

Health Dept. Warns About Castor Beans

Two cases of castor bean poisoning were reported from San Bernardino County this week, and Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Los Angeles County Health Officer, warns that the

castor bean is one of the more common poisonous plants in this area.

Cases of castor bean poisoning are reported in California every year, and fatalities have

occurred in both children and domestic animals. In 1959, a group of several children were poisoned by eating the beans in Los Angeles County. Prompt first aid treatment saved all their lives.

Dr. Sutherland noted that all parts of the castor bean plant are dangerous if eaten, and that prompt medical care is required if the beans or leaves are ingested. He stated that there is no specific antidote for the poison contained in castor beans.

Measles Down In Weekly Health Report

Measles, always a threat to Torrance citizens, is still present with one case being reported by the Los Angeles County Health Department for the week ending Dec. 16.

Single cases of Hepatitis, Epilepsy, Scarlet Fever and Pulmonary Tuberculosis were also reported by the Health Department.

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