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84% OF TOTAL COSTS

Postmaster General E. T. Klassen announced recently that postal revenues, fees and income for the first year of the U. S. Postal Service provided 84% of total costs.

The increase is up from an average 80% for the three-year period 1969-71. It meant that the Postal Service—in its first year of reorganization—required \$1.3 billion in a direct Congressional appropriation, down 34.8% from a high of \$2.08 billion in 1971.

"We have pursued two major goals: Improve the quality and reliability of mail services and reduce costs," Mr. Klassen said in submitting the first annual report to the Board of Governors since the Postal Service was created

July 1, 1971, with a mandate to be self-sustaining by 1984.

Revenues totaled \$7.8 billion in Fiscal Year 1972, up 18.3% from 1971 while operating expenses amounted to \$9.5 billion, up 6.3%. Americans mailed a record of 87.2 billion pieces of mail last year, or 419 per capita, up from 87 billion pieces in 1971. Most of the mail—49 billion pieces—is first class.

Mr. Klassen said 94% of the first-class mail deposited by 5 p.m. and destined for local delivery is being delivered the next day. The percentage of next-day delivery is usually even higher in smaller communities.

"Another indicator of improved service was a reduction in the average time for delivery," the Postmaster General reported. "Without regard to the time of day when the letter was deposited or to the distance sent, the average time for delivering each of the 49 billion first-class letters decreased from 1.7 to 1.6 days."

In the important parcel post category, he said the average time for delivery decreased from 4.9 days during the final quarter of 1971 to 4.3 days in the final quarter of this year.

As of last June 30, Mr. Klassen said the average postal employee was earning "more than \$12,000 annually in salary and benefits."

He noted that labor costs comprise 85% of Postal Service costs. Hiring restrictions imposed last March 29 resulted in postal employment dropping through attrition by more than 33,000 persons in the next four months. At the end of Fiscal Year 1972, employment totaled 706,400.

At the same time, Mr. Klassen said, "We achieved a significant 2.4% productivity gain in the fiscal year ending June 30. This productivity figure contrasts sharply with gains averaging less than one percent annually through most of the 1960's."

The combination of increased productivity and a commitment by postal managers, particularly in the field, to hold costs in line enabled the service last summer to forego the need for a previously budgeted \$450 million in postage rate increases scheduled for January 1973.

Only second-class mail—generally used by newspapers, magazines and other publications—plus non-profit third-class mail and educational and library materials sent

New License Plate Time Approaching

Renewal applications for 1973 auto license plates are in the mail from the Texas Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division. The entire application may be returned by mail to the tax assessor-collector in counties of registration with an added \$1.00 fee for handling and mailing.

Highway Department representatives caution: ☆Leave the three-part form intact . . . Don't separate the three cards. ☆Mail it to the resident county office. ☆Include money for the amount of the registration fee, plus the mail-handling fee.

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Visitors in the James Kimbell home during the recent holidays were all their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brunson and children, Kress; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mabry, jr., and children, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. David Setliff and boys, Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Lynn Kimbell and children, Quitaque.

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of Vance L. Castleberry, Resident Engineer, Childress, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Aus-

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Officials of Amarillo Oil Company, which has a 55% working interest in this well, have indicated that the well has particular significance in that it assures the drilling of four additional development wells in the area during 1973. The well is located in Section 6, B. S. & F. Survey, in Roberts County, Texas.

Pioneer Natural Gas Company, which has a preferential right to contract for 100% of the gas production from this acreage, is designing a gathering system for the area. It is anticipated that the gathering system will tie in with

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lyon of Quitaque accompanied their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick, sr. of Silverton to Plainview on Sunday, December 31, to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rhoderick III and their two daughters. Others present to enjoy the delicious meal and fellowship were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick, jr. and Eddie of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rhoderick and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhoderick and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Williams, all of Lubbock, and Miss Marie Bond of Lebanon, Tennessee, who was a guest during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., at Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon spent the rest of the New Year weekend with the J. W. Lyons and their household. They report a very good time.

David Majors is in Brownfield attending a three week school for General Telephone Company.

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For Sale: 1967 Cadillac, very clean and in good condition. 4-door hardtop sedan DeVille. Call Plainview, 296-9266. 32-3tc

Danny Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Payne, underwent major surgery for repair on his knee which was injured at the beginning of the football season. Both cartilage in the knee were torn and had to be removed. The ligaments were not repaired because of the intensive surgery involved, but the doctors think they will heal themselves. He was in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, entering Thursday, December 28, and undergoing surgery Friday, December 29. He is home and improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris visited Ray Persons in the Heritage Home in Plainview Wednesday of last week.

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