

Odd Things Found

by The Editor

The odd things one can find in every day mail are rather strange. This piece of mail to a current member of the CFSC is colorful and attractive to say the very least. There is an interesting mix of postage covering nearly 80 years of issuance and six different types of classes. There is only one small problem. The postage cost for a certified letter mailed November of 2017 was \$4.26 – of that total paid with the use of stamps – a full \$1.00 was “paid” with invalid postage. The fact that the letter has a printed label for \$0.00 tell us that the envelope was presented to a clerk – which had to be for the Certified Mail use. The clerk did not catch the fact that the Special Delivery and Certified Mail stamps have no monetary value. Don’t be fooled into using Special Delivery stamps – they have NOT been valid for any other use other than Special Delivery and since that type of service is no longer available – the stamps have zero monetary value.

This mailing at the very least should not have been accepted -- and in reality, should have been docked for \$1.00 in postage due.



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Duyane Alan 'Dewey' Hoffman February 24, 1920 – October 30, 2019 (Died @ age 99 years - 4 months shy of 100 years) Apopka, FL survived by his wife Nancy.

Dewey joined Pan American Airways in 1942 making military trips during WW II transporting military supplies & helping train Navy pilots. In the 36 years flying mostly as Captain he flew many various airplanes from the B-314 flying boats to retiring in 1978 as a 747 Captain. During these years he was based in N.Y., Miami & Rio flying the Caribbean & East Coast of South America. When stationed in Brownsville he flew south through Mexico & Central America where he was introduced to orchids in 1949. Transferring back to N.Y., he flew many trips along the West coast of Africa to Johannesburg, throughout Europe & as Far East as Bangkok, Thailand. His family & friends enjoyed the many

accounts & adventures of all of the places he traveled.

In his time away from flying he enjoyed communing with Mother Nature by way of his orchid collection & with gardening in general; plus, dabbling in stamp collecting.

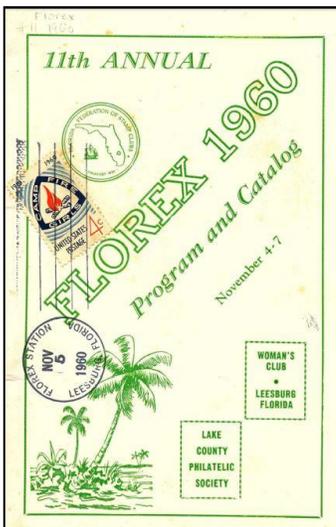
He was a member of Central Florida Orchid Society for 36 years & of the American Orchid Society for 50 years. He was also a member of the Central Florida Stamp Club for approximately 10 years.

[Editor's note: Dewey and Nancy joined the CFSC June of 1997 and were active members until about 2013, when health issues limited their involvement. For many years they were always found at the show greeting table – always with a ready smile and easy laugh as they engaged folks. Rest in peace Dewey.]



FLOREX History

The history of FLOREX is deep and has a lot of interesting stuff for those lucky enough to find the nuggets of year's past. A recent trip to the APS/APRL facility in Bellefonte PA, turned up two never before seen show booklets for 1960 and 1967. Everything that has been unearthed about FLOREX from its earliest years can be found on the FLOREX website, which has been online since 2004. [www.FLOREXStampShow.com]



We are always actively looking for items from years gone by – as you search through old accumulations of material, be on the look out for items not in our archives. In particular the show booklets from 1949-1953, 1955-1956, 1958 and 1961-1964 are especially sought after. It is doubtful that there was a traditional show booklet for 1949 through 1953, however there may be a printed information sheet to be unearthed.

FLOREX 2019, will be held at the Osceola Heritage Park located in Kissimmee December 13-14-15. We hope to see everyone there. Come enjoy the treasure hunt through the varied material offered by the booth holders.