

Dangerous Dinnerware Object of City Search

Some pottery dinnerware sets containing a lead die that could be dangerous might have been sold in this area, Dr Wendell H. Hamrick, acting director of health for the City of Houston, said Thursday.

The dinnerware is colored, carries the brand name of Cerama Stone and was made by the Laurel Pottery Manufacturing Company of Stockton, Calif., which is calling in the merchan-

dise, Dr Hamrick said.

Of 117 stores and outlets checked in Houston since his office was notified Dec 2, only one store, Foley's, has been found to have stocked the dinnerware, Dr Hamrick said.

The Sears, Roebuck and Company stores were still checking Thursday.

A FOLEY'S spokesman said the store was advised by its New York office that the California State Health Department had warned of the possibility of lead poisoning from the pottery and that Foley's immediately removed the item from its stock.

No cases of lead poisoning have been reported from the dishes here, Dr Hamrick said, but Houston physicians are being notified of the possibility in their journal.

The city laboratory will test free any dishes suspected by the owner of being a part of the unsafe lot.

"If anyone has the colored ware, bearing the name of Cerama Stone, it should be brought in for examination," the health director said.

HE EMPHASIZED that the white Cerama Stone contains none of the lead.

That which does contain it is colored, mottled and very attractive.

cause the lead to break through the glaze and contaminate food, he said. Tests were made with applesauce, salad dressing, tomato juice and other foods.

Persons who have doubts about their colored pottery, bearing the brand name or with insufficient identification, should bring just one cup from the set to the city laboratory, the health director said.

The city health department was notified of the potential danger on Dec 2 by the Texas Health Department, which was notified in a Nov 28 letter from William E. Noly, director of engineering services of the Dallas regional office of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

"IT IS specifically noted and emphasized that only the colored Cerama Stone ware produced by the Laurel Pottery Manufacturing Company is involved and that the white Cerama Stone and pottery from other California manufacturers have tested satisfactorily," Noly wrote.

He noted that four million pieces were made before production was stopped and that the ware has been stocked not only by large department stores but also by some trading stores.

this area have been asked to report cases of lead poisoning with unknown causes because of the possibility that this pottery could have caused it.

Children react rather violently to lead poisoning while it merely makes adults sick, Dr Hamrick said. There have been many instances of children's having been poisoned by chewing on lead toys or painted furniture.

British Stamp Honored

MONTE CARLO—(Reuters)—A British one pound (\$2.80) stamp featuring Queen Elizabeth and Windsor Castle Thursday won the International Philatelic Art Society's gold medal as the best stamp printed in 1948-59.

Houston Health Carnegie Board

Dr William V. Houston, cellor of Rice University, elected chairman of the of trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching at the foundation annual meeting recently.

Dr Houston, who recently turned from six months in land, said that the title was honorary one.

"I will resign, as is customary, from that foundation Feb 1, since I am retiring president of Rice," Dr Houston said. He explained that the presidents of universities automatic-

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