



No more July 4 picnics

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — Country music singer Willie Nelson says he will sponsor no more outdoor picnics.

"It's just too big a hassle," Nelson said before his performance Wednesday night at a nightclub in Hefley.

"I lost money on the Gonzales concert," he said in reference to the July 4 weekend event. "Keep in

mind that I don't hold them to make money, but I sure don't hold them to lose money."

"The main reason I hold them (the concerts) is to let people get together and have a good time," Nelson said.

"No more," he said, "until the legal hassle is gone. It's not worth the strain."

Nelson did not disclose how much money he has lost on music concerts he has given.

Abbott appointed to panel

Dr. John Paul Abbott, professor emeritus of English at Texas A&M University, has been appointed to a four-year term on the literary advisory panel of the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Abbott's term, through June of 1980, was announced by Rev. George S. Heyer Jr. of Austin, chairman.

The 11-member panel reviews projects submitted for TCAH fund-

ing and makes recommendations to the grants committee of the commission.

One of Abbott's panel colleagues is writer John Graves, who created the text of "Texas Heartland: A Hill Country Year," published last year by the Texas A&M Press.

Abbott received professor emeritus status with Texas A&M in 1972, first joining the faculty in 1926.

News sparks investigation of Martin Luther King death

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The information that seems about to launch a congressional inquiry into the murder of Martin Luther King includes allegations involving the removal of a black policeman and two firemen from their posts in Memphis shortly before King's death.

The information, first aired in 1968, was presented last month to King's widow and to members of the Congressional Black Caucus by Academy Award winning screenwriter Abby Mann and by assassination critic Mark Lane.

Delegate William Fauntroy, (D-D.C.), confirmed that Lane and Mann were the source of the "new" information, and a member of the Black Congressional Caucus, who declined to be identified, acknowledged that this same information was instrumental in persuading the House leadership to back the resolution creating a new committee to investigate King's and President John F. Kennedy's deaths.

The House is scheduled to take up the resolution today, and supporters claim they have enough votes for passage.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing, (D-Va.), was quoted Wednesday as saying that it was a push by Black Caucus members because of "new information" they say they have received which persuaded the powerful Rules Committee to clear the resolution for floor action.

Although this information has

been in the public domain since 1968, it appeared that at least some of it had never been investigated by the FBI.

As described by Lane and Mann in separate telephone interviews Thursday, the information involves a black Memphis police sergeant named Edward E. Redditt, who was in charge of security for King on April 4, 1968.

At 4 p.m. that afternoon Redditt was ordered by Memphis Fire and Police Director Frank C. Holloman to go home because a threat had been made against his life. Redditt returned home where he heard the news of King's death on the radio.

King was shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the crime and currently is serving a 99-year prison term.

The second piece of information described by Lane and Mann involves the transfer of two black firemen assigned to a fire station located directly across from the Lorraine.

Lane implied that Holloman had authority over the fire department as well as the police department and therefore could have been responsible for both personnel switches.

Before taking the Memphis post, Holloman was a 25-year-veteran of the FBI, including a stint as an inspector in the office of then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Maxine Smith, executive secretary of the Memphis NAACP, said both incidents had been "general knowledge" since shortly after King's death. However, she said she felt federal authorities had "glossed over" these incidents in their investigation of King's murder.

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4 Unpretentious
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