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Poisonous Plants Are Great Danger to Southland Residents

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Los Angeles County Health Department is called upon for advice concerning such matters.

It seems almost flippant to periodically warn the public not to gnaw on their shrubbery or to eat their ornamental

plants, but each year this Department is called upon for advice concerning such matters.

The latest poisoning of this kind was reported to the Health Department last week. Two women decided to sample the seeds from the pod of a

split leaf philodendron with the result that they spent a few days in local hospital.

HOWEVER, most of the reported poisonings of this kind involve children. The exact number of children in Los Angeles County who become ill

as a result of eating or chewing on poisonous plants is, of course, not known because all such cases are not reported. It is known, however, that physicians seek advice on plant poisoning from the Poison Information Center at Children's Hospital on an average of 75 times each month. Incidentally, the Poison Information Center is not allowed to give medical consultation to anyone except physicians.

The most common offenders among the poisonous garden plants are castor bean, cleander and the Jerusalem Cherry, although there are probably at least fifty other plants, including elephant ear, English ivy and the Bird of Paradise that give violent objections to being munched on by children, or anyone else, for that matter.

SO NUMEROUS are the plants which can be poisonous if eaten, that it is almost useless to enumerate them except for technical reasons. The best advice that can be given to anyone is to overcome his curiosity concerning the taste of any plants except those which are commonly accepted as food stuffs.

Parents should educate their children to these facts. In the case of infants or toddlers, about the only thing that can be done is to keep them under watchful eye, and in so doing, parents should not lose sight of the fact that household cabinets, including medicine chests, contain many more attractive and readily available poisons than does the average garden.

IN CASE of poisoning, a physician should be called immediately. In the meantime, vomiting may be induced by giving a mixture of baking soda and water or by gagging the patient as he lies face downward with his head in a lower position.

At the start of this summer vacation it might be appropriate for parents to acquaint eager youngsters with the facts concerning poison ivy, poison oak, and so called "mushrooms" which might in fact be toadstools. And to further take the joy out of Junior's young life it might be well to tell him that although the Indians and the trail blazers of yesteryear did at times subsist on nuts, berries, and miscellaneous herbs, it might be better for Junior to try a pioneer's diet of sow-belly and beans.



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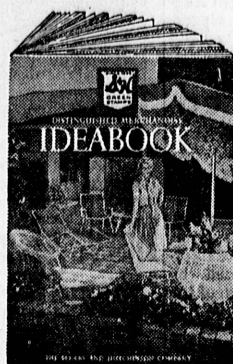
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Streets marked for improvement include Harvard Blvd., Denker Ave., 205th St., 206th St., 207th St., 209th St., and Torrance Blvd. Storm drain facilities will be installed to drain flood waters near the intersection of Western Ave. and Torrance Ave., and the intersection of 204th and 205th Sts. with Denker Ave.

Plans also provide for the installation of mainline sewers in 206th St. east of Western Ave. and in Torrance Blvd. between 208th and 209th Sts., and the relocation of a traffic signal at Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave.

Family Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruhn and children, Loretta, Gary and Nancy, 2750 Grand Summit Rd. have returned from a month's vacation in North Dakota, Kansas and Canada.

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