

February 21, 1939.

Mr. C. C. Bayles, Supt.,
Buildings and Grounds,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bayles:

I am sure that you were delighted, as we were, with the very excellent performance of the roller skating octet last night under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Dart, at the between halves entertainment.

While you, Mr. Wherry and I had a personal conference last evening concerning the possible damage to the floor from the roller skates, I would not write you unless it was to emphasize the fact that we do appreciate your cooperation and the excellence of a fine floor finish on the basketball court. But I do want you to know that we spend a good deal of time in our endeavor to give our patrons the very finest bit of entertainment between halves that we can obtain. When Mr. Wiley was engaged to go on the air last night he suggested that the high school band possibly might play for us. This led me to the connection with Mr. Wherry, and then I talked to him about the possibility of bringing the high school group in between halves. Mr. Wherry suggested that he would get in touch with Mrs. Dart and then would call me back. He did so and suggested that Mrs. Dart's roller skaters had proved of great interest and attraction at the high school. Then I went into the matter of possible damage to the floor.

I said, "I am afraid of the roller skates unless we have rubber covering." He said, "Well, Dr. Allen, we use them here on our gym floor." I said, "Yes, but Mr. Bayles just put a finish on this floor and I am afraid we might damage it." Mr. Wherry then told me that they had a fine finish on their floor and that they used wooden rollers and they did no damage to their floor, he could assure me.

Mrs. Dart desired a time to practice and Monday afternoon was agreed upon. It is my personal conviction that no damage was done to the floor, although there were one or two marks on it. But I am sure that an oil mop run across the surface would obliterate even those marks. The top finish was not cut into and I think the benefit of the entertainment to the spectators was pronounced. In fact, it is my opinion that this was one of the most popular numbers that has ever been put on between halves.