

November 4, 1934

Re: [REDACTED] - Agent Texas Company
Gainesville, Texas

Some time ago [REDACTED] wrote a letter to Tulsa office regarding a condition of his hands which he thought might be due to leaded gasolines. His letter, I believe, was not received and in it was merely asking for advise as to treatment.

On a recent visit to Empire Oil and Gas Refinery at Gainesville he was seen. He has had above condition for quite some time which is now and has been essentially a drying and cracking of the skin with infection in some of the cracked areas, and a filling up of granulation tissue which is more or less firm and almost papilomatous in appearance. Some of these areas are tender and have been more so in fact. At present it does not extend above either cuff nor has it appeared on any other part of the body. It has been much worse he states in the past, and of late has been improving considerably. He is not incapacitated and continues to work in the filling station avoiding as much as possible direct contact with oils or gasolines. His hands are free from pain and at present is more concerned with their appearance and possible recurrence.

Some time back he consulted a local physician who suggested lead as a possible cause. This with what he heard from others prompted him to write for information.

At present his hands have more or less typical skin lesions due to the irritating effects of gasolines on a susceptible skin with drying, cracking, and subsequent infection suggesting in areas eczematous lesions. This limited entirely to his hands and involving no particular areas.

His exposure is that of a filling station attendant in performing regular work about a station. He avoids as much as possible any direct contact.

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As to treatment, it was suggested he soak his hands at night in warm saline or boric acid solution to cleanse and soften crusts and follow with a generous application of wool fat or lanolin - and avoid contact.

Signed; L. J. Schradin, M.D.