

Story Of The Christmas Seal

Children and adults alike know countless stories connected with the Christmas season, some of them recent but most of them handed down through the years. As one might expect, many of the stories have to do with kindness, compassion, or generosity, or a combination of the three.

Take the story of the first Christmas Seal, for example, a humane idea that took root and has helped save millions of lives through providing the means to fight a dread disease, tuberculosis. The story begins in Denmark on Christmas Eve of 1903, with a Danish postal clerk working late at his job of sorting mail. As the clerk glanced at hundreds of cancelled stamps carrying Christmas greetings, it occurred to him that Christmas stamps might do more than just carry good wishes. There could be a special stamp at Christmas time to raise funds to help the needy sick.

The Danish king enthusiastically approved the postal clerk's idea and such a stamp was sold in Denmark in 1904. The money used to help tuberculous children. The great Danish-American philanthropist, Jacob Riis, wrote an article in 1907 about the Danish Seal and urged that something similar be done in America to raise funds to fight tuberculosis, then the leading cause of death. His article was read by Emily Bissell, a Delaware welfare worker who recalled it a few months later when she was asked to raise money for the care of some needy tuberculous patients.

Acting on Mr. Riis's suggestion, Miss Bissell designed a Seal and put on a Christmas Seal Sale in Delaware during the Christmas season of 1907. The people responded and Miss Bissell raised ten times the amount for which she had hoped. The following year, 1908, the Christmas Seal Sale was nationwide and has been ever since.

The Christmas Seal Sale is conducted by the 3,000 voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association. Proceeds of the sale are the sole support of the NTA and its affiliates. These associations are conducting year-round programs of

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Pretty blue-eyed Belle Biles of Kannapolis is North Carolina's first candidate for the 1951 Maid of Cotton title. Miss Biles attended Pfeiffer Junior College and is now employed at Cannon Mills Company. The winner of the Maid of Cotton contest will make a 64,000-mile tour to thirty major United States cities, England, France and six Latin American countries as the cotton industry's goodwill and fashion ambassador. She will be presented with an all-cotton wardrobe created for her by the nation's foremost designers. The contest is open to any single girl between the ages of 18 and 25 who was born in a cotton-producing state and is at least 5 feet 5 inches tall. Applications may be obtained from the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 18, Memphis 1, Tennessee. Deadline for entries is December 1.

education, case finding, rehabilitation, and medical research directed against tuberculosis, which kills more people in the United States than all other infectious diseases combined.

Generous support of the 1950 Christmas Seal Sale, which opened Nov. 20 and will continue until Christmas, will enable these associations to continue their attack against tuberculosis next year and will bring close the day when tuberculosis will be brought under complete control.

Jesse James Yarn At Viccar Theatre

Is Jesse James still alive? This has been a controversial question for quite some time. Even recently, within the past few years, several men, very much in their declining years, have professed to being the famous outlaw. Actually, none have proved the fact. The Return of Jesse James, Lippert Pictures release, starring John Ireland, Ann Dvorak and Henry Hull, opening Thursday at the Viccar Theatre, tells the story of Johnny Callum who, a year or so after the death of the famous outlaw, suddenly appeared on the scene and caused the whole country to wonder if Jesse James still lived. His strong resemblance to the outlaw, and the bold manner in which he staged his holdups, led many to believe that Jesse was in business again.

Things To Watch For In the Future

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ed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to make immediate settlement. This the 26th day of Octo-

ber, 1950. Dolores L. Beaird, Administratrix. No 31 no 7-14-21-26 de 5

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County, In The Superior Court Lorraine Dicken vs. James Dicken The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, N. C., to secure an absolute divorce based upon two years separation and the defendant will take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, N. C., on the 4th day of December, 1950, or within 20 days thereafter and answer or demur to the complaint, in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. The defendant above named will also take notice that in the above entitled action the plaintiff has applied to be awarded the legal care, custody, tuition and maintenance of the minor children, Charles Dicken and James Dicken, born to the marriage between the plaintiff and the defendant. The said defendant will further take notice that the plaintiff will apply before the Judge holding the March Term 1951 of the Martin County Superior Court, on the 22nd day of March, 1951, at 10 o'clock A. M.

for an order giving the plaintiff the legal care, custody, tuition and maintenance of the minor children, Charles Dicken and James Dicken. This the 3rd day of November, 1950. L. B. Wynne, Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County. No 7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF LEASE
North Carolina, Martin County. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston at a special meeting held November the 15th, 1950, and by virtue of the General Statutes of North Carolina, section 160-59, the undersigned attorney will on the 15th day of December, 1950, in front of the Courthouse door in the Town of Williamston at 12:00 o'clock noon, offer for lease for the term of one year, beginning January 1, 1951, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land. All that certain tract of land lying and being just South of the David Moore farm, beginning at a point where Martir. Street intersects Gurganus Street and running South 43 degrees West to the canal, thence along the canal to the David Moore line or corner, thence along the David Moore

line or corner, thence along the David Moore line North 34 degrees 30 minutes East to a point where Martin Street would intersect the David Moore line if the said Martin Street extended in a straight line, thence a straight line to the point of beginning, same being the lower end of the Habberstadt Farm in the Town of Williamston. This tract of land has on it one tobacco barn. The successful bidder will get all crop allotments. These allotments for the year 1950 were as follows: Tobacco 4.4 acres Peanuts 2.9 acres This the 15th day of November, 1950. Board of Commissioners Of The Town of Williamston Chas. H. Manning, Attorney. No 21-28 de 5-12

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