

Patterson

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
405 LEXINGTON AVENUE

NEW YORK October 23, 1935.

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Attached hereto are copies of letters from Tom Ronan on an alleged case of lead poisoning, which Mr. Ronan has apparently answered satisfactorily, but we are forwarding to you in case you wish to do anything further about it.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Taylor

By

E. M. Walter

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*copy the 2 appended letters for S. S. and
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October 21, 1935

Mr. J. C. Taylor,

Attention: Mr. E. M. Walter,

Dear Ed:

I am quoting below a letter from Mr. F. T. Patterson, Assistant Sales Manager for Rock Island Refining Company, regarding an assumed case of lead poisoning which appears from the information given to be merely gasoline poisoning:

"We would like to have your advice regarding what appears to be lead poisoning on the hands of a Western Union messenger boy here in Duncan. About two months ago the boy was draining gasoline from the family car and spilled the gasoline on his hands. He states that it was Bronze gasoline and he was of the opinion that it came from a certain service station here in town, however, this station does not carry our gasoline. We are interested in doing what we can to get advice for the boy.

This boy has been under Dr. Weedn's care, until recently. He has given up going to Dr. Weedn and is now applying some kind of salve. The boy states that the flesh is entirely eaten off of some of the knuckles and that the spots fester and are spreading. We are not certain that it is lead poisoning but with these facts before you, please give us your recommendations.

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated."

A copy of my reply to Mr. Patterson is attached. This letter and copy of my letter to Mr. Patterson are in duplicate in order that you may pass the information on to Dr. Kehoe if you so desire.

Yours very truly,

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October 21, 1935

Mr. F. T. Patterson,
Rock Island Refining Company,
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 19th in which you request recommendations regarding treatment for the hands of a Western Union messenger boy in Duncan to overcome sores which apparently originated after he spilled gasoline on them.

From the information given in your letter I am quite sure that no lead poisoning is involved inasmuch as it is not at all probable that a single contact with gasoline could result in the absorption of lead. Furthermore our experience with gasoline has indicated that certain types of gasoline may have a burning effect to the skin similar to that which you described where the contact was of sufficient length.

It is, of course, not permissible for me to suggest any treatment but I know that Dr. R. A. Kehoe, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, our Medical Director, would be pleased to give any assistance possible to Dr. Weedn should that gentleman care to get in touch with him.

I am referring your letter to Dr. Kehoe through our New York office so that he will understand the circumstances in the event he receives a letter from your local physician.

Yours very truly,

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cc Mr. E. M. Walter, ✓

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