

Harmful Lead Found In City Pottery Tests

Harmful amounts of lead were found in the dye of five of the first six pieces of pottery tested in Houston Friday after the City Health Department issued a warning that a certain kind of pottery could be dangerous.

City Laboratory Director Reuben D. Wende said preliminary tests showed that lead in concentrations of eight parts per million (of pottery) or more were found in the five dishes.

TWELVE PERSONS brought 15 pieces of the pottery to the city laboratory for free tests Friday. All of them will be thoroughly tested, Wende said.

The pottery, Cerama Stone, was made by the Laurel Manufacturing Company of Stockton, Calif.

Two other stores besides Foley's, which stocked the pottery here, joined in the health department's efforts to trace the purchasers of the pottery.

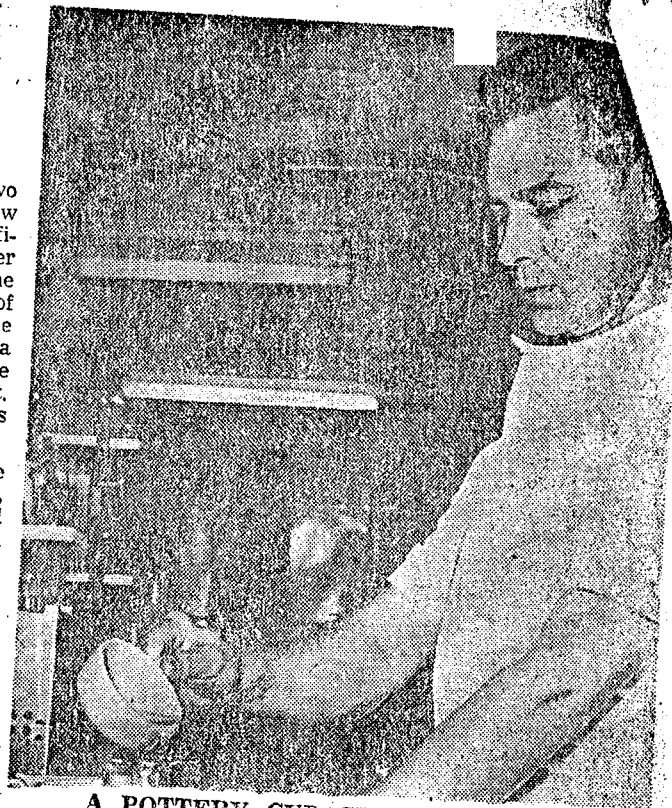
They were Palais Royal and Cecil's Gifts, 5004 Bellaire Blvd. Sears, Roebuck & Company, which had been checking, found that it had never stocked this kind of pottery.

Burton Gaylin of Palais Royal

said four sets were sold at two of the firm's stores. He knew two customers and was confident he could find the other two. A dish he brought to the laboratory Friday was one of those found to contain lead. The dish had been returned by a customer in response to the health department's statement. Palais Royal no longer stocks the brand.

CECIL HALEY, owner of the Bellaire Boulevard gift store, said both of the sets he has sold are accounted for. He notified one customer and the other had telephoned the health department. He removed a coffee pot from stock Friday to return to the manufacturer. It was the last piece he had.

Dr. Wendell H. Hamrick, acting city health director, emphasized that the white pottery bearing that brand name is safe. Only the colored pottery is being tested.



A POTTERY CUP GETS THE TEST
The Chemist Is R. T. Clancy, 3903 Weslow St.
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