



Retiring

Cape Girardeau Postmaster Ted R. Regenhardt, who announced his retirement today after 13 years, is shown at work in the basement of the old Post-office building.

Cape postmaster to retire April 2

Ted R. Regenhardt, postmaster at the Cape Girardeau Post-office for nearly 13 years, has announced his retirement from the office effective April 2.

Mr. Regenhardt, whose appointment came under President Dwight D. Eisenhower May 28, 1957, has seen the renovation of the old postoffice on Broadway, construction of the new facility at 320 North Frederick, and the introduction of zip code into the country's postal system during his term in office.

The Republican postmaster said he has not yet notified the regional postal office in St. Louis of his retirement. He

said they will be notified the first of next week.

Although Mr. Regenhardt is presently on leave from the postoffice here, he will retain his duties as postmaster until his retirement date. He said Russell J. Fowler, assistant postmaster, will become the postal manager April 2 and will serve until a new postmaster is appointed by the president.

Mr. Regenhardt, who served as Cape County collector from 1947 to 1955, replaced acting postmaster Aquillis Reed. Mr. Regenhardt was appointed to the office as a replacement for Narvol A. Randol, who resigned his

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appointment to take an executive position at Farmers and Merchants Bank.

He was endorsed in 1956 by the GOP County Committee served by the Cape Girardeau Postoffice. He began duties as acting postmaster May 3, 1957 before the appointment by the president was made.

Mr. Regenhardt has seen the postoffice staff and operation more than double its size during his term of office. He said, when he began his duties in 1957, the office was staffed by 48 men. The employment of a new clerk Saturday will boost the present manpower of the office to an even 100, he said.

A postal route has been added each year to keep pace with the growth of the city and surrounding area, Mr. Regenhardt said. He recalled that the 12 postal routes assigned when he began his duties has since expanded to 26.

The postmaster, who has been active in work of county fund raising organizations, is a past chairman of the Cape County American Red Cross Chapter. He has also been active in fund raising activities of the United Fund and is a former member of the Southeast Missouri Hospital Board of Trustees. Mr. Regenhardt is a member of the Scottish Rite of Masonry and is a Knight Commander Court of Honor, an honorary degree above the 32nd.