

Willie Nelson's picnic to be at Liberty Hill

Looking for an unforgettable time on the Fourth? Then head for Liberty Hill.

Situated in the Texas Hill Country, Liberty Hill has been chosen as the site for the nation's largest annual music event, the Third Annual Willie Nelson Fourth of July Picnic.

This year Willie has acquired 520 acres of wooded land on the banks of the South San Gabriel River. A huge sloping meadow will give everyone a clear view of what's happening on the stage. Eighty acres will be reserved for parking.

Sanctuary from the Texas July sun can be gained by going to the woods or taking a dip in the river or either one of the two lakes located on the picnic grounds.

Performers at this year's Picnic are to include Willie and his Family, the Pointer Sisters, Kris Kristofferson, Rita Coolidge, the Charlie Daniels Band, Doug Sahm, Billy C. David Allen Coe, Milton Carroll, Johnny Bush, Billy Swan, Alex Harvey, Floyd Tillman, Donnie Fritts and Delbert McClinton. As at all Willie Nelson performances a few artists will probably appear unannounced.

The first Dripping Springs Picnic drew 50,000 fans and the College Station crowd estimates for last year's three-day affair ran as high as 100,000. The estimates for this year's crowd range from 20,000 to 60,000.

Willie has thought of everything this year. There will be arts and crafts shows and interludes while performers are setting up. Entertainment will also be provided by audio-visual displays.

According to the promoters, one

man will dive fifty feet and land on a wet sponge.

Tickets are \$7.50 at the gate and include parking and camping. Site-side camping will be allowed from 6 p.m. July 3 until noon July 5. Restroom and water facilities will be available inside the picnic area. There will be a complete food and beverage concession.

Liberty Hill is 30 miles north of Austin. From Austin take Highway 183 north and then west on Hwy. 29 to the picnic site.

House approves bill for energy research

WASHINGTON — The House has authorized \$4.6 billion for energy research and development projects aimed at making the United States energy self-sufficient by the year 2000.

Rep. Olin E. Teague, D-Tex., chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee and sponsor of the non-nuclear portion of the bill, said, "This is one of the most

significant and tangible strides we've made thus far in our efforts to become energy independent.

"Conservation, alone, can never solve our problem," Teague said. "We must use technology, in conjunction with conservation, to stretch available supplies and to find new ways to run our cars and heat our homes before the old sources run out. This bill does today what should have been done 10 or 15 years ago."

The measure (HR3474) devotes approximately \$1.4 billion to non-nuclear projects and \$1.3 billion to nuclear research and development. It is the first authorization for the newly created Energy Research and Development Administration. It also is the first time the Science and Technology Committee, with its newly expanded energy research and development responsibilities, has worked on legislation with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

The bill is expected to pass the Senate with relative ease and in essentially the same form that House members approved June 21 on a vote of 317 to 9.

The Science and Technology Committee doubled the Administration request of \$70 million. Another \$50 million was added to the item on the House floor, providing a total solar energy budget of \$193,700,000.

Also included in the House authorizations are \$423 million for fossil energy; \$56 million for geothermal research; \$134 million for conservation and \$197 million for biomedical and environmental research.

In addition, the bill authorizes \$5 million for the creation of a scientific and technological education program similar to the existing Agricultural Extension Service.

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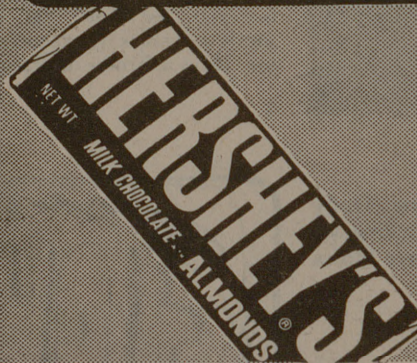
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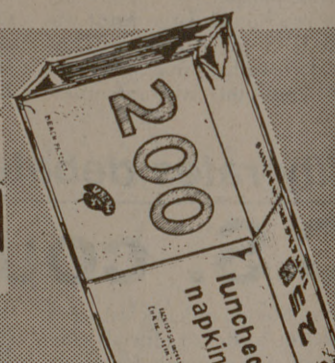
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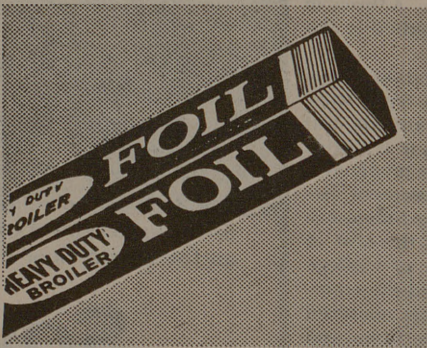
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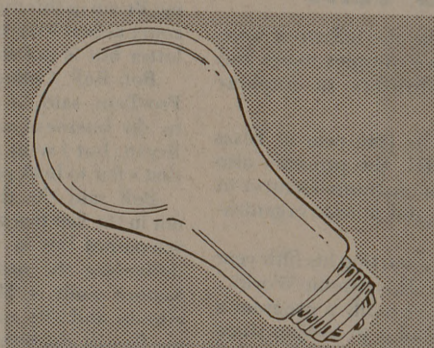
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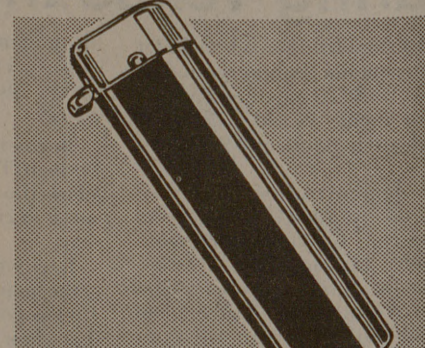
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