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Minutes of Meeting Held in J. P. Woodard's
Office on Wednesday Afternoon, August 6, 1947

Present at the meeting were:

Dr. A. J. Lanza
C. W. Hite
H. H. Jackson
J. M. Hamilton

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Dr. Lanza first reported on the case of Bishop McMillan, an employee at our Waukegan factory. He returned the file which had been sent to him on this case and pointed out, first, that he had noted that from September, 1944, until December, 1946, this individual had been a Rubber Mill operator, and that subsequent to December, 1946, he had been incapacitated for work.

Dr. Jackson confirmed the fact that the employee had been incapacitated ever since January 1, 1947.

Dr. Lanza commented that there was a considerable period in which the employee could not have been exposed to silica dust, and therefore he was a little surprised that he should leave the Rubber Mill, incapacitated. The history of the case showed that prior to starting work in the Rubber Mill in September, 1944, he had worked for the Company for a period of eight years from 1936.

Viewing one of the films, Dr. Lanza remarked that he couldn't understand what had got into this man's lungs, but the even distribution through both lung fields looked like an occupational case; yet, on the other hand, it didn't look to him like a typical silicotic film, unless it was one of the "queer ones" of which there have been quite a few lately.

Dr. Lanza said he will be interested in what Laramee has to report after examining the films but he added, "I would be inclined to exhaust the possibilities of silicosis in this case."

Upon looking at the films again, Dr. Lanza pointed out that in 1944 they showed nothing wrong, the individual having an average normal chest. This was at the time he left [illegible], now to go to work in the Rubber Mill. The film showed that he had a little more fibrosis than normally but this is a condition to be found in a great many normal people.

Looking at another film, Dr. Lanza said he was unable to understand how the man would get "that much silicosis in three years," (May, 1947). He added that this film showed that the man "has got a chest full of something if it is silicosis, he developed it awfully fast." He remarked that his own experience had been that people of this race didn't do too well on silica dust.

Dr. Lanza recommended sending the films to Dr. Vorwald, at Saranac, for his examination and report.

He also suggested sending to Dr. Vorwald certain data from the file in question, specifically, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 from the memorandum from Waukegan of August 1, 1947. He also suggested sending a copy of Dr. Keller's medical report.

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Dr. Lanza inquired whether McMillan is sick now, and Mr. Jackson answered "Yes," but said that at the moment he is back in the plant cleaning respirators. It is an assembling job at which he can sit down. Waukegan had reported over the phone that he had come back to work only on Monday, August 4, and they had no idea how long he might continue working.

Dr. Lanza expressed the opinion that there wasn't anything to do in this case but to keep the man under observation and take another X-ray film in a month or so to see whether there has been any change in his condition. He added: "I don't know that he could have been exposed to in a Rubber Mill—perhaps heterogeneous dust, but not silica dust. But it doesn't add up to me. I would like to get further suggestions or a diagnosis of what they find up at Saranac. And I would watch him. You can't do anything at this time but see if this condition is going to clear up, remains the same, or is going to get worse."

Dr. Lanza pointed out again that the film taken in 1944 didn't show anything of a serious nature. Subsequent to that, the employee had worked in the Rubber Mill, so, his conclusion was, that whatever happened to him happened in the Rubber Mill. Both Mr. Hite and Mr. Jackson questioned him as to whether the man's exposure prior to that time could have reached some development stage during his employment in the Rubber Mill, i.e., could it have been in the primitive stages before September, 1944, and not progressed very far until after his employment in the Rubber Mill. Dr. Lanza disagreed with any such conclusion, saying that he had never seen such a thing happen.

Dr. Lanza is planning on going up to Saranac on August 15.

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Dr. Lanza also reported on the work which Dr. Kenneth Lynch has recently completed from the notes and memoranda left by the late Dr. Hay W. Gardner. Dr. Lynch had sent him the report which he had worked up and Dr. Lanza thought it could be presented as an entity, as a Saranac report. He had sent it on to Dr. Vorwald, at Saranac, but the latter had written back to Dr. Lynch, with a carbon copy to Dr. Lanza, saying that he was reluctant to publish it because he is afraid that subsequent developments from Dr. Gardner's work might be at variance with the conclusions which Dr. Gardner arrived at in the report just put together. Personally, Dr. Lanza doubted this would be so, but, nevertheless, he conceded that Dr. Vorwald was entitled to his opinion.

Dr. Vorwald had expressed the hope in his letter to Dr. Lynch that he could get the latter's viewpoint on the opinion which he had raised about not publishing this data [illegible] he hoped it would be possible some time for Dr. Lynch to come up and see him at Saranac. Upon reading the carbon copy, Dr. Lanza thought this offered a good opening for him to talk to Dr. Lynch on the subject, so he had called him on the telephone and had a long talk with him. He suggested that Dr. Lynch might be able to go to Saranac about August 15 (when Dr. Lanza will be up there for a Trustees' meeting). Dr. Lynch had said he would like to go, but that he wouldn't know for another day or so whether he would be free to do so. Dr. Lanza said that if Dr. Lynch is not able to make the trip, he, Dr. Lanza, will have to "talk it through with Dr. Vorwald."

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Dr. Lanza reported briefly on developments on the west coast. He read a short letter which he had received from Dr. Smart, who thanked him for his letter of July 17, which, he said, had arrived just after Dr. Anderson and he had spent an afternoon together studying their proposed article. He also told Dr. Lanza that he had received written authorization from the Pittsburgh Company to go ahead; and he had likewise received a similar authorization he had received from Mr. J. P. Williams, Dr. Lanza remarked that the article being written by Drs. Anderson and Smart will be extremely timely and the status of this work is satisfactory.

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Upon leaving the meeting, Dr. Lanza stated that he should know early next week whether or not Dr. Lynch will be able to visit Waukegan. If he is not able to get away at that time, Dr. Lanza repeated that he himself will handle the matter of the "Asbestos Report" with Dr. Vorwald and see if he can resolve his doubts, because he, Dr. Lanza, was of the opinion that the report, as put together, will stand by itself, if Dr. Vorwald will release it. He promised to keep us informed of developments.

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