

THE HERTZLER CLINIC

HALSTEAD, KANSAS

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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Mr. [REDACTED] of Madison, Ks. reported at the clinic here in April 1936 because of aching, tightness and awkwardness of the right arm. His present illness apparently began about October 1935. On examination we observed that his manner was hurried, speech hurried and at times thick and blurring. The optic nerve heads were a bit pale. He had nystagmoid jerks to nystagmus, a tremor in the right arm on a ^{intention} tension, x-rays of the right elbow and of the skull were negative. Blood count showed a slight anemia. The Ewald test breakfast was negative. Blood Wassermann negative. Spinal fluid normal. Our diagnosis was multiple sclerosis. He has had rather intimate contact with gasoline containing lead. According to some reports lead has been found in the nervous system of multiple sclerosis patients at autopsy. While I realize that multiple sclerosis occurs in patients that have no contact with lead I considered it advisable to have Mr. Beach break this contact. I would like to hear from you.

Yours truly,

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