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STERLING OIL COMPANY
MILFORD, PENNA.

March 28, 1931.

Mr. E. W. Webb, President,
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Webb:

One of our distributors of STERLING Ethyl Gasoline, namely Barnhart & Chandler at New Matamoras, Ohio, have pending against them at Woodsfield, Ohio, a suit in the sum of \$20,000.00 and another claim in the sum of \$10,000.00, the facts being as follows:

One of the small underground storage tanks in which Ethyl Gasoline was pumped to our distributor's customer developed a leak in one of theells. This leakage had been going on for an undetermined period and was so slight as to hardly be noticeable in the total quantity of gasoline handled. There is a drilled water well 85' deep and 40' away from this tank which serves one of the families bringing the suit. The casing of the well leaks around one of the connections 34' from the top of the ground. The other claim is by the owner of a dug well 34' deep and 100' away from the tank. In both cases, as we understand the situation, only one member of each family was effected, both being women. The claim is that they developed serious stomach trouble and their health was ruined, which was directly traceable to the lead content of the gasoline which leaked into the ground, contaminating the water in the wells. To us it would seem almost impossible to support any such claim, but at any rate some attorney thinks he has the basis for a lawsuit.

I am wondering if you would be good enough to supply a witness for this case who would be qualified to testify in behalf of our distributor.

Thanking you in advance for any cooperation or assistance you can extend, I am,

Very truly yours,

G. B. Hunter

General Manager.

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