child is moved to a camp hospital room where a nurse can render better care and observation. Should anything more than a minor temporary illness develop, parents will be promptly notified. Typhoid immunization before camp season begins is recommended.

### **INQUIRIES**

Camp session dates, rates, and a list of articles to bring to camp are printed on separate leaflets and are either attached to the last page of this catalog, or may be had by communicating with the director at the Austin address. During summer months address inquiries to Wimberley, Texas.

### **HOW TO REACH CAMP WALOA**

**BY HIGHWAY:** From U. S. Highway 81 (San Antonio to Austin) turn West at San Marcos and follow Ranch Highway 12 to Wimberley. Pavement stops at Camp entrance. From U. S. Highway 290 (Austin to Fredericksburg) turn South on Wimberley road (graveled) at Dripping Springs. Camp Waloa is 15 miles from San Marcos, 45 miles from Austin, 65 miles from San Antonio. Nearest railroad and bus station is San Marcos, and Camp Station Wagon will meet campers there by pre-arrangement.

**BY TELEPHONE:** Ask for individual at Camp Waloa.

**BY MAIL:** Address Camp Waloa, Wimberley, Texas.



Come where shady cypress trees  
Arching over a crystal pool  
Murmur in the cooling breeze,  
Perfect antidote for school!

Who loves campfires, glowing,  
After happy hikes are done?  
Loves canoeing, or just rowing,  
Over water gently flowing?  
Are you friendly, full of fun?

Will you join us, by and by,  
In this world of trees and sky?  
Making music, making friends,  
Breathing peace that nature sends,  
Early dawns and starry nights,  
Restful hours and keen delights,  
Laughter, rivalry and play  
Every hour of every day,  
Yours to keep and take away.

