The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 5, 1984... Merkel, Texas



Fast response when an emergency exists.

New column, New Year, New Year one of growth, News...

by Cley A. Richards

We have started out the new year with a new column that you will find on the front page of this week's paper. It's written by Vernon Wade of The Merkel Emergency Medical Service.

The EMS here has done a world of good in this community and cannot help to do more, especially with all of the newly trained personnel and newly purchased equipment. Their Bingo fund raising efforts have been a God-send to the group and they have been able to equip the ambulance with the latest state of the art equipment.

The first column deals with an important subject, noticing the signs of a heart attack and knowing when to call an ambulance.

Look for it in future editions.

The New Year looks to be one that will exciting around here, things will be happening.

I had a short chat with some folks of the county Appraisal District office Tuesday and if what they are saying holds true, it may be very exciting.

They say that land purchases within MISD are the most active in the county, consider for a moment, Wylie ISD is in this county and they say they are constantly having to update MISD tax rolls with new names. "You guys are getting the Lion's Share of the county growth in the past three months." I was told twice.

A drive in and around the countryside and Merkel will prove that point.

With that growth will come some challenges, one MISD voters will surely face this year and that is space for education.

MISD's middle school population is already over it's maximum and will swell next year

with a large 5th grade class.

The school board has already put into motion the mechanics of a bond issue, that will be presented to the voters in mid-year and will surely be talked about in much detail

sooner than that.

In other 1984 events to watch, the city will be completing a Department of Housing and Urban Development Program that saw streets paved, homes remodeled, the water tower repaired, water lines extended, the creation and enforcement of minimum housing and industry codes, as well as a master plan mapping the growth of the city.

That ought to be enough to keep 'em busy at City Hall but, I am sure other projects will come up that will also require attention.

Also, Ic k for more talk on the current water contract with the City of Abilene.

Like every where else, elections will be rolling around in November, 1984 with primaries in the summer. Local elections, along with the national voting, are always a little fun.

Also, expect some mobile homes near here to be damaged by high winds, watch for it to rain when it dang well pleases and where it pleases and how much it pleases.

Also, watch for farm prices to stay low, expenses high, and a farm program that will be a lot different from PIK in an election year.

Look for more new things to pop up in and around Merkel, replacing older sturctures that are slowly but surely being demolished. I feel this is one of the greatest accomplishments we have had around here. Some of the clean-up has already made a lot of improvements.

Look, cautiosly more than ever, for a resurgance of Nu-Corp, or whatever they call themsleves now. If the rumers I hear are one-tenth true, their getting back on their feet won't hurt our financial neck of the woods one little bit.

Look for it to be a year of progress. Some of it may be hard to see, but if one looks close enough, they always see a little more than they do at first glance.

Football, football, football.
I'd be a rich man if I could

ever understand it.
L'm proud of Nebraska Coach
Tom Osbrone for trying the two

point conversion to sure an outright claim to the national championship. I hope Bobby Collins of SMU was watching. He had almost the same choice a couple of years ago and he hasn't heard the end of it yet.

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The Redskins...totally awesome...For sure.

We'd like for a lot of people in Merkel to make a New Years Resolution to call us more often with news and items of interest. My mom and dad have made that a little easier for those who say we are hard to get ahold of. We now own a telephone answering machine and at least you can leave a message when we are not here.

If you want to see items in the paper, we have to be made aware of them. Don't take it for granted we already plan to have something on it or will be at the event. Give us a call and let us

The Trent Livestock show will be held Saturday at their ag barn.

Also, look for 1984 to be a year of continued change for the better. I think we will continue to see a reduction in inflation and unemployment nationally and in Texas and Taylor County. I believe that interest rates will continue their downward trend through the end of the year, because, if nothing else, it's an election year. Bad polotics to have bad ecenomic news projected for 1985 when there's an election to be held in News the

election to be held in November.
Russell McAnalley had some good advice in his column this week saying we will get out of the New Year exactly what we put into it. If you want to see part of Merkel and the area changed for the better, get involved, put something into it.

A lady called the other day, in quite a hurry and had something to say.

Her message was that Mrs. Mary Bankston, who had been sick recently, is now a resident of the Care Inn in Abilene on S. 7th Street.

She then hung up, so I hope that tidbit of information will help some of The Mail readers.

MFMS news & views

Merkel Emergency Medical Service offers heart attack warning signs; information you need to know

By Vernon Wade President Merkel Emergency Medical Service

The call is made. Patient and family wait.

Almost all calls for an ambulance come in as a last resort. Neighbors, friends, sons and daughters are called and arrive before a call is made for an ambulance. The person needing help is not sure he or she is really sick. They think the problem will go away.

It usually doesn't.
When the ambulance arrives, everbody is now in a hurry to get the patient to the hospital, to the doctor. The Merkel Emergency Medical Service (MEMS) has changed in the last 12 months.

Support System on your ambulance. We have radio communication capabilities, which can be brought into your home with direct voice and heart monitor readings to a physician at the Trauma Center at

Hendrick Hospital.

One or more of the personnel aboard your ambulance when it arrives will have at least 1,000 hours of training in the use of this equipment. All ambulance personnel are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics. We are trained and expected to assess and stabilize a patient before transporting to the hospital. There are very, very few fast rides with red lights and sirene from the

scene to the hospital. A fast ride causes excitement which harms the patient. Also, while in route the doctor is assessing the patient (by what we tell them) and in some cases giving the ambulance personnel instructions for the care of the patient. Patient care by the physician starts with the arrival of your ambulance. The Trauma Center doctor can make contact with your doctor for more treatment which can begin en-route or on arrival at the hospital. Your ambulance can go to the hospital of your choice. If the patients' condition worsens, we have communications with all area hospitals and a change can be made while en-route.

Heart Attack

Acute myocardial Insfasction (Heart Attack) is the leading cause of death in the United States today, accounting for more than half a million deaths than half occur before medical help arrives , during the first 2 or 3 hours after the onset of the symptoms. Ninety per cent of the deaths from a heart attack are due to electricity disruption of the heart. That can be prevented or treated. Most deaths from heart attacks are preventable. The ambulance must be called and called early if we are to help. The following are signs or guidelines to use when deciding to call for an ambulance on a possible heart

1. Any type of chest pain.

- 2. Pain in chest that radiates to
- any other part of the body.

 3. Indegestion or nausea.

 4 Cool skin that feels moist or
- A change in the rate or depth of breathing.
- 6 Felling faint or dizziness.7. A sudden awareness of your heart beat.
- Confusion or stupor.
 Restlessness or hyper-active an agressive personality cha-
- Pain or numbness in the arms or legs.
- 11. Loss of appetite.
- 12 Weakness.

13. A feeling of dying. If any one of these above signs are felt or noticed, call us, we will respond, let us help you.

The treatment starts on our arrival. We have the equipment, we have the personnel. It may be a false run, It may be the real thing, Don't wait, call \$25-4766 or 928-4725.

The American Heart Association guidelines for a cardiac arrest or heart stopping says that CPR must be started in at least 6 minutes and advanced life support must be started in 12 minutes for a patient to have any chance of survival. Why not have the ambulance personnel already on the scene if it should happen? The treatment cannot start until we arrive. Don't wait, call 928-4766 or 928-4725.

Next week, look for an article on what you can do before the ambulance arrives. Also, a meeting will be announced concerning "What the Public Should Know in an Emergency.

Hope your New Year

started better than mine

by Russell McAnally
My New Year did

My New Year didn't get started off on the right foot.

What about your New Year?
Did you forget to eat your
portion of Black Eyed Peas?
You might not think this important, but I am positive that I
am alive today because I ate
Black Eyed Peas on each New
Year Day, and most of the other
days of the year.

Back in the 1930's and 40's, it was hard to get a true blood test because the blood tested about 50 per cent Black Eyed Pea

During the day on New Years
Eve, I drove my car to town and
returned home, but parked my
car in a different place. I
happened to look down, and
there on the ground, where my
car had been parked, were two
machine parts of what almost
had to be parts of a car. A
search of my car revealed no
missing parts, but there they
were. My local Pontiac dealer
mechanic could not identify the

parts as being a part of my car. He told me to drive my car and see if anything else happened to it. I am not sure about that.

Last Sunday in my Church

worship service at Pioneer. there was a funny happening. I wanted to say Happy New Year to my congregation, and I wanted them to repeat what I said back to me. I asked them to do this and they did. I had asked them to repeat my New Year wishes. They did so, and I continued my talk. I kept hearing sounds and some members of the congregation started laughing. I stopped my talk and asked if something was going on that I didn't know about. They told me that I had asked them to repeat what I said to them, but I had not told them when to stop repeating what I had said. I had turned them on but had forgotten to turn them.

No matter how your New Year starts— no matter what happens to you throughout the year, the important thing is how you respond to what happens. A lot of good and bad things are going to happen to most of us. There is no doubt about this, but most of the time a thing is good or bad according to the way we respond to it. What we are really saying is, you can make this a good year, or you can let it be a bad year. The more good we put out into it the more good a lot of people will get out of it.

This is a New Year for each one of us, but it is not a guaranteed time allotted to us. We live on day at a time- yes, one hour or one breath at a time. It is that uncertain.

One of my resolutions made in the urgency of a moment was that I would not use this column to PREACH. It is such a difficult task. It is a little like asking a cook not to cook. I hope you do what you have to do for your own well being in this year, and that you get out of it exactly what you put into it.

hat you put into it. Happy New Year.



Bob Krueger Comments

Steps Needed to Preserve the Family Farm

America's agricultural policies, although not as headline-provoking as foreign affairs or domestic strife, affect not only the dawn-to-dusk farm workers of this country, but affect just as surely the health, pocketbook and future of both urban and rural dwellers

I recently completed a week-long tour of Texas during which I talked to farmers agricultural economists, grocers and others who have grave concerns about the status of farmers and the agriculture

When one looks at the statistics—19,000 farming operations will go out of business this year-that concern is more than justified.

Across the country, farmers' interest rates are exceeding net incomes, and average return on equity is only 4.3 percent while industrial manufacturers get a 13.7

Yet in 1983 alone Washington will spend \$11 billion on one program, PIK (Paymentin-Kind) which in the minds of many has done little more than "pick" the pockets of American taxpayers.

To me, the most important element in rebuilding a strong and productive agricultural economy is preservation of the family farm, an institution that was once the backbone of American tradition.

Now, such family-oriented endeavors simply cannot withstand the unfair economic policies being foisted upon them by current policy. Only the giant conglomerates that have already absorbed too

much of what I call "original America" can. I do not propose that every farm should be a "Mom and Pop" operation, but I do not believe consumers are best served if the impersonal, mass production techniques of conglomerate America are applied across-the-board to the production of our food supply.

I prefer instead programs that shore up and give renewed hope to those men and women, to those entire families, whose work have fed this nation better and more efficiently than any nation has ever before been fed on the face of this earth.

In other words, I think we can do without nationwide "McFarms." To preserve the family farm, and to

restore full productivity to our farm programs, I am proposing four basic initiatives as the foundation of a farm program I will work for in the U.S. Senate.

First, we must establish policies that provide full parity for the American armer. The federal government must again become a partner with, and cease being an adversary of, the family farmer. Necessary to that is a loan program that

meets the cost of production for all farm commodities.

That is a principle established in the

Depression era and it was a policy that saved the family farm then and it will work in the 1980s, too.

Second, we must establish a supply management system to prevent needless and costly over-production.

To accomplish that, I believe mandatory set-asides are necessary.

Such set-asides would allow farmers to plant only a certain percentage of their cropland in some instances. Therefore, those farmers must also receive just, and I stress that word just, compensation. We are not talking about a handout to

the farmers, but merely a fair method of

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The 1981 Farm Bill brought us serious over-production, farm foreclosures, high interest rates and a loss of personal income not seen since the 1930s. The failures of that program are positive proof that we need a supply management program that balances supply with demand and restores commodity prices to levels that meet the cost of crop production.

PIK has provided none of that and the programs I envision are replacement programs, and will not call for additional funding beyond that which is already being allocated.

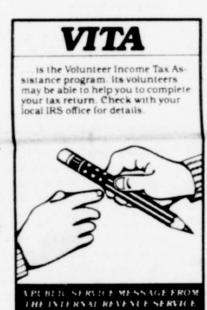
Third, we must better develop domestic and international marketing and food distribution systems that fully utilize our agricultural production capacity.

PL-480, the Agricultural Trade and Development Assistance Act, is a strong beginning, a beginning brought about by Democrats by the way, and programs such as that, which are indeed Food for Peace endeavors, should be expanded. They are our nation's best ambassador to a hungry world.

Fourth, it is imperative that we combat with vigor current efforts to weaken the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

That ongoing attack on REA is a direct attack on rural America and it is imperative that it be curtailed. The low cost of electricity brought about by REA is a factor that Washington now seeks to reverse.

Instead, focus should be put on better programs for rural Americans, better hospitals, better highway maintenance, disaster programs that recognize that a drought can be as harmful as a hurricane, and programs that recognize that the farmer's stock in trade is unlike that of the typical American businessperson.



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A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM ALLSUP'S THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE



By: Billy E. Clark CPA

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With January comes the requirement to file an income tax return before April 15. As you wade through instructions, muddle through forms, and drown in paper work, many practical problems

§ Perhaps you need a certain tax form or need to ask a simple question. You can receive some help by contacting the Internal Revenue Service at their toll-free number 1-800-424-1040. This number will often be busy but with patience you can get through.

§ They will provide you with tax forms on request and will answer most tax questions immediately. You should write their number down and keep it with your tax papers. It could come in handy.

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Hance challenges opponents to debate

Democratic Senate Candidate Kent Hance last week challenged his two chief rivals to a series of televised debates throughout Te-

"It's time for the voters of Texas to see first hand, just how sharp the contrasts are between me and my opponents," Hance sa-

When he issued his debate challenge, Hance noted that the Federal Communications Commission recently relaxed it's equal time requirements for political campaigns. In the past, a third party has had to sponsor a debate in

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order for broadcasters to cover it as a "bona fide news event", and be exempt from equal time provisions of the Communications Act of 1934. The Hance campaign has invited every television station in Texas to provide

Hance said he hoped Texas broadcasters take advantage of these new provisions designed to provide greater flexibility in their news programming and to promote the political education of

time for the debate.

viewers and listeners. 'The FCC ruling will be good news for the voters, if my opponents will both agree to debate. I know why I am in this race. I want to take a Texas vision for America's future to the United States Senate. That means holding the line on government spending and taxes and a recognition that here

"It is also a vision that includes equal opportunities for all Americans, and the need for government programs to help those people who cannot help themselves. I know why I am running for the Senate, but I am not sure about the other two candidates, and I bet the voters of Texas aren't either. A debate would allow voters to make an informed choice on the issues and the candidates," Hance ad-

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Church news

Calvary Baptist

American Best Western Motor Inn on I-20 will be the location for this year's Teacher-Worker Banquet, Jan. 13 at 7:30. Look out! RB is in charge of the program.

The dawning of 1984 has brought a little fairer weather for a few days anyway. We are thankful when we notice that in spite of the cold, illness, or holidays, our numbers in church service have stayed right up there. It's a blessing. We hope everyone is getting started right in the New year by putting the Lord first in every

Happy New Year!

Grace Presbyterian

The following is presented for your information from Grace Presbyterian Church. Sunday school set at 10 a.m. and church services are held at 11. Dr. Robert Christian is minister

The following are taken from Haley's Bible Handbook Notable Sayings about the Bible.

George Washington; It's impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

Napoleon; "The Bible is no mere book, but a living creature with power that conquers all that oppose

§ Napoleon; 'The Bible is no mere book, but a Living Creature with power that conquers all

that oppose it.' John Ruskin;

"Whatever merit there is in anything that I have written is simply due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read me a part of the Bible and daily made me learn a part of it by heart."

Horace Greeley;

It's impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible reading people. The priciple of the Bible are the ground-work of human freedom."

Patrich Henry;

'The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed. Charles Dickens;

"The New Teastement is the very best book that was or ever will be known in the world.'

W. H. Seward; "The whole hope of

human progress is suspended on the ever growing influence of the Bible.



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Obituaries

Blanche Teaff, 78, of Merkel, who had resided at Shady Oaks Lodge in Abilene for the past three years, died at 2 p.m. Monday at the nursing home after a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church here. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

Born Jan. 16, 1905 in Omaha, Tex., she moved to the Merkel area in 1923. She married Ernest Teaff in 1924 in Abilene. She had taught in the Merkel and Stith schools. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a past worthy matorn of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Harold of Abilene; two daughters, Bobby Mansfield of Merkel and Mary Frances Melton of Abilene; five brothers, Eustace McMinn of West Covina, Ca., Leon McMinn of Bransdall, Okla., Jack McMinn of Cortez, Co., and Fred McMinn of Odessa; a sister, Johnnie Weaver of Spur; nine grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren great

81 Study Club meets

The last meeting of the 81 Study Club was called to order by President Grace Holt on Dec. 12. Christmas gifts were exchanged at the same time.

Mrs. Grace Holt gave a very interesting program on the history of "The Federation of

Women's Clubs. Members present included Evorie Dillard, Paula Forehand, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Ruth McHugh, Cleo Reese, Betty Sta-

utzenberger, Ann Talent and Catherine Wi-

Refreshments were served by hostess Grace Holt.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Trent Baptist Church.

Patty Hockney will be the hostess and the theme will be on What the Federation of Women's Clubs means to the women of Amer-

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu

Thursday, Jan. 5 Bar-b-que potato salad, cole slaw, hot rolls, lemon pudding.

Friday, Jan. 6 Hamburgers, lettuce tomato, onion, pickle, french fries with catsup, buns, chocolate brownies.

Monday, Jan 9 Fiestada, corn, tossed salad with choice of dressing, rosey pe-

Tuesday, Jan. 10 Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, french green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit.

ple pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 12 Tin Can Caserole, carots, potatoes, onions, lettuce-tomato salad, corn bread, sliced peaches.

Hamburgers, french fries with catsup, lettuce and tomato, pickle and onion, orange

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Friday, Jan. 13



Consumer Alert

Jim Mattox Attorney General

torney before signing this AUSTIN-I have previouscontract. ly discussed how to get a patent if you are an inventor. As I stated earlier, it is important not to be taken in by a phony invention development company.

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The annual per capita consumption of soap in the United States is about forty pounds.



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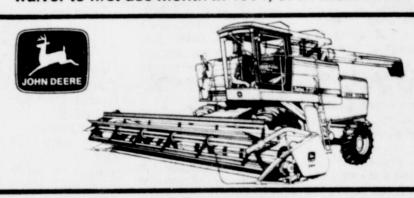
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if you buy just the header alone. Use your current combine toward downpayment for a new Titan, finance with John Deere, and pay no finance charge until the first use month in 1984. Or you can take a cash rebate in lieu of waiver.* For example, a 6620 Corn and

Soybean Combine bought in December

of waiver of \$3,250 if the first use month is October in your area. Or on a 7720 Grain Combine bought in January 1984. a cash rebate in lieu of waiver of \$2,175 if the first use month is July in your area. Ask your dealer for the amount in lieu of waiver on the combine of your choice. Or another option is to lease a new combine, with lease-payment discount comparable to the waiver of finance charge."

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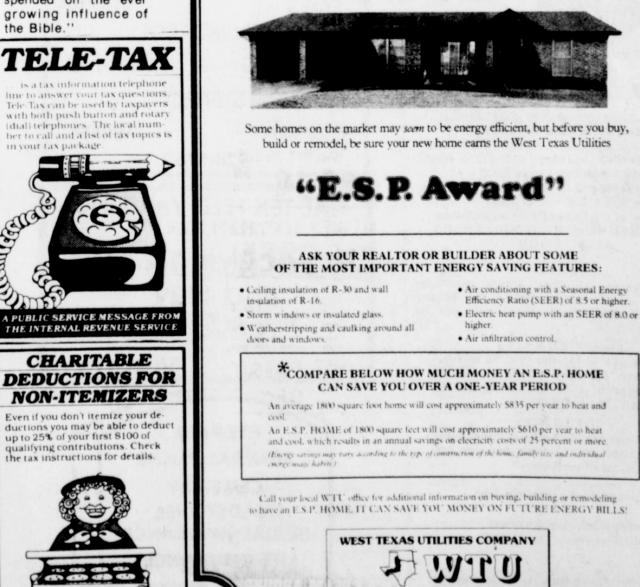
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plantiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 30th day of January, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of 'Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

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The names of the parties to the cause are as follows

C. E. Clemmer and Louise Marie Clemmer are Plantiffs and J. R. Edwards, Annie L. Stevens, Mrs. Eula Sanderson, Mrs. Wooten Stone, J. P. Sharp, A. E. Lewis, Susie Moore and Annie Moore are Defendants. A brief statement of

the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plantiff's claim ownership of certain real property more fully described below, and ask for Judgement for the title and posession of the described premises, and for such other relief as may be entitled to Plantiffs.

Lots 1 and 2, block A, Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor-County, Tex.

Lots 5 and 6, Block D, Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Tex.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, Block G, Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9,

Block G. Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Tex. as is more fully shown by Plantiff's Petition

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Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk 42nd Dist. Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey De-

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 30 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Texas Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day

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New license classifications here

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Colonel Jim Adams, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the department is starting the conversion to a new classified driver licensing system in accordance with a law passed last year by the Texas Legislature.

"Licenses issued prior to 1984 will be valid until the expiration dates which appear on them," Adams said. "The new licenses will carry classifications designating the type and weight of vehicles which the holder may operate."

The new license classifications are A, B, C, and M.

The Class C license permits operation of single, two-axle vehicles with a gross weight of 24,000 pounds or less excluding motorcycles and mopeds. This designation also allows the towing of a vehicle not exceeding 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or a farm trailer not exceeding 20,000 pounds.In addition, the Class C designation permits the operation of a bus with a maximum seating capacity of 23 passengers not including the driver. Standard operator licenses issued under the old law will be converted automatically to Class C permits upon renewal or issuance of a duplicate license.

The Class B license allows the holder to drive Class C vehicles plus single vehicles weighing under 24,000 pounds and buses with a capacity of 24 or more passengers. Motorcycles and mopeds are excluded.

Class A permits allow operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles including those listed for classes B and C. Mopeds and motorcycles are excluded. Commercial and full chauffer licenses issued under the old statute will be converted automatically to class A permits upon renewal or issuance of a duplicate license.

The Class M designation

allows the holder to operate motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds.

The road test must be taken with a vehicle which meets the specific requirements for which a person is applying.

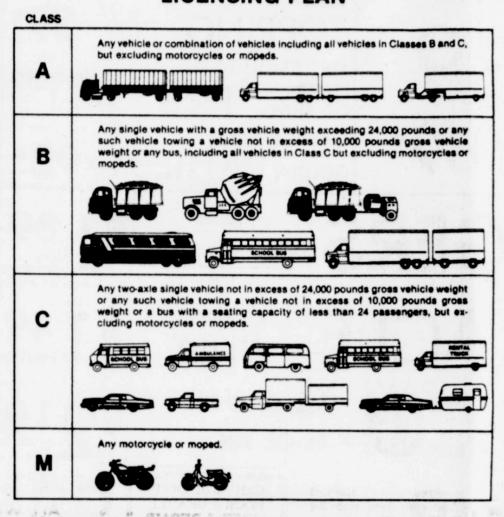
"All classes of licenses including renewals will be valid for four years", Adams said. "The fee for obtaining or renewing all license classes will be \$10. An examination fee of \$5 will be charged for those drivers seeking a higher classification or a motorcycle endorsement for their current license."

Drivers who have no moving violation convictions over a four year period and who also have no physical limitations are eligible to renew their license by mail. To qualify for mail-in renewal, a driver must first

receive a DPS form in the mail. This application should be mailed back to the department within one week after it is received. When the license is renewed, the driver will be sent a validation card which must be carried with the old license. A vision test and new photograph will not be required for mail-in renewals. Drivers will receive mail-in renewal forms may also visit a driver license office and renew their licenses according to the standard procedure which will require them to be photographed and have their vision tested.

The fee for a provisional license is computed at \$2.50 per year until the driver's 18th birthday with a minimum fee of \$4. The cost of a duplicate license is \$3.

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Governor Mark White REPORTS

AUSTIN—As we begin the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the highlights and major concerns of

I have been fortunate during the first year of my administration to receive the advice of thousands of Texans who have taken the time and effort to write me about their opinions on important issues.

By July, my office had received more letters than the previous administration did during its entire four-year term. At the end of 1983, we had logged in well over 50,000 letters.

Most of my mail registered concern about the quality of education offered by Texas public schools. I began 1983 calling for improved public education for our students and better salaries for our teachers. Through the hearings of the Governor's Scleet Committee on Education, we have achieved the most constructive and thorough public dialogue about our educational system in recent history. As the new year begins, that committee will compile its final recommendations for the Legislature to consider in a special session in 1984.

During the past year, we also began an aggressive campaign to strengthen our economy and provide needed jobs. As the recession deepened, it became painfully clear that we have depended too heavily on the oil and gas industry and that future economic strength depends on diversifying Texas' job base.

Highlighting this new campaign is the Office of Economic Development created within the Governor's Office to provide technical assistance to communities trying to attract new businesses. It is also helping Texas businesses expand into out-of-state and foreign markets.

Otility customers were the focus of considerable attention in 1983, helping to enact the most comprehensive regulatory reforms since the creation of the Public Utility Commission. I appointed three new commissioners dedicated to the task of requiring that utility companies be efficient energy suppliers.

We succeeded in passing legislation creating the Office of Public Counsel to represent consumers in rate cases before the PUC. Utilities can no longer automatically pass higher fuel costs to consumers in their monthly bills.

Consumers also benefitted from a compromise we forged in the Legislature on the issue of bank credit cards. When consumer groups and bankers failed to reach an agreeable formula for interest rates, I called all parties into my office and helped work out an acceptable plan that provides Texans with the lowest interest rates in the nation.

Our state should take pride in the Legislature's voting in 1983 to increase monthly welfare benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program—the first such increase in 14 years. I joined with a majority of Texas voters in supporting passage of a constitutional amendment that, for the first time, gives Texas courts the option of ordering an automatic deduction of up to one-third of a parent's paycheck to cover child support obligations.

These are only a few of the significant measures we have taken to help make our state a good place to live and work. With your continued advice and help, I look forward to even greater accomplishments in 1984.

Child Care Credit Helps Working Parents

Taxpayers who pay others to care for their children while they work may qualify for a special tax credit, the Internal Revenue Service says. This Child Care Credit applies not only to babysitters and day care centers that watch your child or disabled dependent while you work, but also to relatives and certain household workers you pay for this service.

This credit is available to married couples who file jointly, including those in which one spouse works and the other is a full-time student or disabled.

The credit also applies to a divorced or separated parent who has custody of a child under 15, even though the parent may not be entitled to a dependency exemption for the child. The parent claiming the credit must, however, have custody for a longer period during the year than the other parent. A spouse who qualifies may take the credit if the other spouse is absent for the last six months of the taxable year.

The credit is from 20 to 30 percent of eligible expenses depending on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. The maximum credit that may be taken is limited to \$720 for one qualifying person and to \$1,440 for two or more qualifying persons.

To qualify for the child and disabled dependent care tax credit, a taxpayer (1) must have income from work; (2) must have incurred the expense in order to work or look for work; and (3) must have maintained a household that included one or more qualifying individuals. Qualifying individuals are dependent children under 15 years of age, a disabled spouse or a disabled dependent of any age.

Additional information is available in the free IRS Publication 503, Child and Disabled Dependent Care, which may be ordered by filling out the order blank in the tax package or by calling the Forms/Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory.



