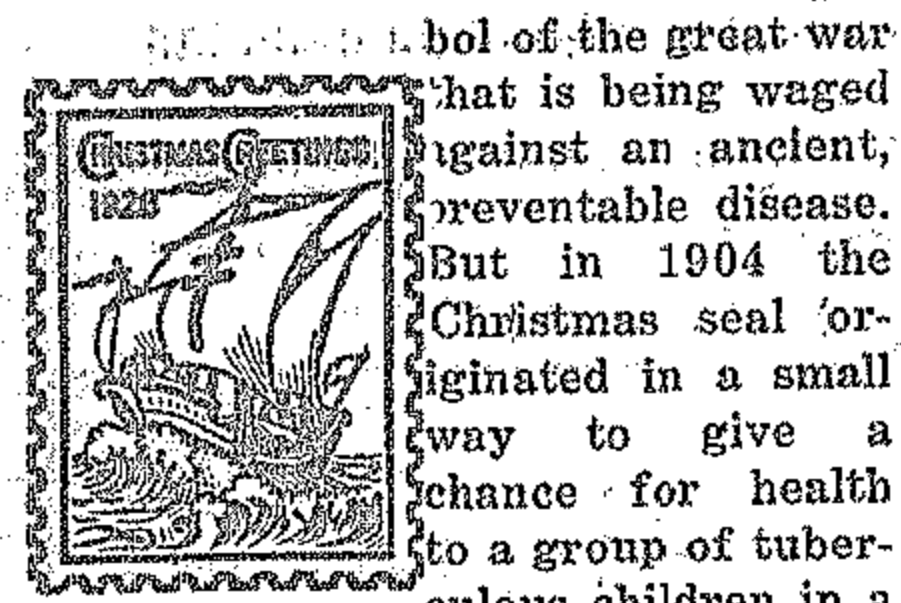


## Annual Drive For Sale of Christmas T.B. Seals Began In Unusual Way

Now Millions Sold Yearly To Wipe Out Dreaded Disease

Every year millions of Christmas seals are sold in this country to control and prevent tuberculosis. They have become a sym-



bol of the great war that is being waged against an ancient, preventable disease. But in 1904 the Christmas seal originated in a small way to give a chance for health to a group of tuberculous children in a foreign country. In that year a children's hospital was needed in Copenhagen, Denmark. A postal clerk in that city named Einar Holboell heard of this and conceived the idea that stamps, especially designed to decorate Christmas letters and packages, could be made to finance the cost of the building. His enthusiasm won for him the endorsement of the Danish royal family, and the first Christmas seal was designed and placed on sale in the post offices. The good citizens of Denmark purchased enough of them to insure for the sick children the best medical and nursing care available.

A pioneer in the field of social service in America received a letter from his mother country bearing one of the bright-colored little stamps. His name was Jacob Riis, and, his curiosity aroused by this new decoration, he inquired about its purpose. The possibilities of its use in the United States impressed him. He wrote an article that was published in the "Outlook" in which he described what the stamp had achieved in Denmark.

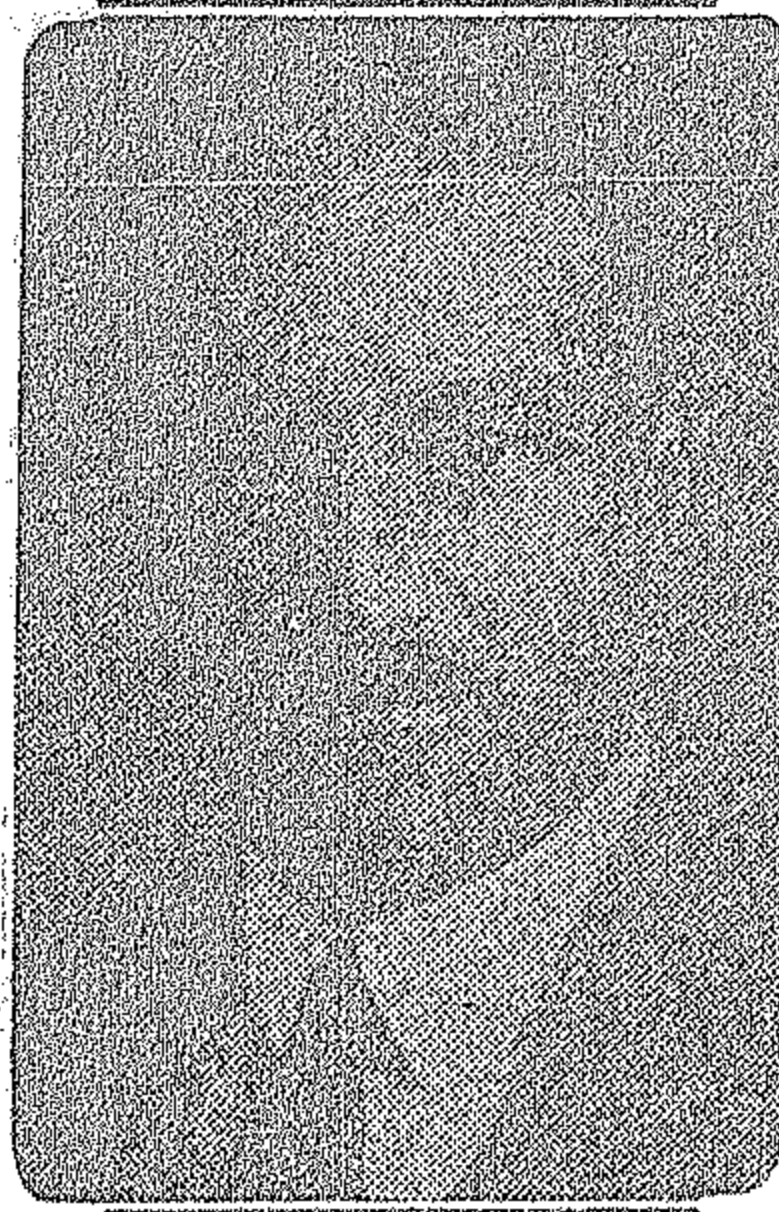
In that article, Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware, found the solution of her own problem; namely, how to raise \$3,000 for a tuberculosis pavilion in her state. She organized the first sale of Christmas seals in the United States and as a result the pavilion was built. In 1908, Miss Bissell was able to induce the authorities of the American Red Cross to undertake a nation-wide sale of tuberculosis Christmas stamps. Women's clubs, religious bodies and local Red Cross chapters assisted in the campaign. From then on until 1920 the Red Cross conducted the sale of the seals.

From 1907 to 1910 the National Tuberculosis Association had been organizing its warfare against the disease with the support of foremost scientists, but with little funds. To strengthen the organization's work, the American Red Cross joined with it in the Christmas seal sale. The partnership between these two great welfare bodies lasted for ten years. Then, in 1920, it was dissolved because the American Red Cross desired to continue its annual Roll Call, begun in the years of the Great War, and it did not wish to appeal to the public for funds twice a year. Since that time only the double-barred cross, emblem of the tuberculosis movement, has appeared on Christmas seals.

Three dances are on the social calendar for the fraternity row before the Christmas holidays. At the Delta Tau Delta house, the freshmen are giving their annual dance for the actives on Saturday night, December 15. Sunday, December 16, there will be a dinner dance given at the Theta Xi house for the members and their guests. This dinner will be followed by a Tea Dance in the afternoon. The Beta Psi Christmas Dance is slated for Friday evening, December 21. On Saturday, December 22, there will be a dance given at the Sigma Kappa Delta house.

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## Talks At Assembly



ROBERT H. TAIT

## MOVIES ARE TO BE FEATURE OF ASSEMBLY TALK

The annual assembly sponsored by the Bureau of Commercial Economics will be held tomorrow at 10:30 in the Assembly Hall. The lecture, to be given by Robert H. Tait, will be on "Unknown Newfoundland," and is to be accompanied by colored slides and motion pictures.

### Rhodes Scholar

Mr. Tait was born at St. John's, Newfoundland, where he received his early education. He was elected Rhodes Scholar for Newfoundland in 1910, and proceeded to Trinity College, Oxford University, where he received his B. A. degree in law in 1913. He then entered the Law School of King's College University, Windsor, Nova Scotia, where he received his B. C. L. degree in June, 1914. At this time the war broke out, and he was one of the first to join the Newfoundland Regiment. After seeing action in Gallipoli, Egypt, France, and Belgium, he was promoted to a Captain, and in 1917 was awarded the Military Cross. Wounded in 1918, he was sent back to Newfoundland to take command of the Headquarters Depot. Owing to ill health through effects of fever contracted during war service, he left Newfoundland in 1923 and came to Boston. In Boston, Mr. Tait started the publication of "Newfoundland Weekly" for the benefit of the many thousands of Newfoundlanders domiciled in the United States, and gave lectures on his homeland. At present Mr. Tait holds the position of Commissioner of Supreme Court of Newfoundland in the United States.

The local chapter of the Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering fraternity, is to hold a theater party during the Christmas holidays. The members, with their "femmes" will attend the musical comedy, "Golden Dawn," at Four Cohans, on the evening of Dec. 27.

A temporary range has been installed in the refrigeration lab. on Dearborn Street.

## Pitt Weekly And Carnegie Tartan Attempt Novel Staff Exchange

This week's issue of the Carnegie Tartan, which appeared Tuesday, Dec. 11, was edited entirely by the staff of the Pitt Weekly, newspaper of the University of Pittsburgh. In exchange, the Tartan staff edited the Pitt Weekly which appeared Friday, December 7. This interchange of the two newspapers, contemplated for over a year, is at last realized. William C. Pettit, editor of the Pitt Weekly, was the originator of the idea of exchanging staffs.

As far as is known, this is the first time that two college newspapers have made such exchange of staffs. In the past there have been made many interchanges of staffs by magazines, and humorous monthlies, with interesting and pleasant results. Last year one issue of the Carnegie Puppet and the Pitt Panther was published by the exchanged staffs and it proved to be one of the most successful numbers of the humorous publications.

The staff of the NEWS is anxiously awaiting exchange copies of these two issues to view the results of the novel journalistic stunt.

## Two Honorary Frats Announce Initiates

Eta Kappa Nu, National Honorary Electrical Engineering Fraternity, held its formal initiation and banquet last Tuesday, Dec. 11th in a joint meeting with the Chicago Alumni Chapter. Those initiated were: Michelson, '29, McDonald, '29, McCloska, '29, Hromada, '29, Ong, '29, F. O. Zimmerman, '30, F. H. Bigelow, '30, and M. A. Tennyson, '30.

Phi Lambda Upsilon, National Honorary Chemical Engineering Fraternity, will hold its informal and formal initiation the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 20th. The banquet will be held the following day at the Electric Club.

The following men will be initiated: S. Goodheart, '29, J. Tarman, '30, W. Trognitz, '30, J. Goldman, '30, E. P. Boynton, '30, and A. Martin, '30.

A new society has recently made its appearance on the campus. The official title of this organization is S. P. C. P. (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Pledges). Prominent among its by-laws is a clause prohibiting the use of barrel staves upon unsuspecting pledges.

It is rumored that A. J. Stabovitz, prominent member of the Phi Lambda Upsilon Fraternity, is greatly opposed to the operations of the society but lacks sufficient support to cause its suppression.

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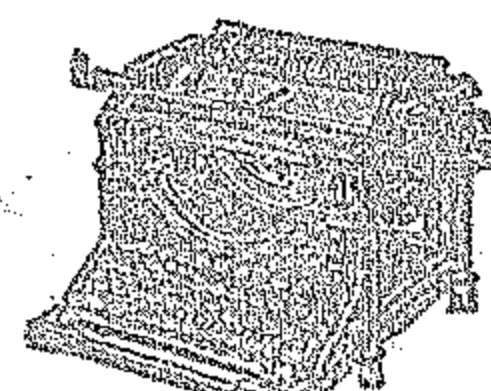


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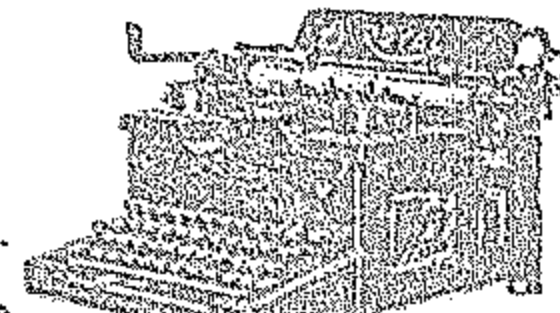
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Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical fraternity, announces that Ernest Hartford will be initiated as an honorary member during the week of Feb. 11. Mr. Hartford at present is the assistant secretary of the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

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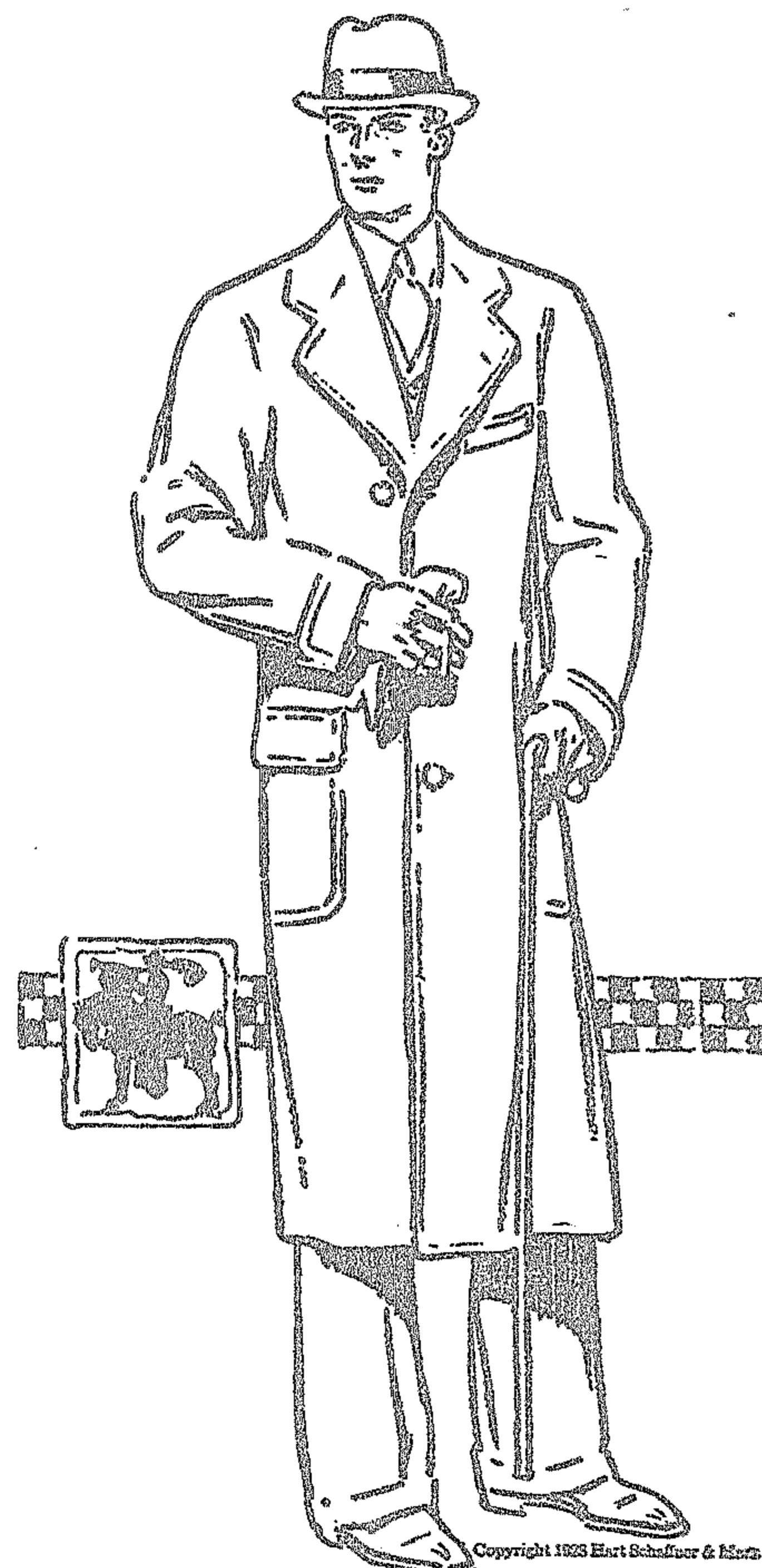
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