

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHICAGO OFFICE
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

August 21, 1933

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

We are attaching copies of all letters written regarding Mr. [REDACTED] of North Judson, Indiana with the exception of the ones we wrote you; so that your files on this case will be complete.

Very truly yours,


R. L. Jordan

J:N

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August 16, 1933

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

In connection with the supposed lead poisoning case of [REDACTED], agent for the Johnson Oil and Refining Company, we are attaching herewith a copy of a report just received from our Mr. B. R. Jones.

Since this report, and in confirmation of our conversation of today, [REDACTED] died - his death causing considerable concern on the part of his employers in that they fear legal proceedings will be instituted against them.

As per your instructions, we are doing nothing further on the matter until one of your associates has made his inspection and analysis of the case and also until you report directly to us on the subject.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Jordan
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Charles Hankey, Sick Six Weeks, Dies

This community was shocked Wednesday morning, upon hearing of the sudden death of Charles Hankey, aged 53 years, distributor for the Johnson Oil Company in this territory.

Mr Hankey, who had been ill for the past six weeks, had undergone observation and examinations at the Holy Family hospital in LaPorte, and had been under the care of several physicians. At first he showed symptoms of stomach trouble, which was followed by complications, which presumably could not be diagnosed. He was able to be up and around some, until about two and one-half weeks ago, when his strength left him, leaving him in a helpless condition, in which manner he remained until his demise at 3:35 a. m., Wednesday.

At 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, a short service will be conducted from the late home, and at 2:00 o'clock the funeral services will be held at the Lutheran church. Rev. O. W. Lin-nemeier will officiate.

Interment will be made in the Highland cemetery.

C O P Y

August 10, 1933

Mr. J. C. Taylor,

Attention: Mr. E. M. Walter.

Dear Ed:

Please find attached copies of letters we have received from Johnson Oil Refining Company regarding the illness of one of their men.

We have sent copies of these letters to Dr. Kehoe also.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. L. Jordan

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C O P Y

JOHNSON OIL REFINING COMPANY
176 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

August 8, 1933

Ethyl Gasoline Corporation ,
310 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention: Mr. R. L. Jordan,
District Manager

Gentlemen:

As requested during our telephone conversation of even date, we are attaching hereto copy of a letter received from R. P. Bixler, our District Manager, in Northern, Indiana, with reference to three doctors pronouncing the sickness of our local manager, Mr. [REDACTED] North Judson, Indiana, being due to lead poisoning.

As soon as your Medical Department has made an investigation of this case, we shall be very pleased to receive its report.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) I. H. Johnson
President

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C O P Y

JOHNSON OIL REFINING COMPANY
176 West Adams Street
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 4, 1933

Johnson Oil Refining Company,
176 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention: Mr. J. J. Johnson

Dear Sir:

I stopped in North Judson today to see our local manager, Mr. [REDACTED] who has been very sick for about five weeks. Mr. [REDACTED] is still in very bad shape, the doctors pronouncing his trouble as lead poisoning due, as they claim, to breathing the fumes and handling Ethyl gasoline. Mr. [REDACTED] has had the services of three good physicians and they all claim that this is his trouble.

He is bedfast not being able to keep anything on his stomach and does not have the use of his hands and feet, due to the nerves being paralyzed. He does not have strength enough in his hands to hold a spoon or fork.

This is the first case of this kind that I have ever come in contact with and am wondering if his trouble really can be traced back to his contact with Ethyl gasoline. If this be the case, every employee should be very careful in handling gasoline which contains lead.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. P. Bixler