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November 5 - 7, 1982

Friday, November 5, 1982

Place

9:55 AM	Opening Ceremony	
	Harry Scott, Postmaster, St. Petersburg	Lecture Hall
10:00 AM	Show Opens	
11:00 AM	Cap Townsend Club Luncheon Meeting	Conference Room 2
2:00 PM	"How to Participate in an Auction"	
	Jacques Schiff, Jr.	Lecture Hall
3:00 PM	Cuban Association Meeting	Lecture Hall
5:00 PM	Show Closes	
8:00 PM	Postal History Auction	
	David G. Phillips	

Saturday, November 6, 1982

8:00 AM	Florida Stamp Dealers Association Breakfast and Meeting	
10:00 AM	Show Opens	
11:00 AM	Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs General Assembly Meeting	Lecture Hall
12:00 Noon	"How to Protect Yourself from Buying Doctored Stamps"	
	Jacques Schiff, Jr.	Lecture Hall
1:00 PM	Judges Seminar	
2:00 PM	Bureau Issues Association Meeting	Lecture Hall
3:00 PM	German Philatelic Society, Chapter 23 Meeting	Lecture Hall
4:00 PM	Zepplin Seminar Mason Curran	Lecture Hall
6:00 PM	Show Closes	
8:00 PM	Banquet and Awards Dinner	

Sunday, November 7, 1982

10:00 AM	Show Opens
11:00 AM	Judges Critique
5:00 PM	Show Closes



FLOREX '82 EXHIBITS

Frame #	Exhibitor	Title and Description
1 - 8 F	"Digger" SPA ATA SPA CZSG RPSC	The Panama Canal Story Debate over the Canal site was reputedly settled by a stamp, and the same medium is used here to relate the waterway's history and creation.
9 - 18 I	Henry Madden APS ISGC SPA ACES SOC. CORICO	The 19th Century Postal Stationery of Guatemala.
19 - 28 J	Donald E. Haller, Jr. APS USPCS BC PSG SPA GPS Clearwater Stamp Club	Zeppelin Postal History A selection of flight covers of the major German Zeppelin flights, including a crash cover recovered from the Hindenburg disaster.
29 - 36 G	Mickey Gerhardt SPA	Confederate States - Stamps and Covers
37 - 43 G	Conrad L. Bush APS SPA CSA	The various types and uses of the General Issue stamps of the Confederate States of America.
44 - 50 J	Jean Corrin Boyce APS PHS EBPS RPSL War Cover Society	Manx Military Mail, 1903-1919. Research study of Knockaloe, only U.K. Prisoner Camp to have its own Postal Facility in either World War.
51 - 54 J	Robert N.D. McDaniel FFSC Gold Coast Club Sunrise Club	"Come to the Fair" Columbian and Pan-American Exposition and some other U.S. Fairs up to 1915.
55 - 67 A	Norman H. Stolte APS Venice and Sarasota Stamp Clubs	Alaska - 1870-1912. Features postmarks of Alaska during the period shortly after the transfer of the U.S. until 1912 when it became a Territory.
68 - 80 F	Charles M. Fitz APS SPA ATA	"Philately of Murder" Philately reveals forms of murder, murderers, and murder mysteries in stamps, production phases and valour elements.
81 - 86 F	"Anonymous" ATA	Murder and Violence through the lookingglass of Philately.
87 - 90 A	Gloria H. Quaw APS	United States Definitive Coils and EFO's [1954-1982]
91 - 102 E	Werner G. Rund Hollywood Stamp Club	Postal History of Germany depicted by cancellations of special interest.
103 - 114 J	Victor E. Engstrom SPA SCC	Danish West Indies Postal Stationery A selection of single and double cards and envelopes, usages and varieties.
115 - 126 A	Marjorie H. Outlaw Austin Stamp Club	Selected pages of a collection of Tennessee stampless covers.
127 - 146 A	Hubert C. Skinn APS BIA SPA USCC CSA	Postal History of New Orleans 1792-1865 Illustrating the postal rates and services to, from, and through New Orleans from the Spanish Colonial Period to the end of the Civil War.
147 - 154 H	"Anonymous" APS SPA MEPSI	Mexico - A presentation of the Philatelic facets of the Hidalgo Heads of 1874-1883 and subsequent usage.
155 - 158 F	Richard E. Scott, Jr. APS SPA	The Lemurs, members of a primitive suborder of the primates, have shed their usual nocturnal shyness to appear on a few postage stamps from around the world.
159 - 162 F	Jean Wilson SPC	First Day Covers on opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and related material.

163 - 172 H	Robert L. Welky APS ARA GPS SPA RPSL	Selected pages, Straits, Settlements and Federated Malay States - 1843-1945.
173 - 180 H	"Anonymous" APS SPA MEPSI	Mexico - from the Spanish Colonial Period through the pre-stamp period of the Republic, and through the first issue of 1856 to 1861.
181 - 182 J	George Meurer	History of American Revolution Period and the History of WorldWar II period.
183 - 189 C	"Anonymous" APS BNAPS RPSL	Canada Officials. Overprints both "OHMS" and "G" and perforated "OHMS".
190 - 192 J	William H. Baxley APS SPA GIA	Rhodesia - Unilateral Declaration of Independence and subsequent first year postal issues.
193 - 198 J	Jane Morrison APS SPA	"Silks and Satins" - Early Picture Postcards in the U.S. 1904 - 1915.
199 - 204 A	J. S. Meek GPS BIA	Plate Makers Initials - 1906 - 1923
205 - 207 A	Timothy O. Austin APS GPS	Capex - Combinations and Variations
208 - 212 E	H. Laessig APS SPA Croatian Phil. Soc.	Sanjak of Novi Pazar - Austrian Occupation Cancells, 1878 - 1908 -- Cancells used in Pivlje, Prjepele and Priboj under the Convention of Constantinople, with Turkish forerunners.
213 - 216 I	Col. Edw. B. Huston ATA	Ryukyus - Postal Stationery - Summer Greetings and New Year cards and air letter sheets are displayed - also some town cancells in the Ryukyus Islands.
217 - 221 A	Robert N.D. McDaniel FFSC Gold Coast Club Sunrise Club	Washington - Franklin Issues [1808-22].
222 - 225 F	"Anonymous" SPC	Parachute and Stamps - A collection of parachutes on stamps.
226 - 231 E	Werner Vogel APS GPS	Germany --Pre-Philatelic Covers
232 - 243 E	"Anonymous" SPA Puerto Rico P.S.	Cuba: El Correo Interior en la Epoca Prefilatelica
244 - 248 F	Ronald W. Yankowski AFDCS APS ATA	The Golden Age of the Automobile 1899 - 1941. A philatelic study of advertising covers and related items.
249 - 252 F	Susan Deaton APS	A Postal History of Frogs including advertising covers, postal cards, comic corner cards and exposition covers.
253 - 265 C	Herman Herst, Jr. AFDCS GPS APS	The birth of the postage stamp up to its fiftieth birthday, from Great Britain's penny black to its 1890 Jubilee.
266 - 270 A	Dan Piver APS	Columbia Exposition Issue of 1893: Two Cent Specialized.
271 - 280 G	Buck Boshwit CSA	The War Years 1861-1864. A comprehensive postal history of the Confederate in Tennessee and Union occupation.
281 - 288 A	Carlos San Martin, Jr. EPO Cuban Phil. Soc. So. Miami & Hollywood Stamp Clubs	Errors, Freaks & Oddities on United States Stamps.

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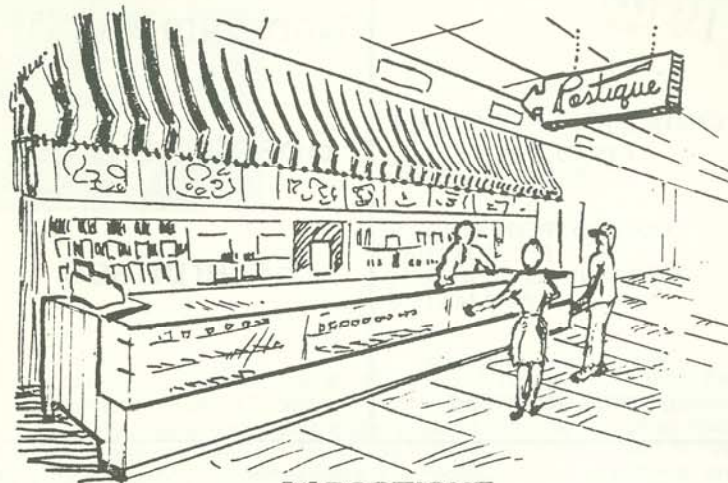
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On behalf of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, I would like to take this opportunity to thank FLOREX 82 General Chairman Charley Brown and his FLOREX team for the long hours of dedicated service they have contributed to produce this years outstanding FLOREX. We can all be proud of FLOREX as it is but one of four National Shows in the entire southeastern portion of the United States.

FLOREX 82 is honored to be the host of a Regional Meeting of the Bureau Issue Association. If you collect the stamps of the USA, you should stop by the BIA table at FLOREX.

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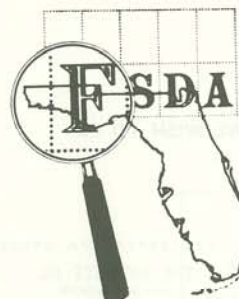
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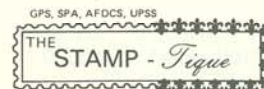
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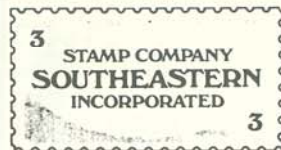
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The recovery of youth, everlasting youth, has always been and still is, one of man's fondest dreams. Hence it is not difficult to imagine the effects it had on the early Spanish explorers when they heard stories of such a fountain with its powers to restore youth, eternal youth, forever.

Juan Ponce de Leon was born about 1460 in the town of San Servace, Province of Leon, as a member of a celebrated family. In boyhood he had been a page to Prince Ferdinand. He evinced such an aptitude for a military career that he was placed under the instruction and guidance of some of the most brilliant army officers of the period. De Leon served as a brave and gallant soldier in Spain's war with the Moors. He fought in many campaigns where he learned the art of war, which was to benefit him later against the Indians.

In 1493, when Columbus fitted out his second expedition to the new world, de Leon was one of the first to volunteer his services, now at the age of 33 years, he was ready for new adventures of a seagoing exploration. Sometime prior to 1502 he returned to Spain and that same year was ordered to Hispanola with Nicolas de Ovando, to be his assistant governor. After their arrival in that colony they found the indians ready to rise up and make trouble. De Leon rendered such capable assistance in the work of pacification of the indians that in 1506, Ovando sent him to administer affairs in the colony at Hayti.

In 1508, De Leon sailed to Puerto Rico to make friends with the natives. As was the custom of amity, gifts were exchanged. De Leon was shown the fertile fields abundant with grain and fruit and also where the rivers of the land met - pebbles streaked with GOLD... Subsequent trips were made, with the approval of Governor Ovando, to colonize and garrison the new settlement, San Juan. Spanish rule was set up by 1509 and de Leon became the first governor of Puerto Rico.

GOLD, the word GOLD, caused trouble. Intrigue at the Spanish court, led by Diego Columbus, son of Christopher, reached into the structure of the colony to seek control of Puerto Rico. De Leon was accused of embezzling the King's funds and cheating on the returns of gold to the Spanish crown, plus other charges. Through the intervention of Governor Ovando, who was in Spain at that time, a favorable report on the conduct of de Leon and the merit of his service to the crown, the King let de Leon retain his governorship until such a time the charges would be proved to be true. Later all charges of dishonesty were proven to be false. Gold brought trouble; relations with the Indians had changed and were deteriorating to a very bad extent. The Indians were now used as forced slave labor to mine the gold, as servants by the officers and for labor on various undertakings. The Indian was not free anymore and could not live as he once had.

Spanish soldiers remained and slept under armor as trouble suddenly started at one place then another. But now came an ominous warning as the various tribes began gathering. One day during the troubles, de Leon's assistant governor, Don Cristoval Satomayor, delivered a packet of documents wrapped in oilskin to him with the request that if anything happens to him, de Leon should be guardian of his ward, Donna Inez Satomayor and look to her welfare. Then, as if he had had a premonition, Don Cristoval was ambushed and killed. It was now the year 1511 and de Leon, at the age of 51, was relieved as governor of the colony at Puerto Rico, but he had no worries as he had amassed enough to make him independent. He could now return to Spain and look into the affairs of Donna Inez.

On his arrival at the residence of Don Cristoval, he was introduced to a beautiful young lady. Such beauty in one person was unbelievable. Could it be possible that this was the ward of his old friend and companion in arms, who had asked him to love, cherish and protect her as a father? They met in a warm spontaneous embrace greeting each other. For the next year he stayed at her house - each day meeting and discussing her fortune and future plans for the inheritance. They walked in the garden and supped together and they became closer to each other. Donna Inez as an intelligent, beautiful lady and de Leon as a wonderful, handsome cavalier of awesome experiences.

The King now ordered another expedition to take place.
"Dear Donna Inez tomorrow I shall leave you. I have settled your business as well as I can since I came here. I have learned to love you with all my heart."
Ponce de Leon clasped Donna Inez in his arms and planted a kiss upon her

lips.

"Dear Donna Inez when I leave you it will be for your benefit. I go a man of many years, yet when I return I will be of youth and vigor. That what I seek I have heard of and if I return to you successful, it will be with an honor no other man has ever achieved."

"Go then! and may our Lord protect you in danger, attend you in sickness and health and return you to me to guide and comfort me in years to come. Adios!"

Under the King's orders and grant de Leon sailed from Spain for Puerto Rico, the 23rd of February, 1512. There trouble with the Indians delayed him until 1513. He fitted out three ships and taking a northward course he fell in with the Bahamas group of islands. On the 14th of March, he arrived at San Salvador where Columbus had first put his foot on the shores of the new land.

After making a diligent search for the fountain, described by the Indians, he failed to find it, but was not discouraged. On he sailed. March 27, 1513 he came in sight of land but could not land because of heavy seas. Looking to the land were tall pines and flowers in abundance. As it was Easter day, the name of the day in the calendar or the fact that many flowers were seen on the coast, the country was named Florida. They landed April 2, probably at St. Augustine to take possession in the name of the King. However, de Leon would make no attempt to settle and explore it until nearly seven years later.

Now whenever de Leon had a chance, he would visit Spain to be near Donna Inez. But the king would always have another grant for him to explore further and no amount of pleading could persuade him to neglect his duty and he would always pledge to her that this would be the last time he would leave her and as always, came talk of the Fountain of Youth.
"I am confident it exists. It is one of my highest aspirations to find it. Can I but return to you in strength and vigor with the knowledge and experience that no other man possesses, dear heart! Is this not the prize we seek?"

Ponce de Leon was now sixty-one years old and the years were passing fast. This would be the last grant he would accept. He swore an oath to it. He once more left for Puerto Rico where he fitted out two ships and embarked on what was to be his last voyage of exploration to Florida. He landed with a strong body of troops near what is now Charlotte Harbor and advanced inland. They were attacked by hordes of Indians and forced to retreat to the ship. In this battle de Leon was struck by an arrow piercing his armor and entering his thigh. The expedition returned to Cuba; the surgeon could not remove the arrow; treatment was of no avail. It was June, the year was 1521 when he died.

In the year 1898, the United States government built a fine tomb in the Dominican Church of Puerto Rico. His epitaph, in Latin, reads:
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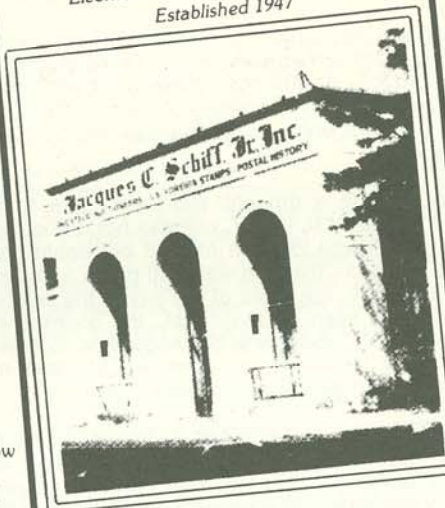
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I missed FLOREX the past two years. I not only mean I wasn't there, I also mean I really "missed" being there! So am eager to take in '82's version, see what has changed during those two years, and re-establish some old contacts. Some times it's nice to go back, compare notes, see what has occurred in the meantime.

Had the same opportunity last Fall when I went back to Japan for Philatokyo, after being stationed there in 1945-46 for about 8 months. Wouldn't have known it was the same place! Of course, the Imperial Palace and Tokyo Station were in the same places, so I was easily oriented. Went by the building which had been my Company Grade officers' B.O.Q., the home office building of Japan's largest pre-war shipping company, the N.Y.K. Company. It was gone, but on the same spot, finished in 1978, is a beautiful new high rise building which is still the home office for the rejuvenated N.Y.K.

Went by the Dai Ichi Building, which had been the offices for MacArthur's GHQ, and it was intact, unchanged, now again the home office for the Dai Ichi Insurance Company. Walked into the lobby, faced the elevator bank, and immediately burst into laughter. No, I was not the guilty party, but 36 years ago a couple of U.S. officers befriended one of the girl elevator operators. She, like everyone else, knew General MacArthur by sight. So these fellows told her what the perfect salutation was for the General, and had her memorize it in English, though she had no idea what the words meant. The General walked into her elevator one morning, and was greeted by, "Good morning, big, fat American B-----d"! Went by the Imperial Hotel site, which had been flag rank officers' B.O.Q. Razed, and a beautiful new, modern, and enormous Imperial Hotel

is on that spot. Wanted to see it, because word had come through that a friend who had been a Light Colonel with me at the Pentagon in about 1943 was on his way to Tokyo --- and as a Brigadier General. Wondered how he had made it so quickly. Two days after he arrived I knew the answer --- what an operator! He had the local black market by the tail! Cigarettes cost us .60 a carton, and brought \$100, and Scotch which was a ration at \$5.00 commanded \$150 and up. I always heard the farmers wound up smoking the cigarettes because they were traded along the line for food, which was scarce and at a premium, but to whom were the farmers going to trade 'em?

But I had one more stop to make: I wanted to see what had been the Dai Iiti Hotel, as it was used for Field Grade B.O.Q. Never could locate it, but the memory remained, vividly impressed. We had no hot water or heat in the N.Y.K. Building as all the pipes had been yanked out in the scrap metal drive. Remember, I was there from September through March, and it was **cold**. Baths in cold water had become a drag when I recognized a familiar name on a GHQ roster sheet --- a WAC with whom I had graduated from Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and she was a Major. That meant she was billeted at the Dai Iiti, and I was sure they must have hot water. So I real quick like looked her up, and even faster renewed an old acquaintance. Now don't get me wrong, she had a face like a hot water bottle though she was a nice ole gal, so all I was interested in was her tub! It wasn't long before I was the cleanest Company Grade officer at GHQ! (Having been a G.I. before O.C.S., I remember we called something like this a "field expedient", didn't we?)

So, FLOREX, I'm coming back --- and I'm positive I'll have a lot of time for stamping and enjoying the show, because I'm sure I won't have to run half way across town for a hot shower!



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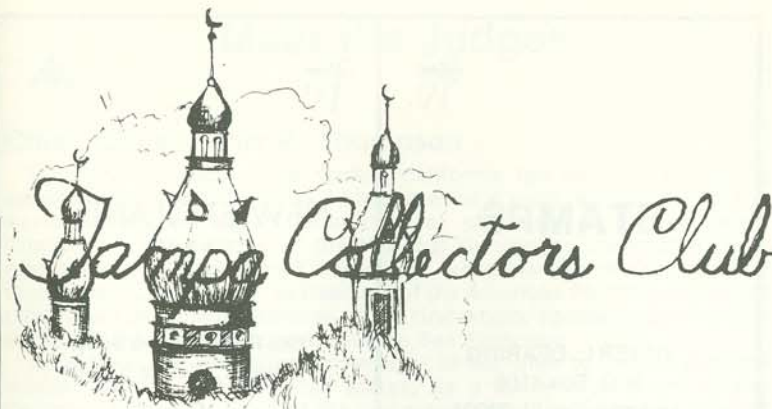
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From its home at Tampa Bay Center Mall, Tampa Collectors Club extends warm greetings to FLOREX '82. We hope this show will be the best ever.

If you are a visitor to this area and plan to stay a while around the Bay Area, you may wish to visit with us. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at the Community Room at Tampa Bay Center Mall, 3302 West Buffalo Avenue in Tampa, just behind the Tampa Bay Football Stadium. Meeting dates for November 1982 are 8 and 22. Meetings start at 7:30 P.M. and visitors are always welcome.

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Cyrus R. Thompson of San Carlos, California, has faithfully served the society in many capacities, as its treasurer for 4 years, as chairman of the Accreditation of Judges Committee, as chairman of the Education Committee, as chairman of the National Convention Committee, as a member of the Stamp Theft Committee, as a member of the Financial Committee, as a Director, as treasurer of the American Philatelic Research Library and as general chairman of the first wholly-sponsored convention of the society, the 1978 Stampshow in San Francisco.

In addition, he has given generously of his time to philately in the western portion of the United States, as a six-term president of the California Collectors Club, as the first president of the Collectors Club of San Francisco, as president of the Sequoia Stamp Club, as president of the Peninsula Stamp Club, as a director of the Western Philatelic Research Library and as president of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

His founding of the judges certification program for the "council served as a prototype for the same activity by the American Philatelic Society.

He has been active in Westpex since its inception and has served that well-known exhibition as a board member for 16 years, both as assistant general chairman and as chairman.

Recipient of the Westpex Service Award and the Chaloner Award of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, his Luff Award honor now recognizes his outstanding service to the American Philatelic Society.

Judge, Robert B. Bradeberry

SPA Executive Secretary for the past seven years. Previously President of the Society of Australasian Specialists and SEPAD; VP of SPA. Judge since 1948.

Specialist in Scandinavian, Australasian, Netherlands and German Areas.

Member, American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Congress, Scandinavian Collectors Club, British North America Philatelic Society and many others. Has many service awards including SPA, Phoenix Award, SEPAD National and Regional Awards and SAS Award.

A collector for way over 50 years.

Judge, Joseph M. Clary

A life member of the American Philatelic Society, the Life Society of Philatelic Americans, the American Philatelic Research Society, Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Polonus, Germany Philatelic Society, Japanese Philatelic Society, Postal History Society, California Collectors Club and Collectors Club of San Francisco.

A founder of the WESTPEX show sponsored by the Association for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. now in its twenty fourth year and Chairman of this show for 10 years.

Has served both the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans as an officer. Was elected as a Director, Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Vice Presidents at various times. (APS) Was elected and served as Secretary of the SPA at one time. Served as Chairman of the Convention Committee of APS for many years. Was presented with the prestigious Luff Award of the American Philatelic Society for Service to the Society in 1964.

Judge, Henry M. Gobie

Henry M. Gobie, now from Cypress Gardens, Florida, lived in the Miami area for many years where he was an employee of the Post Office. Now retired, Henry has won major awards with three different exhibits in different areas of U.S. philately. He is also the author of the definitive work on the Special Delivery stamps of the U.S.

He is currently a Director-at-large for the American Philatelic Society, and has been a familiar sight with his attractive wife, "Billie", at the FLOREX shows for many years. He is accredited in the areas of U.S., British Colonies, and Literature at the national level.

Apprentice Judge, William J. Bomar

Bill moved to Orlando, Florida, in mid 1970. He was born in Wilmar, California, suburb of Los Angeles, but moved as a youngster to Mexico, Missouri, which he considers "home". Enlisting in the Army Air Corp. toward the end of World War II, he spent three years on special duty tour as a member of the Air Corp. Rifle Team, after which he received his formal education at the University of Colorado, and later graduated from the University of Missouri.

Prior to moving South, "Bill" had spent four years in Chicago, six years in Atlanta, and eight years in Seattle with CNA Insurance of Chicago, Illinois, with whom he is presently employed. His present assignment is that of Senior Underwriting Specialist, for the State of Florida.

Bill is no new-comer to Philately, having "gotten the bug" at age eleven while in junior high school, turning to U.S. Specialized while still in the armed services. His collecting interests are quite varied, but tends to concentrate on U.S. postal history and cancels, with extensive knowledge in U.S. Revenues and "Tax Paid" issues. Bill was one of the organizers of the Flag Cancel Society, being its first Vice President, and later serving four years as President of the Society spending sixteen years on the Society's Board of Directors. He has also served as a Director of the Mobile Post Office Society, as Librarian of the U.S. Cancellation Club and has been an officer in the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club and the Collectors Club of Seattle. Bill is currently serving his fourth two-year term as President of the Central Florida Collectors Club, Inc., and is past President of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc.

He enjoys membership in the SPA, USPCS, BIA, Pre-Cancel Stamp Society, Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, American Revenue Association, Iowa Postal History Society, Mobile Post Office Society, Confederate Stamp Alliance, Western Cover Society, U.S. Cancellation Club, American Philatelic Congress and the Worlds Fair Collectors Society.

Mr. Bomar has written a number of specialized articles on Flag

cancellations, Rural Free Delivery cancels and Street Car RPO's.

A "bachelor" since 1970, Bill's face has been a familiar one at Florida stamp meetings since his arrival. He has one son. Bill is a thirty-four year member of the American Legion, a life member of the National Rifle Association and resides and works out of Orlando, Florida.

Apprentice Judge, Raymond W. Ruthrauff, Sr.

Occupation for the past 4½ years has been as Sales Director of the Sales Division of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Prior to the Sales Directors position was a licensed private investigator specializing in insurance fraud investigations.

Philatelic interests-all U.S. but specializing in the Black Jack issue; various phases of postal history; Great Britain & Colonies (mainly British Asia); collecting and reading Philatelic literature.

Philatelic Activities-Member of SPA, APS, US Classics Society, American Philatelic Congress (currently co-editor of the yearly Congress Book) and the first President and one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Postal History Society. Member of APS Writers Unit 30. Florex will be the third exhibit in my apprenticeship.

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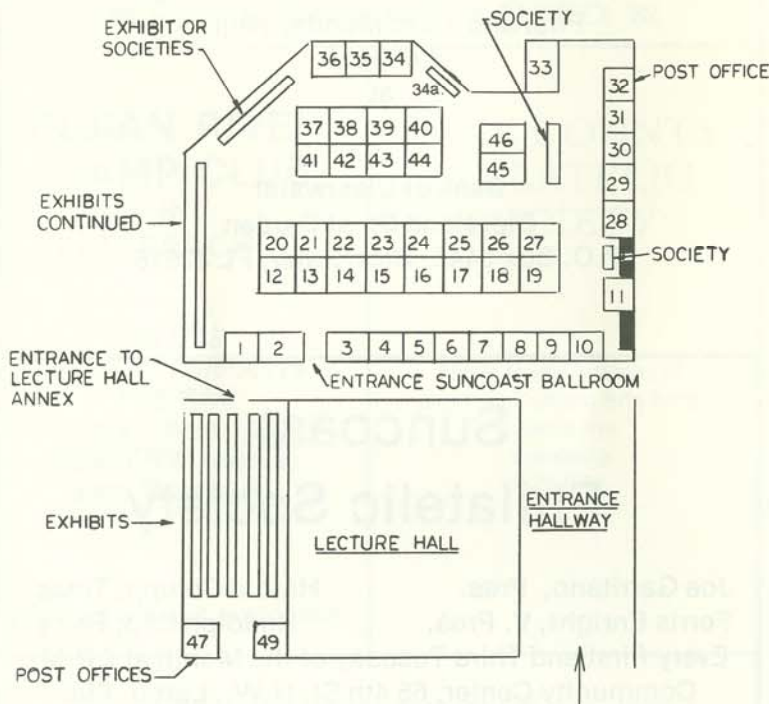
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