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CHRISTMAS IN POLAND

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CHRISTMAS SEALS

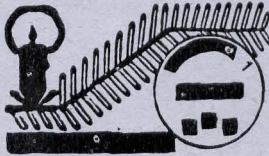
Poland, like many other countries issued its tuberculosis seals about Christmas time through the Polish Anti-tuberculosis Alliance. The seals have definite face values and from one to four were issued for each year. They are characterized by the double Lorraine cross.

1926 10 gr. red
20 gr. dark blue
1928 10 gr. blue and red
1929 10 gr. blue and red

Angel and cherub.
Angel and cherub.
Guardian angel and child in sun.
Babe in cradle.

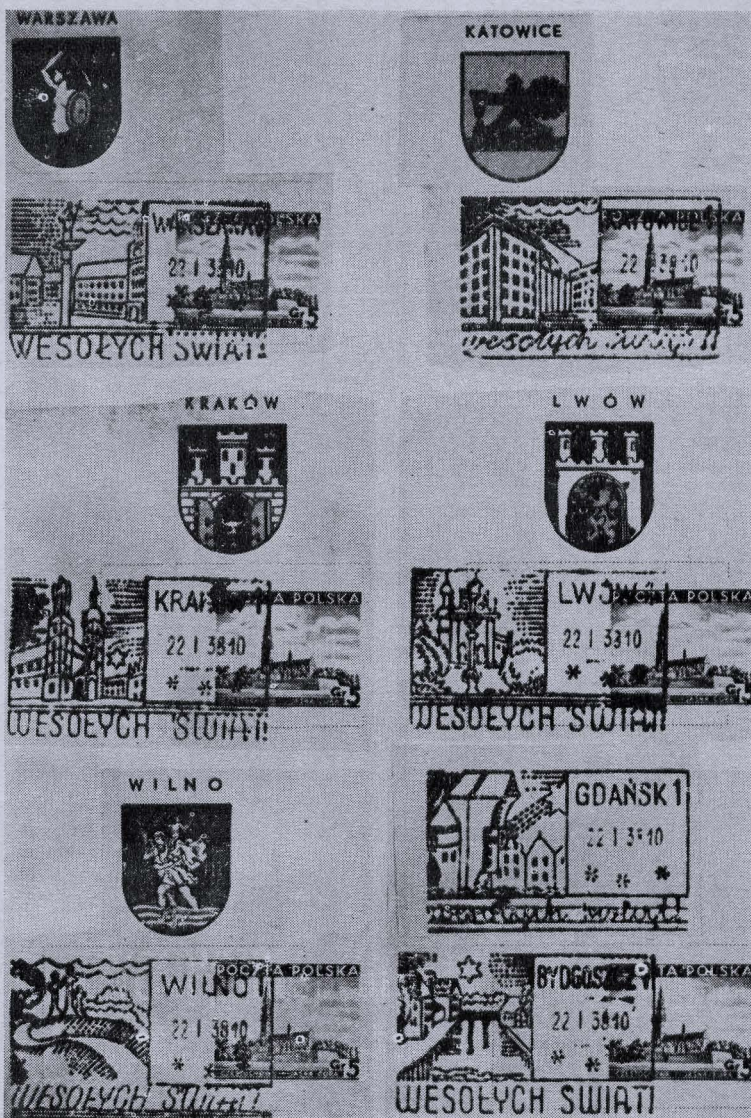
1930-31 10 gr. gray and red
 20 gr. brown and red
 1 zl. green and red
 10 in circle, surch
 1931-32 10 gr. blue and red
 1932-33 10 gr. blue and red
 1933-34 10, 20 & 50 gr.
 1934 10th anniversary
 1935 10, 20 & 50 gr.
 1936-37 10, 20 gr.

Child under angel's wing.
 Child under angel's wing.
 Child under angel's wing.
 Birds in flight.
 Cross on Octagon and scrolls.
 Knight in armor killing dragon.
 Child raising hands to cross in sun.
 Robed figure holding lamb.
 Hand holding flame.



HAIL TO GOLDEN CHRISTMAS

Can you imagine more "Christmasey" postal cancellations than those shown here for the larger cities in Poland? They say Merry Christmas in any language. The greeting WITAJ GWIAZDKO ZŁOTA translates into HAIL TO GOLDEN CHRISTMAS and was uniformly used one year by all cities at Christmastide. The cancellation in the lower right is from a series of another year with the words denoting CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. Most of the cities had a tree decorated with toys, or simply an evergreen twig with perhaps a candle, or else the Star of Bethlehem to give the cancellation spirit. The seaports had their ships, Katowice its smoking mills, and Wilno an ornamental angel. These postal markings are original, artistic and well done to promote the spirit of "peace on earth to good men." This Christmas, the fourth one in a row, tears and heartaches prevail in Poland. When free Poland used these cancellations, there was truly a GOLDEN CHRISTMAS.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The characteristic features of the above series of Christmas cancellations are not as typically seasonal as the ones at the left. Yuletide Decorations have been sacrificed to gain a truly characteristic landmark for each individual city. Most of these landmarks are also portrayed on actual stamps like, for example, the Sigismund statue of Warsaw shown as Scott's Nos. 11, 231 and 240, the Municipal Building at Katowice on No. 311, the Danzig Granary on IK33 to IK36, etc. The coats of arms of the respective cities are taken from a souvenir card on which the postmarks were registered over Scott's No. 308. The words WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT mean HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Christmas Greetings

This, the second Christmas of the War finds most of us occupied with some form of war activity. This is as it should be, but with all of this activity let us not for one moment feel that we are impairing any war effort, if we take time to indulge in our hobby, when there are so many more important things to do.

To do anything properly, we must be both mentally relaxed and physically fit, and we know, to us, nothing can help us to relax more quickly than a few moments with our Stamps.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry and Joyful Christmas and the Happiest of New years, and let us all pray that soon our Girls and Boys will be back to resume our normal way of life and that Christmas will again be a time for laughter and joy all over the world.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Jack Domar, President.

This 'n' That

Junior's Party

Santa Claus, despite gas rationing, arrived on time for the Juniors' Christmas Party, with philatelic presents galore. Our young collectors came with expectant glances and left with that pleased and satisfied look. Santa Claus' assistants with timely donations were, C. A. Langner, C. Hahn, Bert Powell, Chester Mikucki, Tad Stanczak, Ben Reeves, J. P. Gorecki, J. P. Rux, M. E. Steczynski, J. Skotnicki, Dr. M. E. Uznanski, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, John Bobo, Lester Janowski and Jack Domar.

Mrs. Regina Bain has returned to Chicago after her long stay in Washington, D. C. Welcome home.

Polpex 1943

Adam Kloskowski, Exhibition Director, for POLPEX 1943, announced that all committees have been appointed and that everybody is working at top speed to make POLPEX 1943 the biggest and best exhibition of the Stamps of Poland ever held. In spite of all the difficulties presenting themselves, Adam Kloskowski, says that never was the time more

opportune to show the glory that was Poland, than now. March 12, 13 and 14, 1943 will truly be red letter days for Polonus.

Polpex Auction

At this early, date, Roman Reinowski, Auction Manager, announces that he has some excellent and choice items for the POLPEX Auction. The high prices realized for material in the past year, the increased prices in Scott's catalog, is bringing out the better material. But Roman says he wants more, more lots.

Send your lots to Roman Reinowski, 1939 So. Highland Ave., Berwyn, Ill., and watch for the January issue of the BULLETIN for the Auction Catalog.

Program for Polpex 1943

This year, as in the past, POLPEX 1943 will feature a handsome program to be distributed during the exhibition. Members are requested to solicit advertisements and also to secure patrons and good fellows. All "ads" to be directed to Jack Domar, 3715 So. Clinton Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Your list of patrons and good fellows should be sent to Adam Kloskowski, 2708 N. Harding Ave.

Amendment to Constitution

At the last meeting of the Society the constitution and by-laws were amended so that the dues of new members accepted after August 1 and January 31 of each fiscal year be reduced \$1.00. However, members are reminded that \$1.50 should accompany application for membership. The dues of these new members will be adjusted in the second year of membership.

Coming Events

January 8, 1943
Polonus nominates!
January 22, 1943
Polonus elects!
January 29, 30, 31, 1943
North Shore Philatelic Society Exhibit at Edgewater Beach Hotel.
February 19, 20, 21, 1943
Chicago Philatelic Society Exhibition at Atlantic Hotel.
March 12, 13, 14, 1943
Polpex 1943
March 19, 20, 1943
Austin Philatelic Club Exhibition at Austin Town Hall.