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Mr. E. W. Fasig, General Superintendent,
The Lowe Brothers Company,
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Fasig:

Thank you for your letter of
January 16th about our article on lead poisoning.
We are always glad to hear from our subscribers
and to profit from any suggestions they offer us.

I have talked to several people about the
points you mention. The Safety Engineers do not
know of any instances where workers have gotten
lead poisoning from breathing in the fumes of
freshly applied paint. Thus, from a practical
viewpoint, our example was a poor one. To get
across the point we had in mind we should have
selected something else. Unquestionably your
criticism is good.

However, Mr. H. C. Lassen, the chemist to
whom we referred this question, says that the
lines you quote are correct. He tells me that
recent tests have shown that people sleeping
in a room freshly painted with paint which
contains lead will have some lead in their
bodies. He says the amount is enough to measure
but he doesn't say how long it would be before
it would be enough to cause lead poisoning.

I am sorry we didn't use a little more
care in preparing this article. I trust we will
be able to do better in the future.

Very truly yours,

THE UNITED SAFETY SERVICE.

Richard H. Porter

Richard H. Porter,
Manager.

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