

Lead Poisoning Deaths Dip to 9

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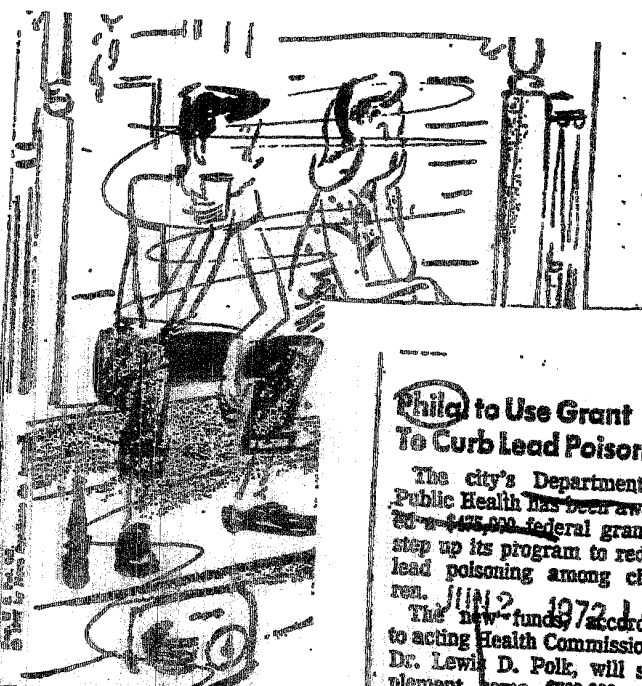
The number of cases of lead poisoning reported in Philadelphia last year increased, but the number of resulting deaths dropped.

Dr. Eugene A. Gillis, city health commissioner, said there were only nine deaths last year compared to 12 in 1960, although the number of cases more than doubled from 56 in 1961 to 116 in 1962.

He credited the drop in deaths to the department's emphasis on the disease and the availability of free diagnostic services since last June.

Dr. Gillis explained that the symptoms of lead poisoning have often been confused with a number of other illnesses.

Medical kits for diagnosing the disease are available at the city's eight district health centers.



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The Nuclear Childs Says U. S. Will Unless Defense Strai

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Washington — When Secretary of State John Foster Dulles returned from his recent trip to London, where he put forward a complex aerial inspection plan to avert a surprise attack, reported to the National Security Council on two aspects of his mission.



First, he said he was convinced the Soviets had no real interest in reaching a first-annus disarmament agreement. And second, and more important, he said in his opinion they were interested because the current nuclear stalemate works to their advantage.

It was essential, therefore, in his view, to prevent poisoning accidents, of which he urged housekeepers to observe the following rules: Keep all household products and medicines out of the reach of children and preferably under lock-and-key. When using the products, adults should keep a careful watch on medicines, and make sure that children are kept away from medicine bottles. Store internal medicines separately from household products. Keep items in original containers. Read labels before using products or medicines.

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- Make sure that children are kept away from medicine bottles.
- Keep the lights on when giving or taking medicines.
- Avoid taking medicines in front of children, since youngsters like to imitate grown-ups.
- Never refer to medicines as "candy."
- Periodically clean out the medicine chest, and dispose of unneeded medicines.

Philad to Use Grant To Curb Lead Poisoning

The city's Department of Public Health has been awarded a \$425,000 federal grant to step up its program to reduce lead poisoning among children.

The new funds, according to acting Health Commissioner Dr. Lewis D. Polk, will supplement some \$700,000 allocated to the Model Cities program and will permit expansion of the citywide lead testing program for children.

Walter J. Sobolesky, chief of the department's Accident Control section, will serve as project director. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Robert Gehring of the Har DEC 1-7 1974 G-N Poison Control Unit Opens in Northeast

The Philadelphia Health Department has opened a new field office at 1547 Pratt st. in the Northeast as part of its Childhood Lead Poisoning Control Program.

The office will conduct lead screening on children up to 6 years of age, those most frequently poisoned, and educate parents on the hazards of lead poisoning.

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Do not defeat the purpose of safety packaging. Make sure surfaces painted with poisonous lead-based paints are not exposed to children, who sometimes eat paint flakes.

For more information, contact your local health department, poison control center, or the National Poisoning Council for National Poison Prevention Week, P. O. Box 1543, Washington, D. C. 20012.

mission is conducting a survey to determine how widespread violations are. Consumers are urged to remind pharmacists of the law, and to report violations to the federal agency.

The federal law also requires that some kinds of over-the-counter medicines (such as aspirin-containing products) and some household cleaners and fluids be packaged in child-resistant containers. But manufacturers are allowed to package some of those products in conventional containers, again for the benefit of older citizens.