

Mr. N. J. Linstromberg

Denver, Colorado

Mr. D. S. Flynn

Kansas City

Alleged lead poisoning -
Thermopolis, Wyoming

December 27, 1946

Dear Norm:

We are attaching hereto copy of a letter from Dr. Kehoe regarding the alleged lead poisoning case at Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Will you please discuss this matter with the Continental Oil Company officials at Denver, outlining Dr. Kehoe's position in the case in order that they will have full information.

Very truly yours,

D. S. Flynn

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cc: Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Mr. C. F. Naylor

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City of Thermopolis*

December 13, 1946

Mr. D. S. Flynn,
Ethyl Corporation,
2610 Power and Light Building,
Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Flynn:

In view of your letter of December 2 and Mr. Naylor's of December 3, it seems wise at this time to clarify our position in relation to the case of alleged lead poisoning at Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Our first contact with this case came about in April of 1945 when a Dr. Donald H. O'Rourke of Denver wrote me about the condition of this man, without at that time mentioning his name or indicating just where the question had arisen. What he wanted to know was the possible relationship between lead exposure from the handling of leaded gasoline and loss of vision from bilateral optic atrophy. I replied promptly and apparently satisfactorily, since I heard no more about the matter.

Subsequently some time in July of 1945, Dr. Sanders told me of having visited Judge Metz of Thermopolis, Wyoming with Mr. J. S. Cole at the request of Judge Metz, for some discussion of this case. Nothing more serious than an expression of opinion from Dr. Sanders to Judge Metz seemed to be involved at that time.

Later, on January 30, 1946, I had a letter from Dr. B. B. Reeve, Medical Director of Standard Oil Company (Indiana), enclosing a copy of a letter from a garage owner in Thermopolis, Wyoming to a district manager of Standard in Cheyenne, together with a long letter from C. W. Axtell, attorney for the City of Thermopolis, Wyoming. This letter from Thermopolis gave a great deal of detailed information about the claim, representing the best account of the entire situation that had come to my attention. Dr. Reeve raised a series of questions to which I replied in a letter dated February 19, 1946. Again I had no further word from Dr. Reeve and so did not take any further action in the matter. On November 20, 1946 I had a further letter from Dr. Reeve, saying that Mr. Axtell had received a copy of my letter and had asked permission to use it in the trial of the case, which was supposed to come up within a short time. I gave approval for the use of the letter, and since that time have had no further information about the case from either Dr. Reeve or Mr. Axtell.

Further reference to the case appeared in certain weekly letters, and finally in the letter from Mr. Naylor and yourself referred to above.

I do not know that there is anything else that we can do at

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present. It is quite obvious that we are prepared to be of any assistance that we can to representatives of Continental Oil Company, and that we will be willing to give any direct advice or assistance to the city government of Thermopolis. However, we have put ourselves on record, and therefore I would assume that our services will be asked for if they are desired in any way.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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C.C.: Mr. O. B. Lewis
Mr. C. F. Naylor

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