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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

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NORTH KANSAS CITY, Mo.

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ASSISTANT DIVISION MANAGER

November 13, 1937

Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Please note in safety engineer, P. F. Johnson's weekly letter of November 6th the alleged poison case involving a Mr. [REDACTED] of Neodesha, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

H. R. Berg.

B/a

cc- Mr. O. B. Lewis

November 6, 1937

WEEKLY LETTER

Mr. H. R. Ferg
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
North Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Harold:

*copy to
H. R. Ferg*

I received a call from the Kansas City division of the Standard Oil Company that Mr. L. S. Hibbs wanted to talk with me regarding a case of gasoline poisoning. Visited Mr. Hibbs and he advised me that a dealer account of theirs, Mr. [REDACTED] of Neodesha, Kansas, had been in to see him relative to a serious breaking out on his hands. He has had this condition for the past three years and has visited the following doctors who have been unable to help him: Dr. Sutton in Kansas City, Dr. Moody in Joplin, Dr. Wilson in Emporia, and has made two trips to Chicago to see Dr. Lawless. Mr. [REDACTED] informed Mr. Hibbs that he had recently taken a vacation to California and during this vacation away from gasoline his hands healed up fairly well, however they immediately returned to the former condition when he returned to the service station.

I have not seen or talked with Mr. [REDACTED] nor do I intend to and I do not know whether he blames the lead in the gasoline for his troubles or just the gasoline itself. From Mr. Hibbs' attitude, Mr. [REDACTED] is extremely interested in getting this condition cured. My only comment to Mr. Hibbs was that I would refer this information to our medical department.

Met our Dr. Sanders in Kansas City in order to accompany him to McPherson, Kansas. He examined five men for the Bay Petroleum Corporation on this visit. As this was the first examination for this company and these men had never before blended all of the men were required to read our medical rules and regulations and safety features were discussed. I had previously been making their mixes, pending the examination of these men, and it will be necessary for me to be on hand when the next car is unloaded as our Mr. Johnson and myself unloaded their first car.

While in McPherson, Dr. Sanders examined our man, Mr. Hamilton.

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Returned to Kansas City where Dr. Sanders examined Messrs. Berg, Berry, Wilson, Welch, Johnson, and myself.

The remainder of the week was occupied in making out reports and writing letters to refinery superintendents, advising them of the plant conditions found on my visits last week.

Very truly yours,

P. F. Johnson
P. F. Johnson. *g*

J/g

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