

# Rabid Dogs, Cow Cause Dime Box Rabies Threat

Anti-rabies treatments were being given to eleven Dime Box residents this week after being bitten or exposed to two mad dogs and a rabid cow last week.

Bitten by a mad dog owned by Albert Harzke was James Cottrell, while Werner Jatzlau and Mrs. Herman Harzke were bitten by a dog owned by the Jatzlau's.

Mrs. Emma Moerbe and her son, Walter Moerbe, were exposed to rabies while giving medical treatments to a cow which died of rabies.

Also taking anti-rabies treatments because of exposure to the dogs or the cow, were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harzke and son Jack, Mrs. Tom Pohoreslky, Mrs. Frank Mikulin, and Hardie Massey.

The State Department of Health diagnosed the Jatzlau dog and the cow as having had rabies.

Immediate steps to prevent spread of the dread disease were taken by Dr. Horace Willard, Giddings veterinary, by holding a vaccination clinic for dogs at Dime Box last Thursday. He reports 40 dogs vaccinated on that date.

Ray Dodd, Dime Box constable expressed disappointment at the small number of dogs vaccinated, and another clinic has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p. m. at the Mutual Lumber Co. in Dime Box.

Danger of other dogs and other animals contracting the disease exists since the Harzke dog disappeared before anybody was aware that rabies existed in the community. The

disappearance of the Harzke dog was accepted as evidence of its being rabid also.

Both Constable Dodd and Dr. Willard stressed the importance of drastic measures of curbing the disease at once before additional dogs become

rabid. They urge every dog owner to either have his dog vaccinated or tie it for several weeks for observation.

Residents of the area are also warned to avoid petting dogs until the present danger subsides.