

# Association marks Christmas Seal anniversary

The 1986 holiday season marks the 70th year of the American Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign, a yuletide tradition that has become as popular as gift-giving.

It was through the innovative fund-raising tactics of Emily Blaisell in 1917 that the Christmas Seal was created. Miss Blaisell's initiative to launch a crusade against tubercu-

losis, then the second leading cause of death in the U.S., and save a small T.B. hospital in Delaware is what continues to this day to support the fight against all lung diseases nationwide.

Today, more than 40 million homes across the United States receive the familiar Christmas

stamps to place on all holiday cards and greetings.

Miss Blaisell's stamp has grown to represent the spirit of giving and helping others as well as the American Lung Association's crusade to eliminate all lung diseases, including lung cancer, emphysema, asthma, chronic bronchitis and tuberculosis

— which still strikes thousands every year.

The American Lung Association began its fight against T.B. in 1904, when it was formed as the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and is the oldest voluntary health agency in America.

SINCE THEN the organization has widened its scope and now sponsors research and educational programs to fight all lung diseases and some of their related causes, such as smoking, air pollution and occupational lung hazards.

All of the Lung Association's activities carry with them the goal of eradicating lung disease and most importantly educating the public about respiratory ailments and their causes.

One of the largest battles being waged against lung disease is that of smoking. Smoking is the single, most preventable cause of premature death and disability in the country and about 350,000 Americans will die this year from smoking-related diseases.

The American Lung Association, in its concern for respiratory health, has developed the Freedom from Smoking clinic and Cigarette Send-Off. Both programs use medical education and behavior modification to teach smokers about their habit in an effort to break it. The Lung Association also has programs that in-

form schoolchildren and adolescents about the health hazards of smoking.

THE AMERICAN Lung Association of Southeast Michigan offers to citizens of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties these programs, and 35 other community health services including free lung testing, asthma education for patients as well as family members, Breathers Club — the support group for chronic lung disease patients and free home breathing equipment for those who cannot otherwise afford it.

Christmas Seals provide almost all the money for ALA's programs, and 90 cents of every dollar given to the campaign remains here in Metropolitan Detroit to help the thousands in our area who suffer from lung disease.

Make each holiday package and letter complete with a Christmas Seal and support a tradition that says you care about lung health. If you wish further details about ALA's programs, or if you haven't yet received your Christmas Seals, call 559-5100.

## police/fire calls

Listed are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

### ARMED ROBBERY

The resident manager and maid of the Grand Tulane Motel were robbed of \$2,000 in cash and other valuables by a man wielding a knife, Dec. 26.

At approximately 1 a.m., a black male, wearing a black trench coat, entered the motel's office, 29501 Grand River, and asked for a room. The thief pulled out a 7-inch knife when the maid asked for him to pay for the room, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The thief forced the maid into her room and told her to put a pillow case over her head. He then broke open the resident manager's bedroom door and forced her to go with him to the motel office.

After the thief demanded cash, the resident manager gave him \$1,500 from the office.

Though the resident manager told police she saw an accomplice with the thief, she did not see either man leave the motel.

Other items taken in the robbery included a video cassette recorder valued at \$400, a rabbit fur coat valued at \$100, a purse valued at \$10 and video cassette tapes, according to police.

### DECORATIONS RECOVERED

Four Christmas decorations reported stolen from the front lawn of a residence on East King William were recovered in woods west of Forest Elementary School, 4545 Old Timber.

The decorations, valued at \$115, were reported stolen on Dec. 25, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### FLANDERS TARGETED

Christmas lights decorating residences on Flanders were reported stolen or vandalized Dec. 28.

Lights from two houses were reported torn down and those at a third house were reported stolen. The lights are valued at approximately \$45, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### CARS ATTACKED

Five cars parked in the Pace Building lot, 28335 Orchard Lake Road, were damaged and contents reported stolen Dec. 28, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Damage to the five cars was estimated at \$300, \$600, \$300, \$200 and \$150, respectively.

Reported stolen from the first car was a citizens band radio valued at \$125, a bag valued at \$45, and tennis shoes valued at \$25.

From the second car, a diffel bag valued at \$180, Christmas lights valued at \$5 and a pearl necklace valued at \$25 were reported stolen.

Nothing was reported stolen from the third car. From the fourth car, tapes valued at \$100 and a case valued at \$10 were reported stolen.

Mall and letters were reported stolen from the fifth car.

### EQUIPMENT STOLEN

Approximately \$5,000 in video equipment and cash was reported stolen from Videoland, 21015 Farmington Road, Dec. 29.

Farmington Hills police responded to a burglar alarm at the store.

Items, including five video cassette recorders, an electronic cash register and two video cameras were reported stolen from a display on the store's west wall, according to a police report.

A newspaper carrier, who was driving southbound on Farmington,

told police he saw two men driving away from the store at a high rate of speed, according to the report.

### DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$400 when someone vandalized and smashed a window of a car parked in a driveway and smashed a window and screen of an unoccupied house on Edmonston, Dec. 28.

Damage was estimated at \$300 when someone vandalized a car parked in the lot of Proto Tool Co., 29560 Nine Mile, Dec. 26.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 when someone drove a car into a garage on Briarwood Court in the Randlewood subdivision, Dec. 26.

Damage was estimated at \$75 when someone smashed a window of a house on Delta Engineering, 35604 Eight Mile, Dec. 27.

Damage was estimated at \$100 when someone vandalized a car parked at a house on Kirby, Dec. 27.

Damage was estimated at \$125 when someone smashed a window of a garage on Arden Park, Dec. 27.

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone splashed gold paint on a car parked on Verdant Circle in the Mulwood Apartments and Terraces, Dec. 28.

Damage was estimated at \$110 when someone broke a window on the north side of Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill, Dec. 28.

Damage was estimated at \$75 when someone broke the windows of a car parked at a residence on Killarney, Dec. 28.

### THEFTS REPORTED

Five pieces of a nativity scene valued at \$200 were reported stolen from the front lawn of a residence on Mulford, Dec. 28.

A \$200 welfare check was reported stolen from a mailbox on Grayling, Dec. 26.

An American and an Irish flag valued at a total \$95 were reported stolen from Clancy's, 32350 Eight Mile, Dec. 28.

A Marquis diamond valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from Howard's Discount, 28550 Eight Mile, Dec. 28.

A radar detector valued at \$295 was reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Kings Pointe Court, Dec. 27.

A radar detector and cassette tapes valued at \$307 were reported stolen from a car parked on Apple Blossom, Dec. 27.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked on Glencary Circle, Dec. 27.

Approximately \$240 in cash was reported stolen from a purse in an apartment on Mulwood Square, Dec. 27.

A radar detector valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a car parked on Randlewood Club Drive, Dec. 27.

A briefcase and radar detector valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a car parked on Southbrook, Dec. 27.

A radar detector valued at \$295 was reported stolen from a car parked on South Farm, Dec. 27.

A wristwatch valued at \$135 was reported stolen from the Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile, Dec. 20-23.

# Heritage Park tours scheduled

Families may tour Heritage Park from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 17.

The tour will be led by Tim Nowicki. As a writer of nature inter-

pretation and an educator of nature staff, he will describe the physical features of the park land and how they interact with the land use in the past and present.

Participants will begin with a preview at the estate house, tour the park, then return for a review and question and answer session. Hot refreshments will be served.

If there is sufficient snow the day of the program, cross-country skis are recommended. However, if you

do not ski, you still may participate. Registration should be made in person or by mail to the recreation office. There are only 25 openings. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Jan. 13, or until maximum registration is reached. Fee is \$3 per person or \$7 per family.

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