

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 1, 1985 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



§ Bottom Row Left to Right: Tonya Moreno, Melannie Baker, Betsy Jo Hellums, Brandi Watts, Kristi Smith.

§ Top Row Left to Right: Jerry Holmes, Coach, Lisa Fenton,

Brandy Fenton, Michelle Ingram, Belinda Moreno, Sheena Holmes, Dayna Doan, Becky Holmes, Manager. Not pictured are Paula Whiteaker, Jayma Goldsmith, Joy Smith, Chaperone and Ted Holmes Assistant Coach.

M & T All-Stars 3rd

M & T Softball girls wish to express their appreciation to the businesses who sponsored teams this season which include, Dubose, Texaco, Cummins Supply, Carter Insurance, McInch Transport, Merkel Brick and Lumber, Clark CPA, Beasley Garage, T-Tops, Shirts and More, Hicks Auto, P&L Auto, Tye Concrete, Ben Franklin, and Raymond's Texaco. We also wish to express our gratitude for cash contributions from Childers Bail Bonds, Ted McInch and VFW

Post. We appreciate all the support given us during our candy and donut sales and our benefit softball tournaments. All of the above made it possible to take Div. I and Div. II All-Stars to the East Regional Tournament in Mt. Vernon.

Out of 6 teams, Div. I All-Stars came in 3rd Place with 3 losses and 2 wins. Heather Henderson and Sherry Clark received all-tournament trophies. Out of 7

teams, Div. II All-Stars came in 3rd place with 3 wins and only 1 loss. Mt. Vernon and Sweetwater came in 1st and 2nd place with each team having 2 losses and 3 wins. Brandi Watts and Betsy Jo Hellums received All-Tournament Trophies. Div. II All-Stars received the Sportsmanship Trophy. In Div. II's third game, Betsy Jo Hellums pitched a shut-out game against Albany with the score being Merkel 12 and Albany 0. She was given the game ball.

Lang resigns as Middle School principal here

MISD hired Robert Damron, an assistant high school football coach here last year, to be the new principal of Merkel Middle School.

The board took that action at an emergency meeting Monday night when they accepted the resignation of Eddie Lang, who was recently hired at Wylie High School as a coach. Lang came here in 1979 as head football coach and athletic director and had been principal at Merkel Middle School for the past two years.

Also, last Tuesday at their regular board meeting, MISD accepted two resignations and hired six teachers.

Resignations were accepted from Jill Casey and Celeste Smelser. They also hired Paige Zeinert at Merkel Elementary; Lori Earles at Merkel Elementary; Kathy Banks at Tye Elementary and Kathy Choate at Merkel Elementary; Debra Hardy

at Merkel High and Brenda Schrader as a middle school coach.

Board members will start working on the 1985-86 school budget with a planning and strategy session Saturday at the Royal Inn in Abilene starting at noon.

The problem facing school board members this year is almost \$2 million in taxable evaluation less than the 1984 total taxable value. Increases in new value in 1984 were offset by \$10 million less taxable value in mineral and oil values.

According to figures released last week from the Central Appraisal Office, MISD's total taxable value is \$171,923,072.

The total real estate value was set at \$169,504,258. Taken off the top were \$65,574,248 in agriculture values, \$9,742,988 in homestead exemptions and \$140,319 in disabled veterans' exemptions.

The net real estate value is

\$94,046,723; personal property is valued at \$48,020,135 and the mineral value was set at \$29,856,214.

Also, tax value lost on homestead exemptions because of frozen taxes for those over age 65 was \$5,523,703. New value over the 1984 certified values was set at \$7,451,096.

According to preliminary values provided by the Appraisal District says MISD's tax rate would be \$1.04 per \$100 compared to the 1984 tax rate of 98 cents. MISD superintendent Bill Everett told **The Mail** Monday "We don't know what the tax rate will be this year but according to the Appraisal District, we will have to charge \$1.04 just to generate the same amount of money we spent last year."

Board members will start their budget decision making process Saturday and public hearings will be held in late August.

MHS cheerleaders rate superior

The Merkel High School Varsity Cheerleaders had a very successful week at Cheerleading camp in Stephenville. The squad received 3 superior ratings and 1 excellent rating.

They also won the spirit stick 3 nights out of 4, which entitled them to bring it back to Merkel High School. The spirit stick is award to squads that perform with

enthusiasm and school spirit.

The squad also received a certificate showing them as a squad with superior ratings from the National Cheerleaders Association.

Sign up for Church of Christ Tuesday-Thursday school for children ages 3-5

MOMS- It's time to sign up your pre-schoolers, ages 3-5, for a great learning experience at the Merkel Church of Christ on Tuesdays or

Thursdays or both days. Besides having lots of fun, we have great classes in Bible, art, numbers, colors, alphabet, man-

ners, etc. to help prepare your child for kindergarten, or just to give Mother a "Day Out". For further information call Bernice at 928-5176.

7 inches of rain in a week, MISD money woes ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Seven inches of rain in one week in July... here?

Yessir, it's a fact. Tuesday's downpour was something else.

I had to drive to Anson by way of Abilene last Tuesday to get the paper printed because of high water on the Farm to Market roads between here and Anson but what a welcome sight it was for local farmers.

It helps insure the local grain crops which should be ready to cut in the next couple of weeks, as well as gives a good middle season boost to King Cotton locally.

It also insures a good water supply at Lake Fort Phantom, which has been hard to come by in recent years.

Congratulations are in order for Candice Henslee of Merkel who placed 6th in the State 4-H barrel races held at the Taylor County Coliseum last weekend.

MISD board members will start working on the 1985-86 school year budget at the first round of budget meetings set Saturday at the Royal Inn in Abilene.

MISD board members are faced with a couple of budgetary problems, and of all things, a major part of those problems are being caused in a declining taxable value of oil and gas revenues.

MISD lost almost \$10 million in mineral evaluations over 1984 taxable value.

The bottom line is the same it has been for the past couple of tax years.

MISD, with an ever growing student population, and a taxable value that has dropped each year for the past three school years, is putting a squeeze on local taxpayers and believe me, MISD superintendent Bill Everett is well aware of the problems.

It looks like, I repeat looks like, MISD taxpayers will be looking at a tax rate of about \$1.04, up six cents from last year.

The reasons are simple. With less taxable evaluation, there are fewer places for tax monies to be generated. I realize this is like telling you something you already know, but the burden comes down to you and I.

I spoke with Bill Monday and he had a few good points to make concerning local taxes.

He told me "We haven't raised taxes at MISD since I have been here, which is true.

It is also true you are paying a heck of a lot more money in school taxes.

How can both be facts? Well, you have to keep in mind two basic facts.

The cost of running schools has not and will not go down, especially with new budgetary pressures applied by further implementations of House Bill 72. One of the intents of the bill was to take some of the financial burdens off the state and place them on local taxpayers. Besides all of that, no reasonable person can believe costs of running a business, or a school are going to go down, especially when student populations continue to increase more than 100 students per year.

The other inescapable fact is that MISD's taxable evaluations are not keeping pace with the cost of running the schools. With a \$10 million decline of value in one year in oil and gas evaluations, the burden must be made up on the backs of local taxpayers.

Things are tough here but they could have been a lot worse. MISD started planning for increased costs of running a school about three years ago, on the good advice of Everett that things were about to change in the cost of running schools in this state.

MISD started planning on needing more teachers, more classroom space, more classes that would be required.

There are lots of school districts in this area that are just now trying to cope with some of the increased responsibilities placed on local school districts and they are going through, or about to go through rough times.

I think most people that keep an eye on MISD will agree that the education of our children has improved over the past couple of years.

And we still have another problem looking at MISD we all know is there but no one seems to know what to do about it. Classroom space and some aging facilities.

Sure, additions are being made to Merkel Elementary right now but the space that is being added was needed two years ago and every square inch of Merkel Elementary school will be used come September. In other words, we are not gaining any space, just building what was needed a couple of years ago.

There is not one person connected with MISD that could give you a good estimate on how many students we will be teaching next month. If current growth patterns continue, we will be looking at between 100 and 150 new, permanent students, broken down to classrooms, that is six rooms and we simply do not have that kind of space.

We have no idea on what impact the B-1 Bomber will have on Tye Elementary, but it could easily be very dramatic and we won't know those numbers until they arrive. Sure, we will get by this year with the space we have, next year is a different story.

I'd like to add some personal comments to Eddie Lang's departure from MISD.

I knew, in my heart, when MISD announced that a new track coach would take over this season, that Eddie wouldn't stay long here as principal at Merkel Middle School. He has too much sports in his heart for that.

Eddie did a good job as track coach here, in fact, besides Pat Pennick's back to back district championships in girls basketball in 1978 and 79, he has been the most successful coach in MISD sports in 10 years.

He suffered through three rough years as head football coach and athletic director here and believe me, it wasn't easy for him.

But, when I went to talk about last week's game during those three years, Eddie never made excuses and if the Badgers got thoroughly whipped on Friday night, that's just what he would tell you. He was always very cooperative with me and always acted like he was glad to see me and to talk to me, whether he was or not and folks like that are few and far between these days.

I'd like to wish him and his family worlds of success at Wylie and I just hope he doesn't come back too often to haunt us on the gridiron or cinders.

So, you think school is another month away.

Not if you have kids in high school, which I will next month. Band Camp is next Monday through Wednesday, volleyball and football practices will start the next week and then fall's mad rush of activities will be right behind.

The Texas Teenage Baseball playoffs here last weekend went well according to Dale Hammond.

He told me Monday Merkel scared the heck out of Odessa, who came from behind to nip the Merkel team 3-2 and went on to

win the tournament.

Speaking of Dale, he was to undergo "balloon surgery" for a blocked artery in his heart early Wednesday morning and if that surgery was not successful, was to have a bypass performed.

Bearing that in mind, get ready for a couple of hospital cartoons when he's feeling well enough to do some of his masterpieces for **The Mail**.

I can see it now, even Lightning will probably turn his nose at the delicacies offered by the hospital.

If you heard some loud sputtering noises around your home early Tuesday morning, it was city manager J. A. Sadler fogging for misquitos.

Whenever you have that much rain in a week, those critters will be everywhere.

We wish Dale a speedy recovery.

The Merkel Golf Association is sponsoring a two man partnership this weekend at the Merkel Golf

Course.

Entry fee is \$100 and more information can be had by calling the golf course.

Merkel sophomore to be Brit Pursley continues to make a name for himself in the pole vaulting community.

He won two state meets recently jumping 14 feet in the TAAF State Meet in Fort Worth and the same height to win the TAC State meet in Houston.

Brit's older brother, Brad was back in the states this week and visited with his parents this weekend. Brad is currently fourth on the European Grand Prix points in the pole vault, won a recent meet in Germany and has gone 18'4" in his best effort this summer in Europe.

Those Pursley's can fly. Brit's dad Phillip told me Tuesday night Brit jumped 16 feet in practice, which is out of sight for a 16 year old.

MHS sets band camp Monday through Wednesday

The Merkel High School Band will be holding their Band Camp at Lueders Baptist Encampment from August 5th through August 7th. All members of the high school band are strongly urged to attend this camp. The buses will be leaving the Band Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5th. The cost of the camp will be \$40.00 per student.

The camp will have a reputable

staff on instructions to aid the band members in getting ready for the 1985-86 marching season. Mr. Bill Woods and Mrs. Cherry Curry will be overseeing the camp. They will be assisted by these sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thomas.

Anyone who has a question about the Band Camp should call Mr. Woods at 676-3475 or Mrs. Curry at 677-4252 after July 31st.

MHS will register Aug. 21-22

Merkel High will begin registering students August 21. Seniors will register from 9 until 9:30 that have last names starting with T - Z; from 9:30 until 10 a.m. for students with last names of A - I and from 10 until 10:30 for students with last names starting with J - S on August 21. Also on August 21, Juniors will register. Students with last names from T - Z will register from 1 until 1:30

p.m.; students with last names starting with A - I from 1:30 until 2 p.m. and students with last names starting with J - S from 2 until 2:30 p.m. Sophomores will register August 22nd. Students with last names starting with T - Z will register from 9 until 9:30 a.m.; A - I from 9:30 until 10 a.m. and students with last names starting with J - S from 10 until 10:30.

Freshmen will also register August 22. Students with last names starting with T - Z will register from 1 until 1:30 p.m.; students with last names from A - I from 1:30 until 2 p.m. and J - S from 2 until 2:30. The school will not allow early registrations but late registrations will be accepted. Students are to report to the entry of the high school building to start the registration process.

Miss Trent pageant set

A Miss Trent pageant will be held in conjunction with the Trent High Homecoming activities this year. Categories have been established from toddlers to high school, male and female divisions in the younger ages. People interested in

entering must be a Trent student, live in Trent or have relatives that attended Trent schools. The pageant will be held Sept. 27th at 8 p.m. in the Trent Gym. The deadline for entries is Sept. 15th and more information can

be obtained by calling John Stevens or Cheri Patterson at 862-6494 or 862-6328. Addresses for former Trent students are also needed. They can be sent to P. O. Box 267 in Trent or you can call the above telephone numbers.



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Caffey-Heath repeat marriage vows

Deborah Ruth Caffey and Kenneth Ralph Heath were married Saturday, July 6, in a double ring ceremony held in Crestview Baptist Church of Midland.

Given in marriage by her father, who officiated, the bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey of Trent. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Malcolm Heath Sr. of Maysville, N.C.

Matron of honor was Lindsay Russell of Big Spring, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Dena Grubb and Janet Nicholson, both of Fort Worth; Terri Lambert and Celeste Rainey, both of Odessa; and Stephanie Roten, niece of the bride, Big Spring.

Angela Roten, niece of the bride, Big Spring, lighted the candles.

The bridegroom's father was best man and groomsmen were Michael Morton of Maysville, N.C.; James Dumas of Midland,

Kevin Green of Smithfield, N.C.; Keith Burwell of Fort Worth and Trevor Roten, nephew of the bride, Big Spring.

Guests were seated by Michael Russell, brother in law of the bride, Big Spring; James Atkins and Ron Wagner of Fort Worth and Ray Davis of Midland.

The bride's personal attendant was Julie Wiseman of Midland. Lynn Millwood was organist and Linda Sellers was pianist with Judy Davis and Paul Wiseman singing.

Honored guest was Mrs. Daisy Caffey, grandmother of the bride, Stanton. Out of town guests were from Maysville, N.C., Lubbock, Fort Worth, Abilene, Houston, and Austin.

Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner in the fellowship hall. The reception was hosted by the parents of the bride was also in the fellowship hall. Serving at the bride's table were

her aunts, Hilda Crain of San Angelo; Noma Winton of Lubbock and Darlene Caffey of Stanton. The groom's table was attended by the adopted mothers of the couple, Nola Worthington and Jessie Sherbert, both of Fort Worth.

Presiding at the guest register was Catherine Walls of Abilene.

The bride graduated from Wai-halla High School in Wai-halla, N.D., received a B.B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Crain of Trent.

A graduate of White Oak High School in Jacksonville, N.C., the bridegroom received a B.A. degree from Campbell University, N.C. and a master's degree in divinity the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently interim pastor of the Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Rockingham, N.C., where the couple living following a wedding trip to San Antonio.



Starr nursing home news

by Mary Wimberly

Sorry haven't had any news lately, been working in our garage with burned things that happened 4 years ago, at last cleaned and painted.

The Catholic Church was here Sunday for services. It was a good service and enjoyed by all.

Delores, our evening L.V.N., is off on a leave of absence, on account of her mother in law had a stroke, which she lives with Delores, then Delores' mother had a severe heart attack and a stroke and still is very critical.

Maudie Page, one of the residents, is in the hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Gaston Pruitt died a few weeks ago and then last week his brother, Walter, who has been a resident for quite a while. He and his wife were in the room across from the Nurses station. She is still there and would like your visits.

J.E. Alexander also died. He is missed by everyone as he was something else. Anyway we loved him.

Seven residents had birthdays this month, Mrs. Clark, A. Funderburg, Ruby Griffen, Sally Horton, Eunice Massy, Neil Turner, L.

Duran. The party was on the 17th and a large crowd attended to help celebrate cake, ice cream and punch was served. Thanks to Ester Carson, who made the beautiful cake. Thank you volunteers for helping.

Pam Roberts, Brenda's daughter, who works in the office is on vacation this week, enjoying the weather some where close to Corpus Christi.

Bingo was the 11th. Everyone always looks forward for Bingo for they all enjoy it. Thanks volunteers for helping.

Joyce Doan, who works in the kitchen is away on vacation, also Mary Palarez, L.V.N. on day shift. She has 3 weeks and she is really missed. Hurry back Mary.

Talked to Larry Gill the other day and they were fixing to go to Nevada for some more college work. We will never get thru missing Larry and Mary and Kids. He seemed like one of our own. They were friends to all. We wish for him success at the College course, he said he would try to come and visit their friends after he gets out of school. They put a lot of hours at the Starr and we still appreciate that.

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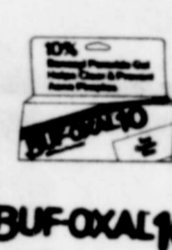
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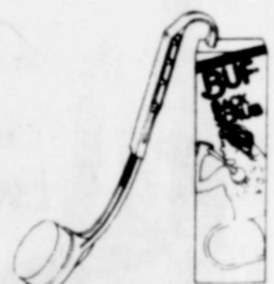
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Butman's hold reunion

Saturday, July 20 friends and descendants of an early day pioneer couple, Sam Butman Sr. and Madge Vaughan Butman met at the Butman Methodist Youth Encampment for their annual get together. 86 registered.

Running in a close race to see who was the oldest member attending were Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. (Lillie) and Lottie Butman Everett. Lottie won with 88 years. Chance Butman, ten month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butman, of Friona, Texas, was the youngest.

A terrific meal was prepared by the Camp staff.

Swimming and visiting were the main attractions of the day and God capped off a perfect day with a good rain.

Attending were visitors, Movis Whiteaker of Abilene, John Waggoner of Merkel, Kasey Bradley, Kayce Ward, Kim Waller, J.C. Crawford, and Margie Crawford of Midland, Texas, Jack Bagby and Bernice Bagby, Merkel.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Merrill, Mica and Megan, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Paik, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Littrell, John Paul, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Harlow, Bill and Jennifer, San

Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell, Roswell, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bodwill, Bobby, Bonnie Jeffrey and Jonathan, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney and Wayne of Floydada; Jerrell Butman, Abilene; Tommy Russum, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butman, Cindy, Gaines and Chance, Friona; Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Swinney and Jeffrey, Abilene; Harold Swinney, Abilene; Margaret Newby and Pete Peterson, Elgin, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butman and Annie, Abilene; Lisa

Wells and Son, Brade, Trent, Misty and Tricia, Fahringer, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Brnovak, Mindy and Mat, Brownfield, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hardy, Abilene. All from Merkel were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swinney, Tammy, Darla, and Manie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Joe Swinney, Mary Russom, Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Riggan and Sunny, Randy Martin, Pat Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Scott.

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Abilene area businesses wishing to participate in the program should notify the local SBA volunteer office (SCORE) by calling (915) 677-1857; Professor Donald Altman, SBI Director at ACU, (915) 677-1911; or Dr. Bill Curtis, SBI Director at HSU (915) 677-7281.



In last week's picture of the Carson's Supers, this player was mis-identified. He is not Cody Casper, he is Cody Carson. We regret the error.

MHS annuals can be picked up Sept 7th

The 1984-85 High School Yearbook will be distributed on Saturday, September 7, 1985 in the High School building between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Harrison reunion set Saturday

The Harrison reunion will be held at the Pleasantville meeting room Sunday, August 3. A covered dish lunch will be served at about 12:30. We would love to have you come and be with us for this occasion. Old friends, as well as new ones, are welcome and are urged to come visit with us.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: MARY D. HALE, M. R. ROBERTS, H. M. HARKRIDER, ALBERT DIVES, and W. H. LAWLESS, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said Defendants, and the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of each of said named Defendants; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of each of said named Defendants; and if they be dead, the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of said named Defendants, the place of residence of each being unknown to Plaintiff, and all parties being Defendant's, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 2nd day of September, 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 16,355-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. 1977 GMC Pickup VIN # CCS447A127794 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and JERRY KOCH are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

State of Texas prays that this be considered as a Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, and that upon final hearing, as provided by Statutes, this Court shall enter its Order finding that said vehicle was used for the purpose of transporting for delivery, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation for delivery, and property as alleged and described in Section 5.03 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. to-wit: Marijuana and upholding said seizure to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. and the proceeds, if any, be disposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law and in equity, as the State of Texas shall be entitled to receive.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of July A.D. 1985.

Attest: RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy.
 122-4tc-99

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: JERRY KOCH Defendant, Greeting:

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Attest: RILLA MAHONEY Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy (Seal)
 121-99-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. \$95.00 CASH Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RAYMOND WAYNE HUITT, JR. are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

That the Court enter its Order finding that said \$95.00 cash was derived from sale, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, delivery and other commercial undertaking as alleged and described in Section 5.03 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S., to-wit: Marijuana and upholding said seizure and forfeiting to the Taylor County District Attorney's Narcotic Investigative Fund the said \$95.00 cash as provided by said law and ordering the same to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. and the proceeds, if any, be disposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law and in equity, as the State of Texas shall be entitled to receive.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of July A.D. 1985.

Attest: RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy.
 122-4tc-99

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 19 day of June, 1985, by Writ of execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Twenty two thousand three hundred eighty four and 70/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement in favor of William Earl Bounds in said Court No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds vs. Dale Cox, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County Texas, did, on the 25 day of July 1985, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest of Dale Cox Operator Lot 1 of Grimes County School Land No. 147, located 2 1/2 miles southeast of Merkel, Texas. Texas Railroad Commission No. 19058. This will include Lease Hole Interest, pump jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, rod, etc. Interest of 35 percent. Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sale will be for Cash Only, a cashiers check from a Taylor County Bank may be accepted, and levied upon as the property of Dale Cox and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1985, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at Public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said

Vet discusses neutered animals

by Kathryn Banner, DVM Merkel Veterinary Clinic

What is a neuter and why is it done? A neuter is more properly called a castration and in this procedure the testicles of the male animal are surgically removed. One reason for neutering an animal is to prevent reproduction by that animal. Other reasons vary according to the animal species involved.

For the dog, neutering is often done to curb or prevent aggressive behavior. The neutered male is less likely to wander from home and less likely to fight other dogs. Neutered males tend to make better pets. Also neutered males have a lower rate of certain cancers such as prostate cancer. Six months is the minimum age for the surgery.

In the case of the cat, neuters are done to prevent spraying and fighting. Spraying is the inappropriate urination of the cat on a vertical surface. Neutered males are more likely to stay at home and stay out of fights. The urine of the neutered male does not smell as strong as that of the unaltered tom cat. Neutering can be done anytime after the cat reaches six months of age. The best results as far as preventing and correcting problem behavior are achieved if the neuter is done early.

Cattle are usually castrated so that males can be kept together without fighting and for better weight gains.

Horses are castrated to curb or prevent aggressive behavior and to produce a more manageable animal.

For further information about neuters contact your local veterinarian.

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