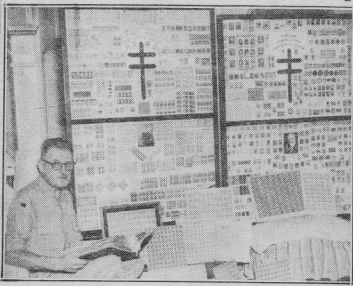


50-Yr. Seal Collection Church Lists In Every Nook, Cranny Yule Services



(NEWS photo by Joe Farrington)
Charles Lorenz' collection of Christmas seals is mounted in albums, on boards, and is stashed away in boxes.

A collection to which he has devoted almost 50 years of his life is worth \$1 and good-will to Charles Lorenz of Springfield Gardens.

The owner of millions of charity and welfare seals, which he has collected from every part of the world, Lorenz, a former mechanical engineer, became interested in his hobby when his regular stamp collection became too expensive to maintain.

His collection, which includes a complete history of the TB Christmas seals, has almost all the charity stamps issued in this country from the Civil War to the present day.

Helped Needy People

"I spend every spare moment and every spare cent of my seal and stamp collection," says Lorenz, who lives with his wife, Lillian, at 178-27 137th Ave. "But how can any other price than one dollar and good-will be placed on a collection whose value is what it has done to help needy people."

A former production manager for an electrical manufacturing company, Lorenz went to work for the National Tuberculosis Association in 1938, taking care of its collector's correspondence until his retirement last year.

"Oddly enough, I gave up stamp collecting because it was too expensive and my seals have cost me more than stamps ever would," he said. "But I've never regretted a moment of it."

Seals Fill Home

The Lorenz home is filled, from basement to attic, with seals mounted in books, on boards and stashed in boxes. Twelve to 15 letters a day come in from foreign countries, filled with seals

Teacher to Cheer Kids

The Association of Queens Elementary Homebound Teachers will play host to 375 handicapped children tomorrow at a Christmas party in the 104th Field Artillery Armory, 93d Ave. and 163d St., Jamaica.

or with requests for information.

Although his wife doesn't share his enthusiasm for the seal collection which literally swamps the house, she is interested in the new acquisitions.

"After all, it has become his life's work, even though it's only a hobby," she explained. "When a man is as devoted as he is, you can't help but take some interest."

Included in Lorenz's collection is a set of counterfeit Christmas seals, which are worth more than the originals—and are coveted collector's items.

"You name it, I got it," he added, referring to the variety of seals he owns. "Friends automatically send every seal to me that comes out. Since I started my collection, I haven't missed one."

Busman's Holiday

When he's not busy working on his seal collection, Lorenz takes a special busman's holiday and devotes his spare time to work of the Christmas Seals and Charity Stamps Society, of which he is a charter member.

Besides collecting seals, he catalogues them and prepares complete histories.

Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village, will hold special observances next Sunday through Christmas Day.

Next Sunday morning a movie, "Holy Night," will be shown to the Sunday School. The children will present Christmas programs at 3:30 and 8 P. M.

Traditional candlelight services will be held at 7 and 11 P. M. Dec. 24. The junior and intermediate choirs will sing at the early service and the intermediate and senior choirs at the 11 P. M. service.

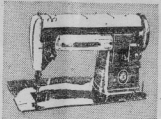
At 10:45 A. M. Christmas Day, a festival service will be held. All three choirs will sing.

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