

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE CELEBRATED

Entertaining Program Prepared by YMCA for New Year's Day Event

Plans for the third annual open house at the YMCA to be held Tuesday, Jan. 1, were completed Friday. Music, special features, athletic contests and a splendid program are included in the outline for the day. The YMCA will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until late at night. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon and again at night by the Women's auxiliary, with Mrs. John Halblom as chairman. Those in charge of the program are Chas. Abrams, chairman, Dr. E. E. Fisher and Otto Paulus.

Approximately 2000 people attended the two previous open house programs, crowding the building from morning until night. An invitation has been extended to all members, friends and others interested in the YMCA to take advantage of the YMCA open house and to drop in and get acquainted. A copy of the program is being mailed to all fraternal organizations.

The program is as follows:
 Junior basketball 9 o'clock to noon.
 Various drills by juniors, 2:30.
 Orchestra in lobby, 3:00.
 Basketball games, 3:15.
 YWCA swimming exhibition 4:00.
 Orchestra in lobby 5:00.
 Handball exhibits 5:15.
 Music in lobby, boxing, wrestling, tumbling and high-bar exhibits in gymnasium 7:00.
 Championship basketball games, 8:00.
 Men's swimming exhibit, 8:30.
 Concert in lobby, novelty stunts, talks, musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, 9:00.

Lower Rate Urged
 E. N. Weisbaum, manager of the trade and commerce department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has informed the public service commission that his department, after an investigation, considers that on small express shipments of apples east \$1.50 would be a fair rate to Chicago and \$1.75 to New York. At present the rate for 50-pound boxes from Eugene, Salem and Portland to New York is \$2.82 and to Chicago, \$2.85.

Lady of the Land Carries on Xmas Seal Tradition

Charity Stamps used to raise \$1,000,000 for Soldiers in Civil War Forerunner of Xmas Seal which has circled the Globe

Back in 1862 when our grandmothers played at "post office," the "charity stamp" history is first appearance. Women of Civil War days had the vision to see the tremendous appeal of a penny stamp used as the symbol of a great public service.

The tuberculosis Christmas seal which has now become an established part of our holiday season every year, is this American in origin. Women interested in the Sanitary Commission in 1862 opened miniature post offices at fairs held in Boston, Brooklyn and other eastern cities. This commission was really the forerunner of the American Red Cross. Anyone wishing to receive letters from these post offices had to pay postage in the form of "Sanitary Fair Stamps." By 1864 the charity stamps sold in these post offices had brought to the Sanitary Commission more than a million dollars for the care of wounded soldiers.

After the Civil War the charity stamp was forgotten and did not reappear until 1892 when such a stamp was used for Red Cross work in Portugal. The idea returned to this country in 1907 by way of Denmark. It was Denmark, called by Jacob A. Riis, the eminent philanthropist, "San- ta Claus' own country", which surrounded our charity stamp with the atmosphere of Christmas. Christmas is the most beloved of all fetes in Denmark and the sale of the holiday stamps to raise funds for the building of a hospital for tuberculous children in that country was the forerunner of the Christmas Seal, the famous symbol of health which has now circled the globe.

Stamps Collect Millions.
 Today this little stamp with the tremendous significance back of it, is practically a national institution in America and the nations of the world. Millions of men, women and children recognize the Christmas seal as an opportunity and a personal responsibility to help stop the spread of tuberculosis. So vividly has it imbedded on the popular imagination that now the penny stamp, calling for the smallest gift ever conceived, has by its sale brought in more than \$25,000,000 in the United States alone.

The 1924 seal shows a little child in front of a fire place with the head of Santa Claus appearing in the smoke that mounts from the hearth. A Christmas wreath formed the motif for the first Christmas seal used in this country, which was sold only in and around Wilmington, Del.



Mrs. Coolidge opens sale of Xmas Seals in Washington

aware in 1907. Until 1919 a single red cross, the symbol of the American Red Cross, appeared on the seals. Since 1919 the Christmas seal has not been in any way connected with the Red Cross. It is strictly a tuberculosis seal and always bears the double barred cross, the symbol of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The tuberculosis Christmas stamp is now recognized by everyone. President Roosevelt, President Wilson, President Harding and now President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge have been among the first to encourage the sale of the cheerful little holiday stamps. When the Prince of Wales and General Foch were in America, they recognized the Christmas seal as the symbol of a great public service and personally endorsed the movement.

Artists Design Seals.
 The seal in Denmark this year shows a whaleboat with the Faroe landscape in the background and with the words "Christmas 1923" in the Danish and Faro languages. The Danish love for the sea and for ships has been well depicted in all of her Christmas seals. Last year the Danish seal showed a stately five-masted ship. The Swedish seal for 1922 gave a view of the Land of the Midnight Sun with a figure holding up the double barred cross against the sun. The Iceland seal for last



Seal for 1923



Used in 1907



Tuberculous children of many nations are helped by Christmas Seals

year showed the Christmas star shining over Iceland. The Norwegian seal for 1922 had a picture of a fish- ing boat, the work of Henrik Lund, one of the most celebrated Norwegian artists.

Among the many seals which have been collected by philatelists is that for the Virgin Islands printed in 1909. It shows a beautiful old Danish man of war, the "Ingolf," which

made many trips to the Islands. Portraits of rulers, prominent public men, public buildings, churches and cathedrals, tuberculosis hospitals, snow landscapes, little children, birds, fire-side scenes, and angels ringing Christmas bells, have been among the subjects appearing on the Christmas seals of various countries.

Charity stamps are sold in nearly every country in the world today. Many are the purposes for the sale of stamps. Soldiers' stamps have been sold in Italy, Hungary, Roumania and elsewhere. In Austria many stamps have been sold for children's hospitals. In England missionary organizations and churches sell stamps for special funds, and stamps commemorate special events. Practically all charity stamps are sold throughout the year. Notable



First Seal adopted in 1908



Taking the work cure for tuberculosis

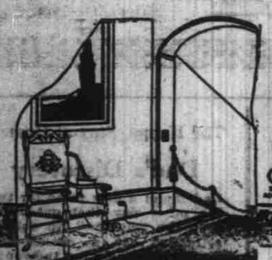
in Denmark. The first year more than 4,113,000 stamps were sold, one for every man, woman and child in Denmark, so vividly did the idea seize the imagination of the Danish people. Mr. Riis received in his Christmas mail a letter from Denmark bearing some of these seals. In a magazine article in 1907 he told of the origin of the Christmas stamp in Denmark. The stamp bore a message that in his opinion should go round the world.

First American Seal.
 Miss Emily P. Bissell, a Red Cross worker at Wilmington, Del., read Mr. Riis' article and conceived the idea of selling Christmas stamps for a tuberculosis sanatorium which she was then establishing on the outskirts of Wilmington. She secured more than \$3,000 for her project. Miss Bissell saw the possibilities of the stamp and it was upon her suggestion that the American Red Cross undertook a nation-wide sale of stamps. The next year \$200,000 worth of seals were sold. By 1914 the sale had passed the half million mark. During the last four years the annual sale of stamps has amounted yearly to between three and four million dollars.

As the sale of seals has mounted year after year the toll of the white plague in this country has steadily increased. The death rate for every one hundred thousand was 198 in 1908. Last year it was 97 for every one hundred thousand.

Christmas seals cannot be sold without selling first the idea of the prevention of tuberculosis. Through the Christmas seal millions of men and women have learned the nature and prevention of tuberculosis; hundreds of hospitals, clinics, open air schools, preventoria and other agencies for fighting tuberculosis have been brought into existence. Mothers have learned how to safeguard their homes against the disease and men have won their way back to health through a proper regulation of their work and rest. The prominent hamlet has learned that to be cured of tuberculosis the patient must have rest, fresh air, proper food, the proper mental attitude and good care.

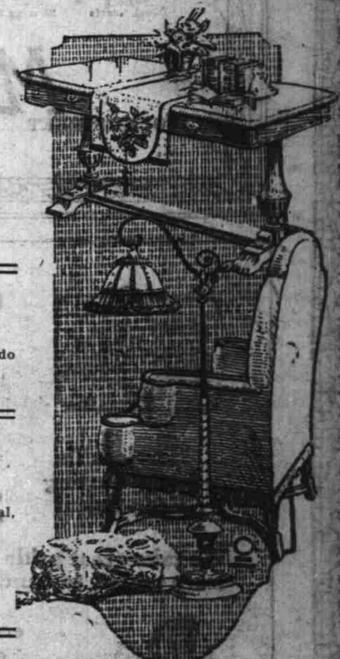
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