

## QUEENS MAN IS OWNER OF RAREST YULE SEALS

Shares Highest Collection Honors  
With New Jersey Philatelist,  
Galloway Reveals.

Pointing out that Tuberculosis Christmas Seals were being more and more sought after by expert philatelists in this country because of their humanitarian significance, George M. Galloway, assistant secretary of the Brooklyn Tuberculosis and Health Association, revealed yesterday the only complete collections of the seals in the United States were believed to be owned by Charles Lorenz of Springfield Gardens, Queens, and William L. Kinkead of New Jersey.

Mr. Galloway said the Queens men had a complete collection in full sheets of all tuberculosis seals ever issued by Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland. Mr. Kinkead's collection is featured by a group of central European seals, which is considered one of the most complete in existence.

The 1913 Tuberculosis Christmas Seal was considered the rarest and most valuable of any issued in this country, Mr. Galloway explained. It is even rarer than the first seal of 1907 issued by Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Del., who borrowed from Denmark the idea of using this method to finance anti-tuberculosis work in the United States.

The 1913 seal, with its poinsettia flowers and green circles surrounding crosses in red at the two lower corners, is catalogued at \$10, while two variations issued the same year are worth about half of this amount.

The Brooklyn Tuberculosis and Health Association hopes to raise \$100,000 from the sale of Christmas seals, which started last Friday and will continue until Christmas.

## Van Valkenburg Funeral

Former Editor Buried in Native Village of Wellsboro, Pa.

WELLSBORO, Pa., Dec. 1 (A).—Edwin A. Van Valkenburg, nationally known retired newspaper editor, was buried today in the rustic cemetery on the outskirts of his native Wellsboro. Friends among whom he won his early political contests and those who waged with him his major battles against Matthew Stanley Quay and Boies Penrose joined to pay final tribute.

From Washington came Postmaster General Walter H. Brown and Colonel J. A. Ulion, of the United States Army, the latter the personal representative of President Hoover. The simple ceremony at the Van Valkenburg home was conducted by the Rev. Orrin G. Cocks, pastor of the Wellsboro Presbyterian Church.

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## CHARITY STAMPS SHOWN IN NEWARK

Notable Collection of William L.  
Kinkead Exhibited in Tu-  
berculosis Drive.

## MANY LANDS REPRESENTED

Philatelist Tells How Movement  
Originated—Syrian Issue Bears  
Map of the Holy Land.

Several thousand persons in Newark have viewed during the past week Newark's first exhibit of charity stamps. The collection, gathered and owned by William L. Kinkead, Treasurer of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League, Inc., a well-known philatelist, of Ridgewood, has been exhibited since Monday at the National Newark and Essex Banking Company in connection with the league's present campaign throughout northern New Jersey. Before coming to Newark, the stamps were shown in Paterson, and it is planned to exhibit them in Hackensack in the immediate future.

Mr. Kinkead's exhibit, which closed last night, contains what is said to be the only complete collection of tuberculosis seals in this country in addition to many other varieties of charity stamps and seals and propaganda stamps of various foreign nations. The majority of the foreign stamps were collected with the cooperation of Captain Anderson of the Danish Coast Survey, and of a Swiss collector. The latter has said that the Central European collection in the group is the most complete in existence.

## From Many Countries.

Included among the stamps shown were a large number issued for various forms of welfare and relief work by the Red Cross and kindred national war relief organizations. These stamps came from England, Scotland, France, Serbia, Greece, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, Siberia, Mexico, Dutch Indies, Esthonia, a multitude of French colonies, Siam and other nations.

The bulk of the exhibit, however, was composed of tuberculosis seals and stamps of various years, societies and nations. The earliest stamps in the collection were issued in 1862-4 by the United States Sanitary Commission and sold at the great "Sanitary Fairs" held in Boston and Springfield, Mass.; Chicago, New York, Brooklyn and other large cities throughout the northern section of

the country. The charity stamp does not seem to have appeared again, according to Mr. Kinkead, until 1897, when the first postage stamps for the benefit of sufferers from tuberculosis were sold in New South Wales.

Einar Hoelbell, a Danish postal clerk, who is generally accredited with the origin of the Christmas Seal idea as this country knows it, did not get his idea from the New South Wales stamp but from early sanitary stamps, Mr. Kinkead said today. Captain Anderson, who knew Hoelbell well, had never heard of the New South Wales issue until Mr. Kinkead wrote him of it a few years ago. Denmark permitted the anti-tuberculosis seal to be used on Christmas mail first in 1904, and this use has come to be an integral part of Danish Christmas observance.

## Tells How Movement Started.

"While Einar Hoelbell cannot truthfully be called the originator of the charity stamp idea," Mr. Kinkead said, "its adoption as a means of fund raising in the United States was undoubtedly due to the influence of the Danish stamp which he originated. In 1906, Jacob Riis, New York's prominent writer and publicist, received a letter from his native land, Denmark, bearing one of the Christmas Seals. He was greatly impressed with its potentialities as a 'fund raiser' for tuberculosis work and wrote an article on it for The Outlook, which was read by a Miss Emily B. Bissell of Wilmington, Del. She organized the first Christmas Seal sale in America in 1907 to raise funds for a small tuberculosis sanatorium.

"This sale had a surprising success," Mr. Kinkead went on, "about \$3,000 being raised. Miss Bissell, a member of the National Red Cross, induced that organization to undertake a nation-wide campaign. This was even more successful, with \$135,000 realized. A similar seal sale raised \$200,000 in 1909."

The exhibitor went on to explain the early relationship of the Red Cross with the National Tuberculosis Association. The Red Cross, he said, had formed an agreement with the anti-tuberculosis body in 1910, whereby the Red Cross gave its then more influential name and sufficient capital for financing the sale. The tuberculosis organization agreed to organize the sale and direct the expenditure of the funds raised. This partnership, Mr. Kinkead added, went on until 1919, with only the emblem of the older organization appearing on the seals. The seal in that year, however, contained in its design the familiar double-barred cross, now the emblem of international tuberculosis work.

The collection includes, in addition to specimens of every seal issued in this country, seals from twenty European countries which have issued this form of stamp between 1904 and this year. Sweden was the first to follow Denmark's example, issuing a seal in 1904. The Netherlands also printed an issue in December, 1904; Norway's came in 1907, as did that of the Danish West Indies.

## E. A. Van Valkenburg Funeral on Thursday

Wellsboro Pa., Services for  
Former Editor and Publisher  
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27 (A).—Funeral services for Edwin A. Van Valkenburg, former president and editor of "The Philadelphia North American," will be held at Wellsboro, Pa., his birthplace, on Thursday. Mr. Van Valkenburg will lie in state here Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. He died Saturday in Jefferson Hospital. He was sixty-five years old.

Numerous messages of condolence were received today by his wife, Mrs. E. Louise Johnson Van Valkenburg. Included were messages from President and Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the President, and Postmaster General Walter F. Brown.

President Hoover said in his message: I am profoundly grieved to learn of the death of my dear friend, your husband. Both Mrs. Hoover and I wish you to know of our deep sympathy with you in your bereavement. The country has lost in him a citizen of distinguished patriotism, high-mindedness and zeal, and all of us who knew him well have lost an unselfish and most valued friend.

Besides his wife, a daughter by his first marriage, Mrs. Claude E. Bennett, of Wellsboro, Pa., survives. Mrs. Van Valkenburg was a former superintendent of nurses in the public schools here. She was married to Mr. Van Valkenburg in 1929.

## XMAS SEALS FAKED

Rare 1907 Issue Now Being  
Counterfeited.

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Counterfeiting has found a new field in the Christmas seals issued by the National Tuberculosis Association. Dorsey F. Wheelers of New York, an expert philatelist, has discovered that the 1907 seals, which are now rare collectors' items, have been counterfeited, the association reports in a warning issued today from its headquarters at 450 Seventh avenue.

The 1907 seals were designed and sold by Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Del., in an effort to raise funds for a tuberculosis sanatorium. They were the first seals issued and so successful was the sale that the method has been used annually to finance the fight against tuberculosis.

Other issues, notably those of 1910, 1911 and 1913, have increased in value, but counterfeits of only the 1907 issue have been discovered.

A microscopic examination of the bogus seals has provided a basis for differentiating them from the authentic ones. The association asks that prospective purchasers of 1907 seals communicate with its office.

## COLLECTORS SEEK ODD XMAS SEALS

Total Receipts to Date From  
Monmouth County Drive  
Are \$13,089.42

Oddities among 1931 Christmas seals are sought by stamp collectors, according to a request recently received by the Monmouth County Christmas Seal Committee, from W. L. Kinkead, treasurer of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League and president of the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamps Society. Mr. Kinkead says that some seals have slipped through without the green, others without the yellow tint in the background and some without perforating. These are considered of great interest by collectors. Miss Agnes E. Morrow, in charge of the campaign, asks that any such seals found be mailed to the committee's office at 131 Pearl Street, Red Bank. A request is also made by the organization for the return or payment of seals mailed at Thanksgiving time.

Mr. Kinkead, whose home is in Glen Rock, has a collection of Christmas Seals and charity stamps noted among philatelists. It includes the first charity stamps sold at Sanitary Fairs during the Civil War, the seal originated by Einar Hoelbell in Denmark in 1903; the first seal sold in the United States by Emily Bissell in Delaware in 1907, the first seal sold by the American Red Cross the next year, and the seal on which the double-barred cross of the National Tuberculosis Association was first used in 1919. There are also stamps from most European countries and many remote parts of the world including Australia, New Zealand, Syria and Japan. Most of these seals are listed at a value much higher than the original "one a penny" sale price.

The most valuable seal ever issued in this country is the red and green seal of 1913, with poinsettia flowers, and green circles around red crosses at either side. This design is listed in stamp catalogues as worth \$10 each, while two variations of the same design issued the same year are worth only half as much. The first seals sold by Miss Bissell in 1907 are worth \$7.50 each if inscribed "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," but if inscribed only "Merry Christmas" they are worth only \$5.00 each, as are designs issued in 1908, 1911 and 1913.

The Monmouth County Christmas Seal Committee states that more than 11,500 persons to whom seals were mailed in November have not returned seals or the money for them. The total receipts to date are \$13,089.42, which is \$4,500 less than the sum needed to balance this year's budget.

Committees report sales as follows: