

Lake communities 'uptight' about coming pop festival

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A realization that little Lewisville and the lake cabin communities just across the Dallas County line are to become Hip City for the three-day Labor Day weekend has raised visions of Woodstock to many in this area.

Organizers of the Texas International Pop Festival say gates will be shut down "if it gets too crowded." About 150,000 young music lovers are expected, a number which the free campgrounds nearby can accommodate.

The Woodstock Music and Arts Fair in upstate New York Aug. 15-17 was not a success, from the promoters' standpoint. After the first 150,000 arrived only those with advance tickets still were paying to get in. The crowd was estimated at 450,000.

Pop festivals no longer carry the imprimatur of official hippiedom. Liberation News Service, observing from New York the upcoming happening in Lewisville, has some quite harsh things to say about their

they have torn down fences to provide free access for everybody," is the observation.

"Festival Field" at the newly opened International Motor Speedway on IH 35 just south of Lewisville will be the scene, with shows beginning daily at 4 p.m.

State-owned campgrounds at nearby Garza Little Elm Lake will be open, as will parklands around Lewisville Lake.

Dallas County residents quite naturally are asking if there will be drugs. Almost anyone, if honest, has to answer, sure there will be. (LNS remarks that craft booths on the site "just might be bivouac head (narcotics) shops, and just might be craft booths.")

However, there will also be a full law enforcement force from Denton County and Lewisville Police, as well as an army of 140 men in uniform, hired by the festival.

It is sponsored by "the people who brought you the July Fourth Atlanta Pop Festival," according to the abundant handbills in circulation around

caused much of the hardship at Woodstock: rain.

There is supposed to be enough water, rest rooms and available food. Caterers will be barred from the state campgrounds. But there are grocery stores, and hamburgers at innumerable fishermen's short order counters.

An Irving store is offering a "Pop Festival Special," a propane cooking stove at a reduced price.

Big names—big at least to any home with a student beyond the fourth grade in it—scheduled include Canned Heat, James Cotton, Janis Joplin, B. B. King, Spirit, Led Zeppelin, Bonnie and Friends, and others. Ask any teenager for the complete list.

Showco and the Atlanta Pop People have, of course, made prodigious preparations for massive light effects and sound amplification.

("There's no guarantee that genuineness and good vibrations are directly proportionate to long green. The profit

backers in dispatches read in Dallas County.

"Rich investors," it calls them, "who get richer by commercially packing and selling back our subculture to us at outrageous prices."

Tickets this weekend are the same as Woodstock, \$6 a day in advance or \$7 at the gate.

LNS declares that many of the subculture are beginning to take the view that "no one has a right to demand big money for music which belongs to the people."

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the country, and Snowco Inc., of Dallas, co-owned by Angus Wynne III.

There's no question but there will be an influx of students from everywhere observing a final big weekend before school resumes.

Dallas County knows better than to fear a repeat of what

our thing, especially our music, which doesn't get better just because somebody starts making money off it," sniffs the Liberation News Service.)

Nevertheless, ticket sales are reported doing well at such straight places as Preston Ticket agencies, and Neiman Marcus.

Daily News seeking opinions of readers

The Daily News today begins a series of public opinion polls on questions of the day. A form for sampling of readers' opinion will appear each Sunday through Wednesday for that week's question.

These forms do not have to be signed, but for statistical purposes in compiling the results, we are asking for an in-

dication of age, sex and occupation. The form may be mailed to the Grand Prairie Daily News, P.O. Box 1289, or brought to the office at 111 E. Main.

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