## THE FATHER OF THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

The opening of the twentieth annual Christmas Seal Sale finds the festivities of the holidays tempered among those actively engaged in the campaign by the knowledge that the originator of the Christmas Seal has died since the conclusion of last year's sale. The man who made financially possible the world-wide war on tuber-closis, Einar Holboell, postmaster at Charlottenlund, Denmark, succumbed to heart trouble in his sixty-second year, on February 23, 1927.



EINAR HOLBOELL

Twenty-four years ago he was a young mail clerk in the post office at Charlottenlund, working far into the night on Christmas Eve distributing holiday greeting cards and letters. He saw that as a rule they would go to comfortable homes, housing happy, vigorous families. But he knew, too, that often to those homes where kind Christmas wishes and good Christmas deeds were most needed, there likely would not come even a brief word of greeting. An inspiration seized him. Perhaps by a tax on greeting cards this could be accomplished.

His fertile imagination soon pictured a device to encourage the practice of holiday cards and put a voluntary tax on it; too, and thus in Danthark was born the idea of the Christ-

The first sale in the United States was in 1907 when Miss Emily P. Bismon, of Wilmington, Delaware, adopted the idea to raise funds to maintain a tuberculosis shack of eight beds on the banks of the Brandywine, securing \$3000. She in turn had read a magazine article by the great philanthropist, Jacob A. Riis, describing the Danish tuberculosis stamp he had received on the back of a letter from the city of his birth—Copenhagen.

Miss Bissell next aspired to extend the work by a national campaign, and interested the American Red Cross. The first national Christmas Seal Sale occurred in 1908, and brought in \$135,000. Each year since the sum has increased just as it has in Denmark.



Einar Holboell, the inventor of the Christmas Seal, could not possibly have foreseen its magic health value today, not only in raising funds to continue the work, but in carrying to millions of people every holiday season the stimulus to guard against disease. These tiny pieces of paper, multiplied a billion fold, have had an inestimable part in teaching the public that tuberculosis can be prevented—can be cured. The double-barred cross which each one bears is the emblem of the anti-tuberculosis work throughout the world.

The Christmas seal has carried to the farthermost parts of America the news that people need not die from tuberculosis. During the period the seal has been in existence, the death rate in this country from the disease has fallen from 198 per hundred thousand population to 83, a saving of over 100,000 lives this year.

As a mark of honor, the Danish Christmas Seal for 1927 will bear the picture of Einar Holboell.

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Shopping With Buying
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### ANNUAL BANK MEETING.

The annual meeting of stockholders of The First National Bank of Centre Hall. Pa., will be held in the banking rooms the second Tuesday of January, 1928, same being the 10th day of the month, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

H. LEIGH EBRIGHT, Cashler

#### ANNUAL ELECTION.

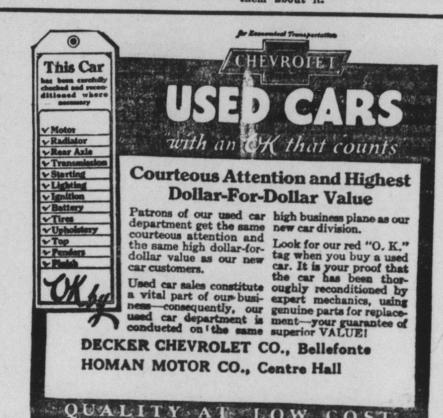
The annual election of the Farmers
Mutual Fire Insurance Company of
Centre County will be held in the
Grand Jury Room. Court House,
Bellefonte, on Monday, January 9th,
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