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## Lead Poisoning Not Always from Chips, Physician Says

A Rochester pediatrician associated with St. Mary's Hospital has concluded a study which indicates that much of the lead appearing in the blood of inner-city children comes not from eating paint, as was formerly suspected, but more commonly from exposure to lead dust on the surfaces of

the interior of the houses, and, to a lesser extent, from exposure to lead in the soil around the houses in which the children live.

Dr. James Sayre, a pediatric member of Family Health Associates of St. Mary's Hospital, conducted his studies over a two and a half year period using 99 children and their families living in central Rochester. A follow-up study, conducted in Rochester and Buffalo, confirmed the presence of lead dust in many homes.

A hospital spokesman said that Dr. Sayre feels washing

of window sills and floors near windows greatly reduces the lead hazard. The spokesman quoted Dr. Sayre saying, "The concept of the lead-exposed child being one with a craving for eating lead paint chips is antiquated;" and such a child is rarely encountered. Furthermore, "As a conse-

quence of this research, there are now steps which will need to be undertaken to help area families correct this exposure problem.'

Dr. Sayre was aided in his work by Dr. Evan Charney, Sinai Hospital, Baltimore; Dr. Molly Coulter, the Jordan Health Center; Mrs. Jane Rhodes, Mrs. Monika Katzel, and David Jackson, a lead technician at the University of Rochester Environmental Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Sayre's views have most recently been published in the April issue of Environmental Health Perspectives.

### Counsel Center Open in

Three Catholic Charities agencies have opened an office in North Chili, to make their services more readily available to the residents of Western Monroe County.

The agencies are the Catholic Family Center, the De Paul Clinic, and the Catholic Youth Organization. The office is being called the Chili Counseling Center and is located at 3161 Union St., in the North Chili Medical Building.

According to James Maloney, head of the Catholic Family Center, the establishment followed between six and eight months of planning by the agencies involved and Father Gerald Connor, pastor of St. Pius X; Maurice Tierney, head of Catholic Charities; Clifford Schallmo, retired social worker and area resident; and individuals in the North Chili community.

He said the office "is off to a fine start," citing the cooperation of both agencies and churches in the area.

The center offers services to everyone regardless of age or religion. Among those services are pre-marriage, marriage, family and individual counseling and therapy; psychiatric evaluations; psychological testing; diagnostic studies; and programs for youth selfawareness, leadership development, group process and employment readiness and enrichment.

Soon to be added to the office, Maloney said, will be drug counseling.

The center's office hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays, by appointment. The center's phone number is (716) 594-





Photos by Susan McKinney

Marion Seekins of Frankford, Me., races in for a hug from Churchville's Lisa Carr, a hugger at the Special Olympics. For many of the youngsters at the olympics their time on the Tuttle Gymnasium's rink was their first time on skates.

By Michael Groden

**Brockport** — A young man from Ohio walked up to my wife last Saturday morning smiling with his hand extended and said, "Hi cutie." She wasn't at all offended and I didn't feel a twinge of iealousy' because this young man was a very special

He was participating in the 1979 International Summer Special Olympics and that was just his way of being friendly.

When we (my wife Michele and I) read last August about the International Games coming to Brockport we thought volunteering our services might be a "nice" thing to do.

We lived nearby and getting a little time off from work at that time of year wouldn't be difficult so we decided to send our names in. not knowing what an awesome effect these games would have on us.

We realize it now.

The first evidence of what the Special Olympics were came promptly at 6:30 p.m. in food service in Brockport's Cardinal John Cody, Ar. Cambridge, Mass. He had Brookline, Mass.

last Thursday at the opening Seymour College Union, one ceremonies. The Brockport of four dining halls where the College stadium was packed with volunteers (nearly 5,000), spectators and celebrities all to honor 3,500 special athletes from every state and 26 foreign countries.

They filled the infield wearing the bright reds, yellows, greens and blues of their warmup uniforms.

The celebrities made the usual speeches, a prayer was said and then the 1979 Olympic Games became "special" as four area Special Olympians carried the torch around the track and Brockport resident Stephen Parlato, with the help of Muhammad Ali and Rafer Johnson, lit the Olympic

The movie stars and famous athletes took a back seat and the special Olym-, these mentally retarded, physically han-dicapped, "imperfect" humans took precedence over those beautiful, muscled, well coordinated VIPs.

Our volunteer assignment was simple. We were to work

Olympians and chaperones were to eat.

The assignment wasn't exactly as prestigious as the "huggers" and our days began at the very unromantic hour of 4 a.m. It would, however, give us a chance to be with the athletes.

Many volunteers labored unheralded as luggage movers, sign painters, heavy object heavers and parking attendants. They never had personal contact with these very special people, so we

considered ourselves for-

We worked in the serving area trying to keep the athletes in some kind of order as they patiently waited for their food. More than 1,000 athletes were served in our

That was where the magic

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#### Cardinal Wright Funeral Friday

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West Roxbury, Mass. -Holy Name Church here will be the site Friday, Aug. 17, for the Mass of Christian Burial for Cardinal John Joseph Wright who died Friday, Aug. 10, 1979.

Cardinal Humberto Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston, will be the principal concelebrant of the rites. He will be joined at the altar by

chbishop of Chicago, and Cardinal John Carberry, apostolic administrator of St. Louis. Also present will be Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate to the U.S.

Cardinal Wright, the highest ranking American in the Church, an outspoken social activist and a champion of fidelity to the Magisterium, died at the age of 70 at the Youville Rehabilitation and Chronic Disease Hospital in been at the hospital since May, and had been seriously ill for several years.

Cardinal Wright was ordained a priest in Rome in 1935. He served as Bishop of Worcester, Mass., and as Bishop of Philadelphia, before he was named to the College of Cardinals in 1969. He was prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy.

Cardinal Wright will be buried in his family plot in



