

Matt French

April 7, 1938

Mr. O. B. Lewis,

Dear Oscar:

I do not believe the attached letter represents anything serious, but I am forwarding it on to you as a matter of routine.

If there is any further information you desire regarding this matter, please let me know and we shall be very glad to get it.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Boudreau

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cc to Dr. R. A. Keho

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Grand Rapids, Mich.
April 5, 1938

Mr. J. E. Boudreau:

Dear Jim,

Ran across an alleged case of lead poisoning in Lansing the other day -- although it is an old situation, and you have probably heard of it before, I am sending along what I learned just in case it has not been discovered previously.

The story goes that one Matt French, a workman in the Oldsmobile factory, was assigned to the job of washing parts, and in some way or other, managed to get hold of a lot of Ethyl gasoline with which to do the job --- and washed parts in it for considerable time before it was discovered. As a result of the job, he became very ill; was sent home and to bed; the doctors on the case diagnosed it as lead poisoning; and it was six months before he could get up and around again.

I also understand that this man sued the Olds Motor Works for damages, and that the courts awarded him a settlement of his claim -- though for how much, I could not learn.

As I mentioned above, this is all ancient history -- the man's original illness having appeared about a year and a half ago -- still, if our company has not heard of the case before, they might wish to have Julian Frey ask a few discreet questions on one of his trips to Olds, - it is for this reason that I am reporting what I was able to learn from the office of the Lansing Hi-Speed Company, which was my source of information.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Kinley (signed)

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