

## ESSAYS

### THE SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

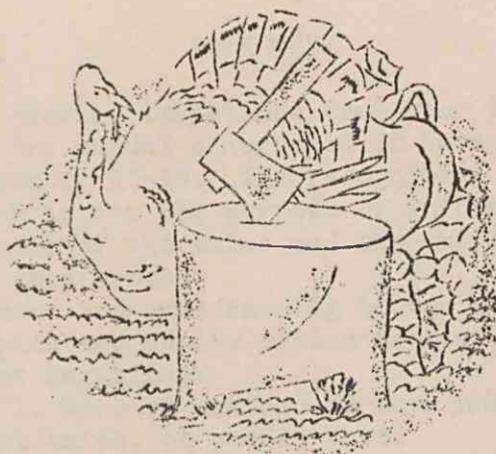
Since 1907 when the first Christmas Seal Sale was organized, this plan of raising money for the Tuberculosis Fund has been in progress. We should get a big thrill from buying these seals, as there is one death every seven and one-third minutes caused by tuberculosis, and this money goes to help combat the disease.

Thirty years ago tuberculosis was responsible for eleven out of every hundred deaths, while to-day it is responsible for only five out of every hundred; but the death rate could still be reduced if the necessary funds were available. Since Robert Koch announced the discovery of the germ which causes tuberculosis and especially since Miss Emily P. Bissel conducted the first Christmas Seal sale in the United States in 1907, the germ of tuberculosis has been fought.

The Christmas seals have on them a double-barred cross, a symbol of the world-wide fight against tuberculosis. This is the thirty-second year the Christmas Seal Sale has been in progress, so let's make it the biggest one we have had.

Since the whole aim of the sale is to help cure persons afflicted with tuberculosis, we should all think about how many lives we might save through the purchase of these seals; therefore let's all get the spirit of cooperation and buy a "whole lot" of Christmas seals.

-Margie Waller.



### ORIGIN AND OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is, in the United States, a day set apart annually and appointed by the President of The United States and by the Governors of the various states as a day for giving thanks to God for the favors and mercies of the past year. It is a harvest festival and owes its origin to the Pilgrim Fathers. Despite the poor harvest of the summer of 1620, Governor Bradford set a day of Thanksgiving and rejoicing after the scanty crop had been harvested. This example of sturdy faith spread to the other New England colonies. In the course of the Revolution Congress frequently recommended days of Thanksgiving and Prayer. After the close of the war many of the states adopted the custom of an annual day of Thanksgiving. There was, however, no certain date for holding this festival. President Lincoln in 1863 appointed Thursday, August 6, as a day for Thanksgiving, but since 1864, the last Thursday in November has been observed as the National day of Thanksgiving.

-Louise Burnette.