

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS SEALS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

IT was a great honor to be invited to accompany Dr. Kendall Emerson, Managing Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, to Washington, D. C. on December 8th when he presented at 11:00 A.M. to the Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a collection of Christmas Seals from the National Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, Executive Secretary of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the District of Columbia introduced to the President, the delegates, who were: Dr. Emerson, Mr. A. Schaeffer, Jr., Publicity Director of the National Tuberculosis Association and myself from New York and Dr. William Charles White, President of the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association and Mr. Edwin F. Potter, Director of Extensions and Publicity.

The President welcomed us most cordially which brought a feeling to all, that it was just a quiet family party. It was a busy day for the President so things moved quickly. The presentation followed the introducing of the delegates amid the clickings of six cameras which was the full quota permitted at one time.

The President admired the beautiful black full leather spring back binding, which had on the front cover in gold leaf the initials "F. D. R." at top and "Christmas Seals in the United States" at bottom, below which was a double barred cross in carmine and the back of the binder has printed in gold leaf "Christmas Seals in the United States" at top and "F. D. R." at bottom. He likewise admired the front page which is a wonderful piece of red and black printing on vellum, the inscription of which is printed in twelve lines and reads: "Christmas Seals in the United States. A collection prepared by the National Tuberculosis Association and presented to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States of America and Honorary Vice President, National Tuberculosis Association (double barred cross in red) at the White House, Christmas, 1933."

The President then told us of a very interesting cover he has in his collection which he thought a great deal of, especially because the country is now a part of the United States. The cover is from the Danish West Indies and has on it one of the first Christmas Seals issued by Denmark.

In running through the collection presented to him he paused to admire the beau-

tiful multi-colored semi-postal 2 sh. 6 p. stamp of New South Wales issued in 1897 which was to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and likewise to raise a fund for a home for Consumptives. He seemed so interested in that particular stamp that I said, "Perhaps it might be of interest to you to know that that stamp came from Mr. Theodore E. Steinway." His reply was, "That is most interesting and I am glad to know that about the stamp." The delight in knowing about that stamp is no doubt, because the President and Mr. Steinway are both members of the Collector's Club in New York. Upon leaving I shook hands with the President and said, "I hope you have as much pleasure in looking at the collection as I did in getting it together" to which he replied, and by the way were his parting words to all of us, "I will take it to bed with me tonight." Those last words shows the interest which he took in the collection and indicated that he wanted to be alone and in quiet, like all true philatelists, when a minute inspection could be made.

The collection comprises blocks of four of all seals issued from 1907 to 1933 inclusive. A few varieties of perforations are represented by single copies where blocks could not be secured. Booklet panes are shown in their complete form of three, six or ten seals and with stubs attached when so issued. In each year all types, perforations and printer's marks are shown and in many years essays, proofs, progressive color proofs, etc., are represented. There are seventy-seven pages of seals mounted and written up with minute descriptions of all items which is the form followed in all specialized collections. In trying to locate some items needed it required contact with thirty-nine collectors and dealers in fifteen states. It took five months to gather together the numerous items, mount and write up descriptions of them.

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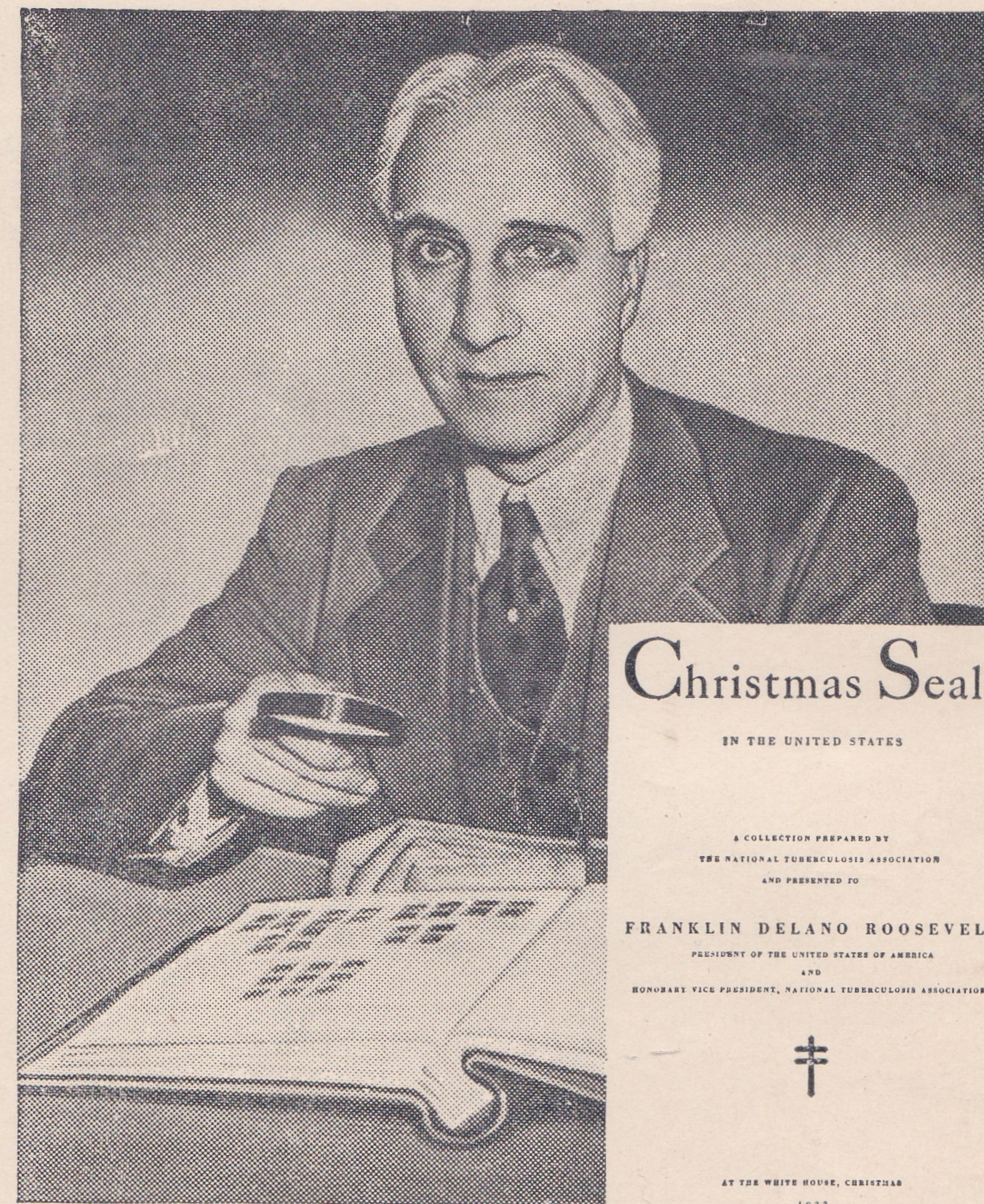
Would like to get in touch with anyone who has singles, block of four or larger block of the 1908 Christmas Seal, type 1. with the square corners to the frames, as the writer is making an extensive study of this seal and would like to get material to work on. Want also for study booklet panes of ten seals of the 1918 issue in type 1 and type 11. Blocks of four are wanted of 16 a, 19 c, 53 a, 1925 type 1 perforated 12 x 12 with smooth gum, 1932 Imperf. x perf. 13 and

imperf. x perf. 12. 1920 type 1 No. 26 b is wanted in a block of eight with printer's union label and rings on perforated margin attached. Letterheads, buttons, etc., on which are reproductions in whole or part, of Christmas Seals are also desired. The numbers

referred to are taken from the Standard Check List of Christmas Seals published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company which they sell for 10c per copy.

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Assembled Christmas Seals Presented to President



The collection of American Christmas Seals presented to President Roosevelt by the National Tuberculosis Association was assembled by Dorsey F. Wheless, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company's staff. He is shown making a final inspection of the album before the presentation. Inset shows the title page.

Mr. Wheless characterized the collection as "one of the most complete in blocks of four in the entire country." It includes essays, proofs, progressive color proofs, and accepted designs of all issues since the first one which was sold locally in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1907.