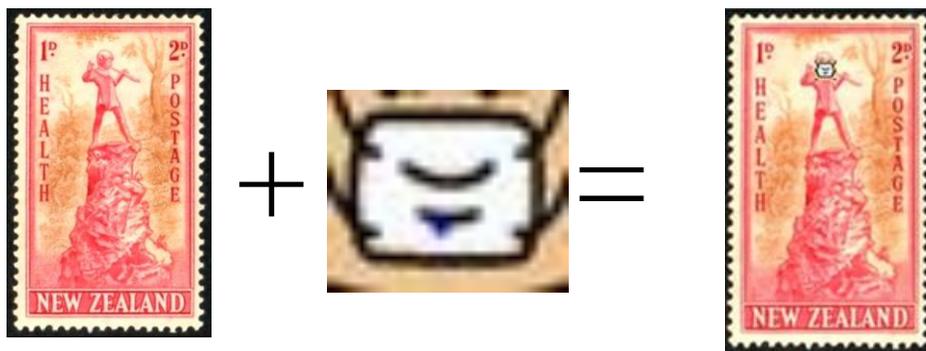


# Contest Time --- Revealed

In the July issue of *The Philatelic Missive* there was a contest to find the “Easter Egg”. The image on the right was the ‘doctored’ image with a face mask added to the statue of a child. The unaltered image is shown first. The mask that was added to the first image was taken from the recent daily strips of Dilbert, which has had the characters observing social distancing and mask usage for the last couple of months. There were a handful of attempts – and two winners. **Scott Cornwall** and **Gene Perry** will each be awarded a \$10 door prize for use at a future club meeting.



A 1945 New Zealand “Health” stamp charging 2 pence for postage and a premium of 1 pence for charity.

## Orlando Celebrates Post Office Day

by A. Stephen Patrick

Orlando celebrated Post Office Day July 26, 1932, with a speech by D. R. Laycock, the Orlando Postmaster, at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The *Orlando Sentinel* reported the speech in detail with a history of the mail and ending with a quote engraved on the Post Office Building in Washington D.C.



Figure B1



Figure B2

“Carrier of news and knowledge, instrument of trade, promoter of mutual acquaintance, peace and good will among men and nations, servant of parted friends, messenger of love and sympathy, consolation of the lonely, bond of scattered families, and enlarger of the common life.”

Illustrated are two cacheted air mail covers prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. **Figure B1** uses one of the new three cent Washington stamps of the set that debuted that year for the Bicentennial of Washington’s birth and an Olympic stamp from the Los Angeles Olympics. **Figure B2** was sent to a stamp collector in Syracuse, NY, but the three Arbor Day stamps were short of the eight-cent rate, so it received a pre-cancelled two cent postage due stamps from the Syracuse Post Office.

# Encounters of the Third Kind

by Francis Ferguson

I moved to Orlando in August of 1977 as an FTU/UCF student. I was a stamp collector with no place to call home. I was a typical student with almost zero discretionary funds and even less time to do anything that would be construed as fun. The highlight of my week -- when I had gas available to drive my 1972 four door Oldsmobile (that struggled to get 12 miles/gallon) was going to the Town House in Oviedo on Saturday night where I could get a very decent dinner with a drink and something sweet for \$5 to \$7.



My first encounter with the CFSC happened the last weekend of August 1977 as I went to the J.C. Penny's in the Winter Park Mall to purchase a tape recorder for my classes. While the intention was to help improve my note taking and hopefully thus my grades; it did not work out that way. I was pleased to see a small bourse/show going on when I entered the mall. I did have a brief conversation with whoever was staffing the club table. I think it was Wade Beery if I had to guess. I was invited to join the club -- but demurred as the reasons stated above just did not allow.

My second encounter was more obscure, and I did not know all the facts until years later. Charles Micarelli was the founding Dean of Humanities at the small upstart -- called Florida Technological University. Later of course it became University of Central Florida. I encountered Dean Micarelli as a student sometime in 1979 wanting to take a class that required his override signature. He did give me the signature for the class. To my knowledge I did not encounter him again. Charles was a longtime member of the Central Florida Stamp Club and served as president from 1978-1979. He was also the

author of the gold standard of books when it comes to identifying U.S. classic stamps. The book still retains his name and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

The third encounter was with Bob Bobroff sometime in the 1981-1982 as I was working for the Lake County Extension Service and my boss was the Citrus Agent for Lake County. I spoke to Bob a handful of times when my boss was not available. Bob handled a lot of the agricultural reporting for *The Orlando Sentinel*. I did not know at the time that Bob was a member of the CFSC -- I only discovered the connection in the last couple of months after a conversation with Steve Patrick. Bob's name can be found on the membership rosters from 1978 to 1986. He passed away at the age of 88 in 2004.

The fourth connection was by far the most amusing -- Mayor Carl T. Langford was a fixture in Orlando for many years. He served as mayor for 1967 to 1980. He hung up his tongs in 2011 at the age of 92. His quick wit was legendary and very much on display the two times I met him. He appears on the membership roster in 1953 and was known to have been active in the CFSC through the middle to late 1960s. Carl also was involved in many of the early years of FLOREX.

I knew of the CFSC for many years before joining March of 2000. I would see the meeting/show announcements that were published in the Orlando Sentinel. For most of the 1990s I was involved with a community service organization as a volunteer treasurer and it was my responsibility to do the banking and payroll -- every Thursday night. So that was a bit of a problem!

So here I am in the year 2020, with 43 years calling Orlando home. It has been an interesting ride, made all the better as a member of the CFSC.