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Iva Wilson, flanked by Lung Association chairman Harry Hassall and Mayor Hazel McCallion, kicked off the campaign.

Mrs. Christmas Seal

By ALANA PERKINS Times staff writer They call her Mrs. Christmas Seal

The energetic Iva Wilson, who started volunteer work with the Peel Lung Association in 1945, has been named honorary chairman of the 1980 Christmas Seal campaign because of her longstanding work with lung disease.

The 90-pound Mrs. Wilson stood at the base of the city hall flagpole last week "afraid to be blown away" and helped Mayor Hazel McCallion raise the association's flag over Mississauga. It symbolizes the start of a drive to raise \$91,000.

The Peel Lung Association was known as the Peel County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association when Mrs. Wilson started visiting tuberculosis patients in the Western Sanatorium "I'm the last of the originals," says the Beechhollow ('r resident, "In those days people were terrified to get it (tuberculosis) because it would eat holes in the lungs. It was so sad for some who are the sum of the same the same because it had

who you knew would never be cured because it had gone too far

"I think one of the times I really felt good was a case with a man who didn't have any visitors and the nurses all told me he was very cranky and I wouldn't get anywhere. I went to his room and he looked up and asked 'Are you a dogooder?'. I said 'Not if I can help it' and he didn't mind talking to me after that."

Mrs. Wilson discovered that the man's wife had no way of travelling to the hospital and arranged to have the public nurse pick the woman up

Mrs. Wilson continued working as the president from 1959 to 1961 and as the executive secretary from 1961 to 1975

As honorary chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign, Mrs. Wilson will remind people that donations support smoking and health education in Peel schools, the family asthma programs and smoking cessation clinics. A small portion of funds is sent to the Canadian Lung Association for research and national programs.

For information regarding the Christmas Seal campaign call the Peel Lung Association at 791-5565

