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STANDARD OIL COMPANY (INDIANA)
910 S. Michigan Avenue

CHICAGO, August 7, 1928.

Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. E. W. Webb

Gentlemen:

A health question on Ethyl has just come to my attention and inasmuch as it is of a different nature than anywe have encountered, I think it probably worth while looking into it to get the full story and possibly advisable to clear up the probable wrong impression in the minds of the people in the community.

[redacted] died on July 15th near Coopersville, Michigan from what the people of the neighborhood believe was Ethyl poisoning. The facts are as follows:

There was a gasoline service station on Highway U.S. 16 about one mile west of Coopersville, which [redacted] took over for operation about October 24th, 1927. They handled our goods as a customer. The station was lighted by a Delco system and for power for the motor they used Red Crown Ethyl Gasoline. When they first took over the station the Delco engine was in the main room of the station itself with an exhaust pipe running through the wall. The Twiragas slept in this same room. The fumes from the exhaust were noticeable. About April 1st of this year the Delco plant was removed to a lean-to shed. Probably after that time some of the exhaust fumes came through the open windows.

Some time ago, but I do not have the exact date, Mrs. [redacted] began to break out with small reddish brown blotches. About June 15, 1928, she called Dr. Stickley of Coopersville and she was taken to the Mercy Hospital of Muskegon and cared for by Drs. Marshall and LeFevre of Muskegon, and her sickness became further complicated with an attack of the Flu. While in the hospital the doctors attempted a blood transfusion. When the incision was made it was found that the arteries were hardened, and Mr. [redacted] says that the doctors pulled some kind of a fibrous substance from the arteries almost like a long white thread, and that no blood flowed from the artery, only a watery substance. I am advised that there were other doctors in consultation on the case.

Mr. [redacted] has reddish brown blotches on his skin about three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter.

While it is the general impression of the neighborhood that Mrs. [redacted] died of Ethyl poisoning, yet the death certificate which I hand you herewith shows that the cause of the death was cardiac asthma, and the contributory cause was inhalation of carbon monoxide gas.

We have not attempted a complete medical investigation of this case, but I thought it advisable to give you this information, and possibly your medical staff will be interested in following it up.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) R. J. Fellingham

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