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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

AUTOMOBILE AGENCY REPORT

Atlanta DIVISION HEADQUARTERS: Jacksonville, Fla. DATE: April 21, 1931

CAR: - Hudson-Essex Company

COMPANY: Hudson-Essex Company

ADDRESS: 501 North Beach STREET: Daytona, Beach CITY: Florida

Factory Branch Distributor Agency x Licensed Garage

PREMIUM GASOLINE SOLD none NON PREMIUM none

SALES DEPARTMENT

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED] POSITION: Owner, Sales Manager

REACTIONS TOWARD ETHYL:

Advised that although it is true that increased performance is obtained with the use of Ethyl as compared with straight gasoline, he does not believe that it is worth the premium price that is paid for it. Advises his customers to use straight gasoline as it is satisfactory and will allow them to save the difference in price. Informed me that he, and a number of other mechanics in Daytona Beach, had become poisoned from washing their hands in Ethyl gasoline and from coming in contact with it when working on carburetors.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Person INTERVIEWED: Mr. [REDACTED] POSITION: Service Manager

REACTIONS TOWARD ETHYL:

Mr. [REDACTED] is owner, sales manager, service manager and mechanic in this agency. Mr. [REDACTED] gave me the name of one of the mechanics who he said had become poisoned from coming in contact with Ethyl gasoline. This particular mechanic, a Mr. [REDACTED], had been to a doctor who had examined some of the matter from the infection on his hand and had told Mr. [REDACTED] so I was advised by Mr. [REDACTED] that it was lead poisoning. In each case where there was the so-called poisoning from contact with Ethyl gasoline the infection started in a cut or burn on the mechanic's hand or arm. Also, I was advised that the mechanics were in the habit of washing their hands in Ethyl Gasoline if it was handy and the straight was not. It was also used for washing parts of the automobiles and engines. I called Mr. [REDACTED] attention to the lead warning tag on each pump dispensing Ethyl gasoline, explaining that it was to be used for a motor fuel only. I also explained to him that even straight gasoline is poisonous when taken into the system and could have, with a number of other things, been the cause for the infection.

H AS FACTORY ISSUED BULLETINS-STATEMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS ON ETHYL GASOLINE
none received.

REMARKS: Called on Mr. [REDACTED] and discussed the information concerning him that was given to me by Mr. [REDACTED]. This interview is recorded in a separate report under date of April 25th, 1931.

SHOULD COMPANY BE INTERVIEWED AGAIN: yes

Signed: George H. Rosser