

# Labor Day weekend

## Lake communities are 'uptight' about 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 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."

But it is not suggested that the festival be boycotted.

"An increasing number of rock festival goers have begun to storm the bottlenecks where tickets are taken, or they have torn down fences to provide free access for everybody," is the observation.

"Festival Field" at the newly opened

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 motive, man, is robbing us of 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.

### Williams rites

### held Saturday

Funeral services for Leroy Williams, 54, of 732 N. Nursery Rd., were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Colonial Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Old Kitt Cemetery.

Williams died Thursday evening in route to a local hospital. He was born in Irving and had been a lifetime resident.

The deceased was a self-employed painter. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army.



international motor speedway on its way 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 parents 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 bevoac 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 the country, and Showco 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 caused much of the hardship at Woodstock: rain

Rickie, and one daughter, Ella, all of Irving; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Dycus of Irving and Mrs. Dara Estep of Dallas; five brothers, Floyd, Henry and Frank Williams, all of Irving, George Williams of Grapevine, and Arch Williams of Medina, Okla.

## Lofty talent

LONDON (UPI) — Patrick Mackenton had the distinction of singing at famous Royal Albert Hall for more than a month — never drawing applause.

But that all changed Thursday when the afternoon audience literally lined up in the street to cheer his performance.

Patrick, a stone-cleaner at the hall, was standing on the hall's roof and singing. Previously he only performed while working alone in the basement.

The crowd leaving the regular concert stood outside the hall and applauded Patrick for 15 minutes.

## Dog bitten

MUSKEGON, Mich. (UPI) — Howard Peterson decided to give his pet alligator Snap to a zoo Thursday after Snap escaped from his master for 48 hours.

While Snap was AWOL he bit a neighbor's dog.