

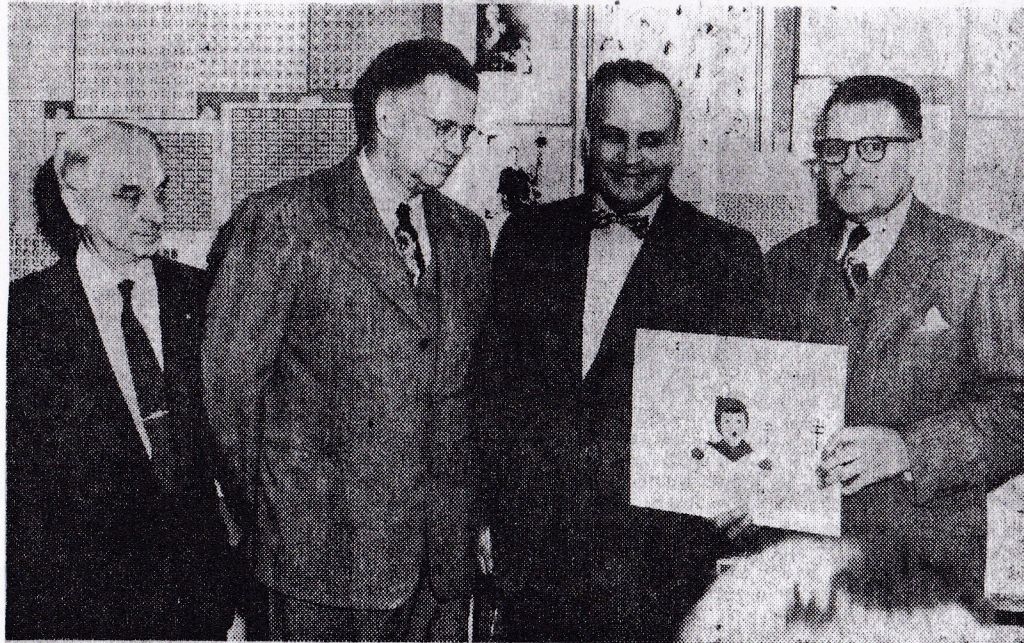
# Utica Observer-Dispatch

SECTION TWO

UTICA, N. Y., FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, 1953

PAGE ONE-A

## Collector Displays Christmas Seals



Displaying a folder in his \$25,000 Christmas Seal collection is Charles Lorenz, right, to officers of Iliou Philatelic Society last night in the Frankfort Baptist Church. Admiring the prize from the left are Webster Rich, general chairman of the annual dinner; Ray Bergendahl, society president, and Philip Wyckoff, master of ceremonies.

Frankfort — Charles Lorenz, New York City, brought his Christmas Seal collection, valued at \$25,000, here last night for the annual Christmas party of Iliou Philatelic Society.

Lorenz was introduced by Philip Wyckoff, who said Lorenz is considered one of the outstanding authorities on Seals and is manager of the collectors' service in the national tuberculosis office.

Lorenz explained his collection to the group and stressed the importance of the seal, its significance to the stricken and its part in human existence.

"Through the years," he said, "the annual sale of these sales has been an invaluable source of money with which to combat the disease."

Webster Rich served as general chairman of the party. He conducted an auction of mem-

bers' stamps.

Members of the Baptist Church served dinner to the 80 guests. Dinner programs were printed on the reverse side of a sheet of 1953 Christmas seals. Favors and place cards also carried the Christmas seal theme.

The Rev. Andrew P. Burton, Baptist pastor, gave invocation benediction and Ray Bergendahl, Mohawk, club president, conducted a business meeting.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1935.

NS

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

## Christmas Seals of All Nations To Be on Display in Brooklyn

Collection of Charles Lorenz of Queens Shows Progress of the Fight for Tuberculosis Relief for the Last 30 Years—Some of Specimens Are Declared 'Priceless'—Philatelists Interested.

Specimens of Christmas seals issued in this country and foreign lands for the relief of tuberculosis will be placed on exhibition by Charles Lorenz of Springfield Gardens, Queens, in the Abraham & Straus department store, Fulton Street, Brooklyn, this week. The collection is regarded by philatelists as the most comprehensive in existence and several of the seals are said to be "priceless."

Five frames, three by four feet, will be used for the display. One frame will contain specimens of seals distributed by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association, as well as a number of "locals" issued throughout the country for specific institutions. Another frame will hold all the foreign seals Mr. Lorenz has been able to authenticate. The three remaining frames will contain "T. B." buttons or badges.

### History of Seals Depicted.

Mr. Lorenz declared yesterday that he had no idea how many seals the frames would show, nor has he ever attempted to count the seals in his collection at home. The exhibition, he said, would enable the general public to see the rare beauty of foreign Christmas seals and learn something of the history of American seals.

A photograph of Einar Holboell, Danish postal clerk, who conceived the idea of Christmas seals for tuberculosis relief in 1904, will occupy the centre of the foreign frame. Seals from forty nations will appear around the picture. Many of them, particularly those of the Scandinavian countries, date back nearly thirty years. Designs on these seals, which are larger than our own, illustrate Winter scenes with delicate coloring effects.

Mr. Lorenz regards a Christmas

seal issued in <sup>Ireland</sup> Scotland twenty-eight years ago as the most valuable item on display.

An autographed photograph of Miss Emily Bissell of Wilmington, Del., will be in the American frame. She originated the Christmas seals here in 1907. One year later the American Red Cross undertook to distribute the stickers and continued to do so until 1920, when the National Tuberculosis Association assumed control.

### 28 Consecutive Seals Included.

Twenty-eight consecutive seals published in the United States will be included in the frame. There are, however, about seventy-five varieties of these seals. The designs on the American seals are interesting in view of the N. T. A.'s policy to avoid trouble. In 1922 a mother and child design was attacked by certain religious groups, although prominent artists hailed the seal as outstandingly beautiful. The most popular design was the "Good Ship Argosy" of 1928. Santa Claus has carried the design ten times.

Mr. Lorenz declared yesterday that he knows "for a fact" no other collections of buttons exists. They are divided into three classifications: facsimiles of the Christmas seals, 1911-1928; health crusade badges for school children from 1917-1924, and miscellaneous "locals" bearing the tuberculosis double-barred cross.

This year the National Tuberculosis Association has ordered 1,650,555,000 Christmas seals for distribution. Forty per cent of the seals sent out through the mails result in cash contributions, it was said. Since 1907 the seals have netted \$75,000,000 for tuberculosis relief in this country. The 1935 returns are expected to be about \$4,000,000.