

Retiring Postmaster, Glenn Smith Honored At Dinner

Mexico—Glen H. Smith, Postmaster at Mexico for the past 19 years will retire March 31, 1964 from that post. He was



the guest of honor at a dinner given Saturday evening, March 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fetcha. The table was centered with a beautiful floral arrangement in red, white and blue featuring tiny flags and red, white and blue candles. At each place, a miniature silver rural mail box was placed.

A beautiful gold 400-day anniversary clock was presented to the retiring postmaster by Mrs. Fetcha in behalf of the employees of the Mexico office.

Mr. Smith came to Mexico after service in World War I where he served as Assistant Band Director in the 350th Inf. Division. Upon arrival in Mexico, he worked for Buck's Mens Shop; he later operated a theater in the old Davis Block (also at the present site of the Mexico Theatre), for 15 years. He also worked for Lister Brothers just

before he became Postmaster in 1935.

Mr. Smith's commission was dated March 21, 1935; during his 29 years of service locally he has also held positions of importance in the Oswego County Postmasters Association; having been its President for 2 years; he has for the past 10 years been its Director—a job well done as attested by the fact that he managed to get 100% membership awards each year.

Outside of his position, Glen Smith is known throughout the surrounding area (Counties) for his musicianship, and for his brass band aggregation; he has directed bands since 1925, the most recent one, Smitty's Blue Sunoco Band, which travels extensively to appear at civic functions and events throughout the season.

He is a member of the American Legion, Stone-Davis Post #384 and of V.F.W., Edick Hamlink Post # 369, Mexico.

One of Glen's hobbies is wood-working.

Of interest is the fact that there are three rural carriers and one clerk who have retired during his active duty as postmaster; the carriers, Captain Boyd, Avery Dimon and Lewis Kellogg; Mr. Harry Feeney, the clerk.

Those who were at the dinner Saturday to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Smith included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zabo, Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Backus, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon J. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Haynes, Mr. Bennie Burke, Jr., Mrs. Grace McCabe, Oswego and the host and hostess.

Like A Lion - - ?

Mexico--Were you one of those who awakened Friday morning, and with a groan and a sigh, crawled deeper in the sack and pulled up the coverlet? Just when we thought Winter had lost its grip-----Brrr!

Then, there were all the wags who began early, "It came in like a lamb, it has to go out like a lion, y'know!" Well, as for me, "It has to go--period!"

However, suitable to the meaning of Good Friday, many were up early and thinking of our Lord's sorrowful death upon a cross--some attended church, others meditated and more likely there were some, who gave no thought. But Good Friday it was! And about 4-6 inches of light snow fell and the wind gave some threatening "huffs".

Came Easter--there was snow in the air, a strong wind, but not a bad sort of morning and Christendom turned out to welcome the "Dawn of Christianity". Services in all the churches, from all reports, were well attended; where there were multiple services, also, there was excellent attendance. One Sunday School teacher of our acquaintance reports all classes filled to overflowing.

Throughout the day, in Mexico, there were snow showers, but in all, a rather nice day for an early Easter Sunday.

Guess the old adage has to go. At least we hear less mention of "March, if it comes in like a lion, it goes like a lamb."

Vol. Firemen Extinguish Two Blazes

Mexico--Mexico Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire alarm last week Thursday, on the Pople Ridge Road.

At the George Kellogg residence, North Jefferson St., village of Mexico, a chimney fire was put out by the department at about 6:00 o'clock p.m.

It's the time of year again, when a warning goes out from the Fire Chief with regard to the starting of grass fires, either with intent or inadvertently, through the burning of trash. Often the little particles of burned matter carry for some distance on the wind, and, still afire, they then start the dry grass. Residents are warned about this and asked to use extreme caution.

W.S.C.S. TO MEET

Phoenix--The W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church of Phoenix will meet this Thursday, April 2nd in the church.

Ferdinand Pfenniger, AFS student from Switzerland, will be guest speaker.

On the agenda for the evening will be election of officers.

Art Students Finish Posters, Prizes Awarded

Mexico--A library poster contest, sponsored by the New Century Club of Mexico under the expert supervision of George Green, Art instructor at Mexico Academy and Central School, captured the interest of ten contestants who have so skillfully completed their work as to make the job of the judges a precarious one.

At last it has been decided upon that the winners are as follows:-- third prize, \$3.00, goes to Mike Folds; second prize,

Enters S U Honorary

Syracuse, N.Y.--A local resident has been named to Phi Kappa Phi, all-university honorary at Syracuse University.

Miss Susan E. Kellogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Kellogg was one of 181 outstanding students at the university recently initiated into the honorary.

The Syracuse chapter, founded



Cub Scouts Need Cubmaster

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Mexico Lions Club Pack Organizing Committee met with interested parents and Cub Scout organizer Gil Whitman from Oswego to help finalize the organization of Cub Scout Pack Number 25 for Mexico.

An enthusiastic group of parents have volunteered their services as Den Mothers and Den Fathers. Six dens were organized and assigned activities for a forthcoming Pack meeting to be held on April 24th at 7:15 p.m. at the Wilcox Memorial Building.

Pack meetings are planned for the 4th Friday of each month at 7:15 p.m. to be held at the Wilcox Memorial Building on Church Street in Mexico. The dens are to start their weekly meetings in April.

Even though a pack meeting is scheduled for April 24th there are still a few important positions to be filled before final approval of our charter application.

Accepting positions as Den Mothers are Mrs. Theodora Ruckdeschel, Miss Thelma Meade, Mrs. Grace Ladd, Mrs. Frances Tornatore, Mrs. Charles Cutull, Mrs. Robert Howell, Mrs. Shirley Wallace, Mrs. Charlene Bateman, Mrs. Kay Yablonski, and Mrs. Francis Lallier.

Serving as Den Fathers and as pack committee members are Mr. Leo Himes, Mr. Fred Ladd, Mr.

Miss Price Class Officer

Miss Nancy Price, daughter of Mr. Leon Price of 6005 E. Main St., Mexico, N.Y. has been elected secretary of the Senior Class at Mohawk Valley Community College.

N.Y. State Approves Plans On Mexico School Projects

Mexico--Notice of Approval of plans and specifications by New York State Department of Education for the new school projects at Mexico and New Haven, have been received.

Bids were approved at a special meeting of the Board of Education March 7, 1964 following a receipt and public opening of bids at the Mexico High School, March 5.

The general construction contract for the Fravor Road Elementary School and bus garage and inclusion of alternate #1 which is ceramic tile for corridors and stairwells for the Fravor Road Elementary School to the contract amount of \$757,250. was awarded to Dygert Construction Co., Inc. of Syracuse, New York.

The general construction contract for the addition of five classrooms, a teachers' room, boiler room and sewage disposal system at the New Haven Elementary School site was awarded to the Raby Construction Corporation of

Charles Cutull, Mrs. Robert S. Howell, Mr. Edward Bateman, Mr. Francis Lallier, Sr., and Mr. Donald Haddock as an Assistant Cub Master.

Members from the Mexico Lions Club on the pack committee are Daniel Miller, Herbert Anderson, Charles Cutull, Richard Kline, James Kildea, Sr., Clifford Rode and Harold Wagner as an Assistant Cubmaster.

As you can see no one is listed as Cubmaster because as yet the pack organizing committee has been unable to find a man to accept the responsibilities of this adult leader's position. There must be men in our community who are enough interested in the youth of Mexico to want to help out. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be willing to help in this capacity, contact Dan Miller, WO3-3872, so that the Cub Pack charter application can be completed and sent in to the Scout Office.

Since the pack meeting is scheduled for April 24th, this need is extremely urgent as a pack committee meeting is slated for April 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilcox Memorial Building. We have some very fine and enthusiastic adult help, but are lacking a Cubmaster. The Lions Club needs your help in this endeavor to provide local boys with this valuable character building program.

Den rosters will be published as soon as all applications have been returned. If your boy is not able to be a Charter Cub Scout, that does not mean he cannot be a Cub Scout. Additional dens can be added when a Den Mother and a Den Father have been secured as leaders for 5 to 8 boys.

Oswego, New York, at the low bid of \$129,780.

The general construction contract for building an addition on the high school was awarded to Castaldo Construction of Oswego, Inc. of Oswego, New York, which includes alteration #4. This alteration is for general construction required for converting one area of the present bus garage into an industrial arts shop. The contract bid for this project was \$215,078.

The combined base bids affecting all four projects were accepted for plumbing, electric, heating and ventilating and kitchen equipment contracts. Burns Brothers Plumbers, Inc. of 631 Belden Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was awarded the plumbing contract with the inclusion of alternate #4, plumbing in the new industrial arts shop in the high school, the contract amount being \$89,700. The same firm was awarded the heating and ventilating combined contract with alternate #4 included for the amount of \$151,188.

Bec Electric Co., Inc. of Syracuse, New York, was awarded the electrical work for all of the projects and alternates at the combined base bid proposal of \$125,697.

The Johnson Restaurant Supply Corporation of Syracuse, New York was awarded the kitchen equipment contract which also includes the addition of alternate #5 which is the inclusion of a second serving line in the high school building. Their combined base bid proposal of \$33,100 was low for this work.

Pederson, Huber, Hares and Glavin, architects and landscape architects, report that the total of low individual bids for general construction for the projects and low combined for mechanical and electric trades and kitchen equipment total over \$9000, less than the sum of the lowest individual bid for each trade for each project.

A project meeting of school officials, architects and all contractors will be held the week of April 5 to review the construction schedule for new work and effect on the use of the existing buildings.

It costs no more to buy breads, flours and cereals labeled enriched, restored, or whole grain.

Explorer Post In Mexico, Boys Over 15 Welcome

An Explorer Post is being organized in Mexico under the leadership of Mr. William Smith, Mr. Harry Alnutt, and Mr. Robert Watkins.

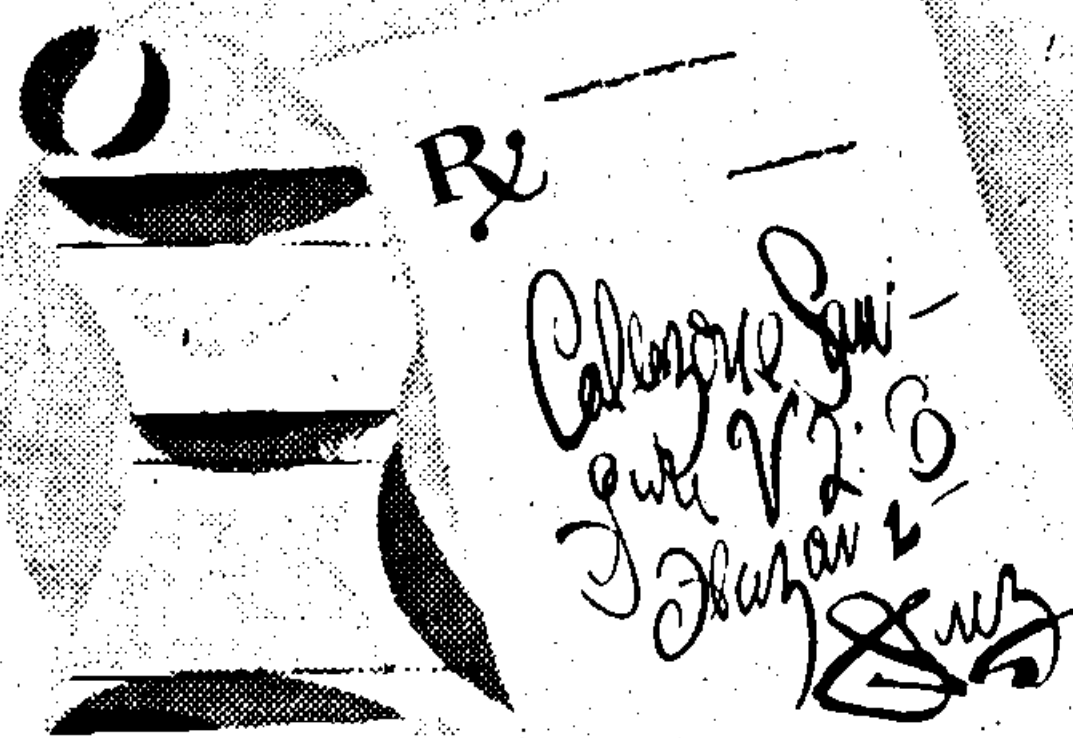
The Post will be sponsored by the American Legion, and the meetings are held in the American Legion Hall.

The Post's specialized activity will be "rescue work". On the nights of April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 7, 8, and all day May

9, a State Rescue training Program will be presented in Pulasqui. This program will include all modern rescue equipment, in the use of which everyone will participate.

The Post will also partake in camping, fishing, hunting, canoe trips, parties, or whatever they plan as a group. Meetings will be held on Wednesday's at 7:30.

On April 1, there will be an election of officers.



YOU-YOUR DOCTOR-YOUR PHARMACIST

When you're ill--really ill--you waste no time in calling your physician. After he diagnoses your trouble, he almost invariably writes a prescription.

That prescription may look like "Greek" to you, but it will make sense to us. With it, our trained pharmacists can prepare the exact medicine your doctor wants you to take. In order to fulfill our part, we stock the newest and best pharmaceuticals and other health needs.

For prompt, efficient, professional service, bring your next prescription here!

CRANDALL'S PHARMACY Mexico Parish

Spring Festival Dance April 11

The Freshman class of Central School will have a dance with the "Spring" theme on Saturday, April 11, in the J.C.B. School from 8 p.m. to 12 Midnight.