

December 26, 1944.

Mr. Mike Getto,
Eldridge Hotel,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

Herewith is the letter to Dick Sklar that I promised
I would send you.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

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Dr Forest Allen

I am giving you the information on what products were used on your gym floor.

It was well sanded and treated with Hillyards Wood Primer. primer was steel wooled down. lines put on, and 2 coats of Hillyard Super Gym Finish was applied.

Yours Very Truly,
Chas W. Goforth

P.S. The Hillyard Co. will mail you directions how this gym should be maintained.

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- 1/ Completed finishing system - Dec - 5 - 44.
 - 2/ This floor should be taken care of according to instructions
 - 3/ This is a non skid finish
 - 4- no wax should be used on this floor
 - 5- Wax is dangerous to the B.B. players.
 - 6 When wax is used on floor it takes a severe scrubbing to take it off which ruins the finish and removes the lines.
+ luster
- teams at the Municipal Bldg at Okla City refused to play on their floor where wax had been used for dancing. until it was scrubbed off which took ~~6~~ 6 men 10 hrs. & then was not a satisfactory playing surface. It was later necessary to re-surface it.

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November 17, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

On arriving home from Oklahoma this evening, I was happy to receive your letter and to know that Hillyard's has received the contract for refinishing your floor.

When I was in Lawrence, my understanding was that we were to start on the floor on November 24. Possibly you have set this date up to November 21. I know Hillyard's will keep me posted as to when I should be there.

Mr. Allen, I am sorry but I left the drawing of Hank Iba's floor with ~~P~~Hank. I am getting in touch with him and asking him to send me this drawing, and, as soon as I get it, I will forward it to you. The A. & M. colors are, as you know, black and orange. I made the sidelines for his court three inches wide in black with orange-colored round dots the size of a silver dollar and 15 inches apart. The two inch lines were decorated the same with an orange dot the size of a 50¢ piece. We put in the center of the floor an "A & M." This made a very attractive floor, and I know we can finish your floor just as attractively as A. & M.'s court.

Thank you again for your letter. You will be hearing from me, or seeing me, in the next few days.

Yours very truly,

Chas. W. Goforth
Chas. W. Goforth

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December 6, 1944.

The Hillyard Company,
P. O. Box 707,
St. Joseph 1, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

I want to tell you how pleased we are with the re-finishing by your firm of our Hoch Auditorium floor where we play our intercollegiate basketball games. We have been playing in this auditorium since 1929, but we have never really played on a fine floor surface. It has been rough and not fitted to good basketball.

Your Mr. Charles W. Goforth personally supervised the sanding, filling and priming, as well as the finishing of our floor. He did a marvelous job. Having a son who was a star basketball player, he naturally takes an especial interest in basketball floors. He is a thirty-third degree fan, and the time element never figures in his work. He works unceasingly day and night to see that the job is as nearly perfect as possible.

We are delighted with your representative's services to us, as well as your products that have been put upon the floor. Naturally we shall follow your directions explicitly in maintaining this beautiful floor, the product of your representative's handiwork.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 6, 1944.

Dr. Forrest Allen,
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:-

Many, many thanks for the kindnesses and courtesies you have extended to our representatives, and for your approval and use of Hillyard Method and Products for finishing gymnasium floors.

Mr. Goforth has asked us to send to you the following directions:

To maintain your Gymnasium floor with Hillyard's Wood Primer and finished with Hillyard's Super Gym Finish, use Hil-Tone sprayed on a large dust mop before each game and after each game, also during the regular cleaning periods. Don't use kerosene on this Finish. While kerosene will not hurt the Finish, it does create a fire hazard and its oily nature attracts dirt and excess amount of kerosene tends to make the surface slippery, which increases muscle strain.

For cleaning purposes, use one quart Super Shine-All to four gallons of water. The tar marks from imitation rubber soles should be taken off after each game. The Finish - any finish for that matter - should never be cleaned with any kind of powders, or with gummy liquid soaps.

Wishing you the very best of the Season's Greetings, we are,

Sincerely,
THE HILLYARD COMPANY

Elliott C. Spratt
Elliott C. Spratt.



ECS:HP

G. G. Bayles, Supt.

Bldgs. & Grounds.

OPERATING NATION-WIDE SERVICE OF FLOOR MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS

Hillyards

SUPER GYM FINISH

After years of research Hillyards perfected Super Gym Floor Finish, using their own big gymnasium as a laboratory for the first finish made especially for gym floors. In the years and years that have followed, Super Gym Floor Finish has shown amazing results in thousands and thousands of gyms of the nation's largest schools, colleges, universities, ball rooms, public and private clubs and institutions. A product composed of tough, resilient, long wearing ingredients, it has proven through actual tests the ability to "take it" when applied on indoor surfaces.

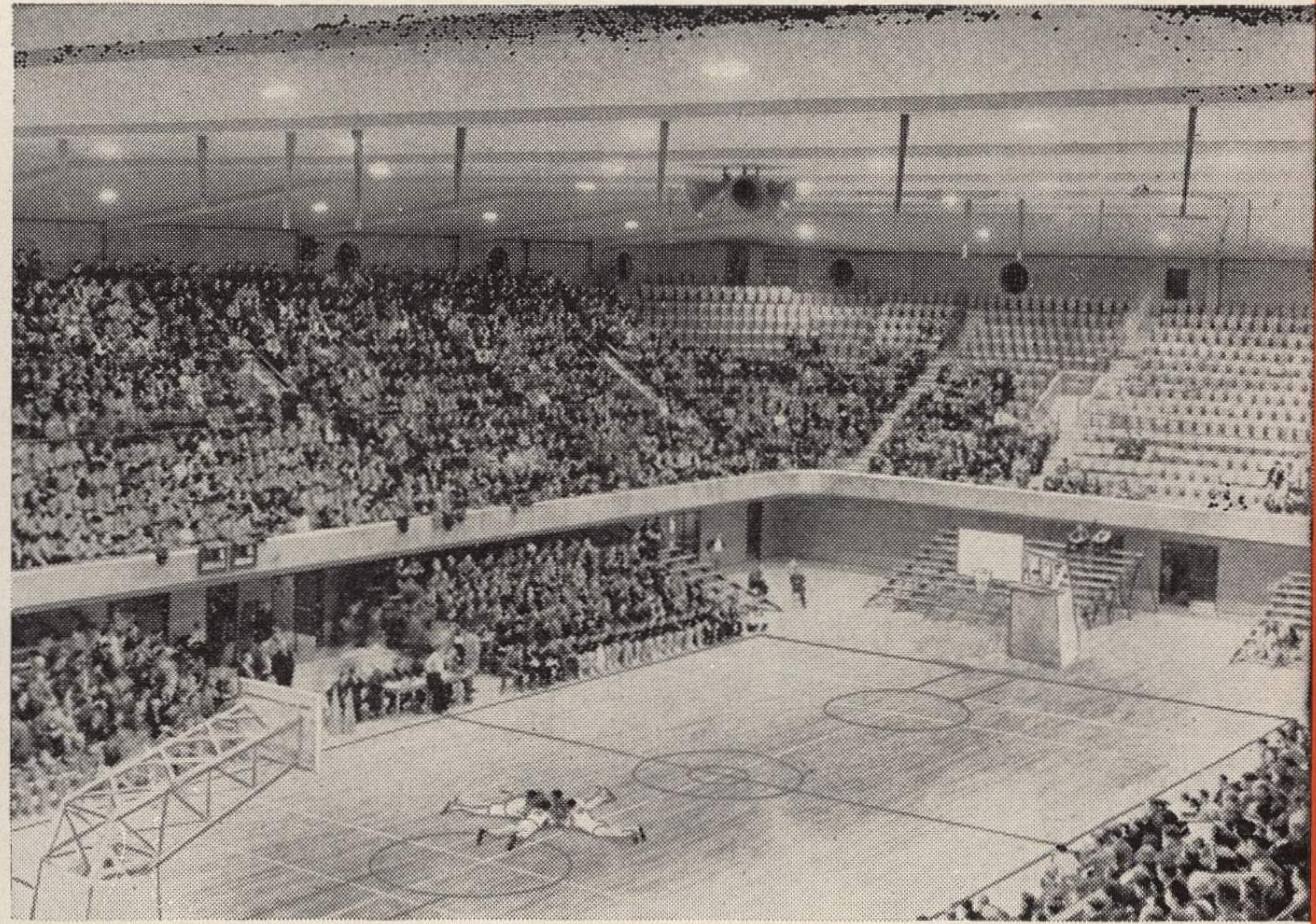
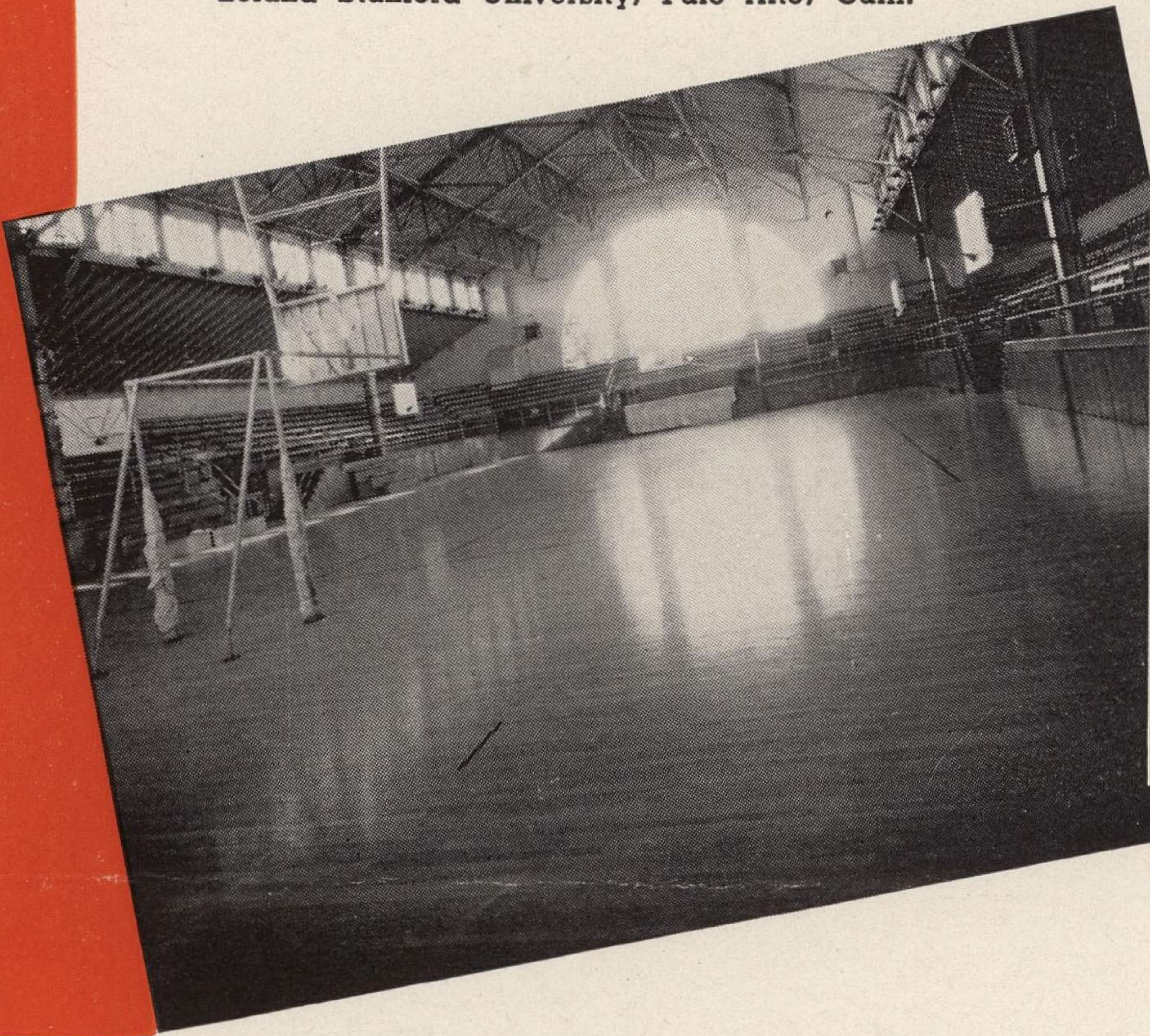
Super Gym Floor Finish will not darken, but is like a film of flexible, crystal clear glass, yet is non-slippery, has an attractive mirror-like finish, yet has no glare. Being transparent, it displays the grain and evenness of the wood and is easy to clean and maintain. A non-slippery finish that does not rubber burn. Anyone can apply it and it is so easy to keep neat and attractive in appearance.

Super Gym on Madison Square Garden Floor



INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY vs FORDHAM
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.



Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Okla.

Protects YOUR FLOOR, YOUR PLAYERS and YOUR INVESTMENT

Leading architects have specified the adoption of Super Gym Floor Finish for years and years. Contractors have used it for many years in thousands of educational and in private institutions with uniform results as to efficiency and satisfaction—economical, too, as it does not have to be replaced as often as ordinary finishes or yellowing varnishes do.

Recognized by outstanding coaches, athletic directors and players as a finish that is non-slippery, giving no glare. A perfect finish for fast playing games, a light beautiful floor for physical education and a sturdy finish for dancing.

HILLYARD'S GYM LINE PAINT

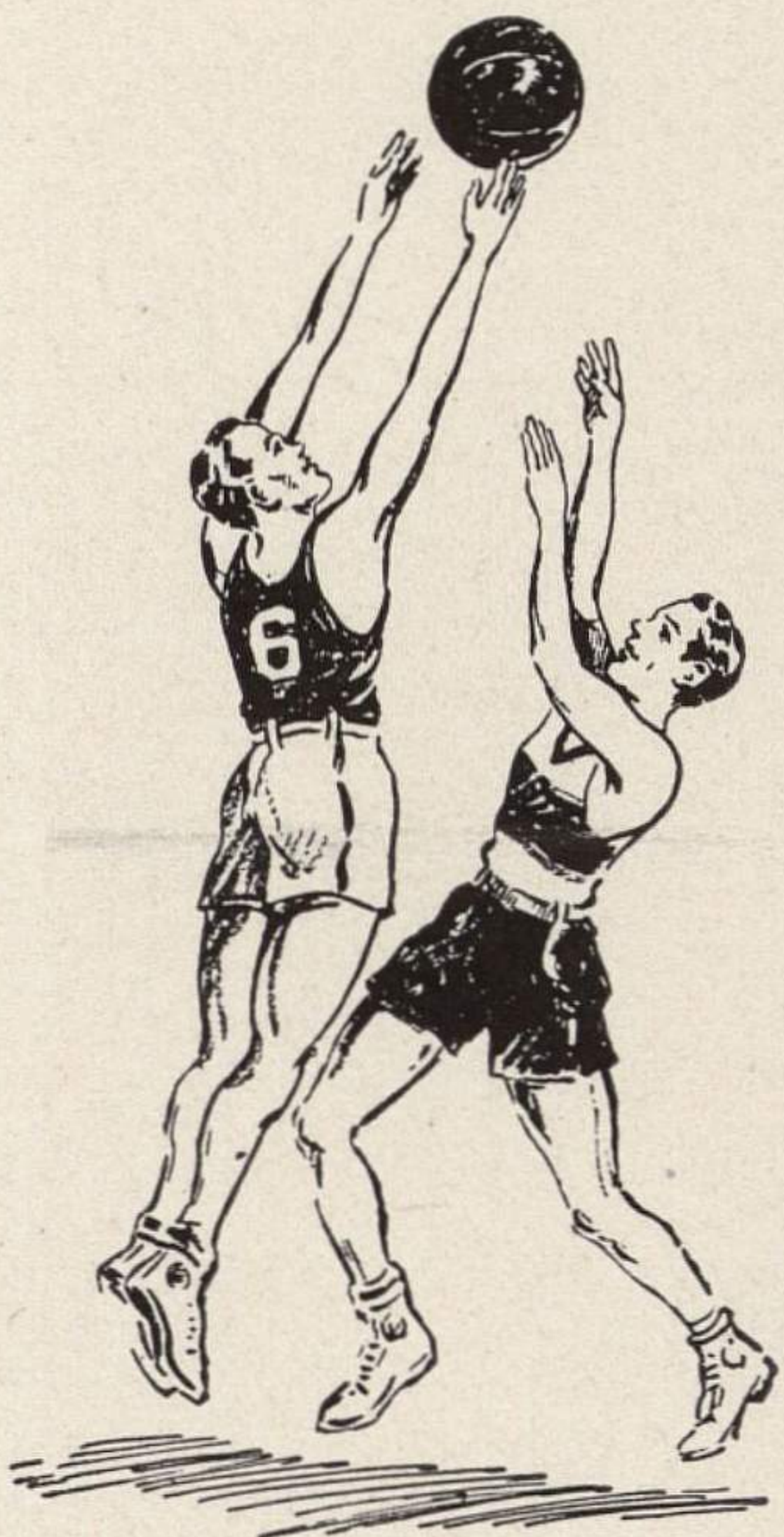
A specially prepared and tested paint, made especially for marking gymnasiums, that will work efficiently and perfectly with Hillyard's Seals, Primers and Finishes. A quick drying, long wearing paint for marking lines for all indoor court games. Comes in black, white, green, blue and red colors.

SWEEPING METHOD

The big 36-inch Gym Dustless Floor Brush, patented by Hillyards, moistened with Hil-Tone is a quick, easy, economical method of keeping a gym floor sanitary, beautiful and clean.

SPANGLES

Dance Spangles are a smooth, soft, white substance which, when sprinkled on the dance floor, transforms non-slippery finished floors into a smooth dancing surface. Effective on all kinds of floors and will not injure or mar surfaces. Odorless, non-inflammable and easily removed with a damp mop and a Shine-All solution. Comes in bulk or shaker cans.



Dear Mr. Bayles:

Having been with the Hillyard Chemical Company for twenty years and having had active experience and personally supervising the treating of the larger basketball arenas of the country, both college and municipally owned courts, I would like to pass on to you what information I have gained in these years of experience.

I have a very distinct recollection of the play-off game between Henry Iba's Oklahoma A. & M. team and Dr. F. C. Allen's Kansas Jayhawkers at Oklahoma City back in 1940. The teams met on the Oklahoma City municipal arena to decide which team would represent the fifth district in the Western N.C.A.A. play-off to be held in Kansas City. Mr. Iba and Dr. Allen arrived with their teams the night before the play-off. Two local teams were playing on the court. A dance had been held a few nights before on this basketball floor and they had waxed the floor. It was impossible for either of the two competing teams to stay on their feet and they floundered through a miserable exhibition. Dr. Allen and Coach Iba both refused to play on that floor, saying that it was like playing on an ice hockey rink.

I had just previously finished the Oklahoma A. & M. beautiful new floor so naturally Mr. Iba came to me and said, "Mr. Goforth, what can you do with this floor? It is impossible for us to play on it."

It was necessary for me to take six men with three scrubbing machines and work ten hours to remove this wax. At that, this floor was not highly satisfactory, but the teams played before an overflow crowd. Kansas won the game, as I remember, in a thrilling overtime period, by a score of 42 to 40.

Knowing that your floor has been used for dances from time to time,

I feel in fairness to our job that I should make the following observations:

1. This floor should be taken care of according to instructions.
2. This is a non-skid floor and no wax should ever be used on this floor.

Not only is wax dangerous to the basketball players so far as shattering an elbow or causing other serious injuries, is concerned, but where wax is used it takes a severe scrubbing to take it off, with many man hours work, and it ruins the finish and lustre and removes all the lines on the floor. And then to have a satisfactory playing surface it would be necessary later to resurface it.

I give you this information out of my long experience, and trust that you will enjoy this beautiful floor many years. And further, if I am needed at any time please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

December 6, 1944.

Mr. C. G. Bayles,
Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds,
University of Kansas.

(Note - cc to Quigley,
Nichols and Allen.)

Dear Mr. Bayles:

Having completed your basketball floor in your auditorium, I am desirous of giving you information as to the care and maintenance of this floor. This floor was the worst floor that we have encountered in our experience. It took ten sandings to bring it to the required smoothness. A half truck load of cuttings were taken off by the sandings.

I think that I should mention that an ordinary floor like this cannot stand over three sandings. Therefore, it is necessary to keep the surface that we have intact as long as possible.

After the floor was well sanded, it was treated with Hillyard's Wood Primer. The Primer was then steel-wooled down with a steel-wool machine, and lines and markings were put on. Then the two coats of Hillyards Super-Gym Finish was applied.

We believe this will be one of the most durable and one of the prettiest courts in this part of the country. The Hillyard Company will mail you directions as to how this floor surface should be maintained.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to come to your University and aid your fine basketball team in their excellent performances, I am

Very sincerely yours,

December 16, 1944.

Mr. A. H. Gerard,
Buildings and Grounds,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gerard:

This letter is written to confirm the statement that I never give permission to any boys, with the exception of University students, to use Robinson Gymnasium at any time. This goes also for the University High School boys who are not permitted to use any part of the gymnasium unless they are under the direct supervision of Mr. Strait, their gym instructor.

This building is for the use of University students only.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 18, 1944.

Mr. Charles Goforth,
Box 135,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Goforth:

Thank you for your note of the 13th, together with Shorty Giltner's letter, which I appreciated. I also want to acknowledge your Yuletide greetings.

Mr. Quigley has said that he will have a picture of the floor taken in a very short while, and we will see that you get a copy of it.

I am enclosing the letters that were written here for your signature, and after you have signed them if you will send them back we will be glad to see that they are delivered to the proper persons.

I am sending you carbon copies of my letter to the Hillyard Company.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

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Dec 13-44.

Winfield Kansas.

Dr Forest Callen.

Dear Friend,

I have just returned from Okla. and am enclosing a letter I recd from Shorty Diltner, who still thinks you are tops. I hope the gym floor is fine. I see you won your game from Washburn on your new floor. I'm hoping you win all of them this season.

Dr Callen, I would be glad to have a letter on this gym floor. also a picture of it. The Hillyard Co. wrote me they would pay for a picture of it.

Thanking you for all past favors. I remain
yours very truly.

Phar Gzorth

✓ Box 135

Greetings





Sincerely wishing you
all the joys of a
Happy Christmas Season

Chas W North

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

January 17, 1945.

Mrs. Laura Glidden Gray,
General Delivery,
Spokane, Washington.

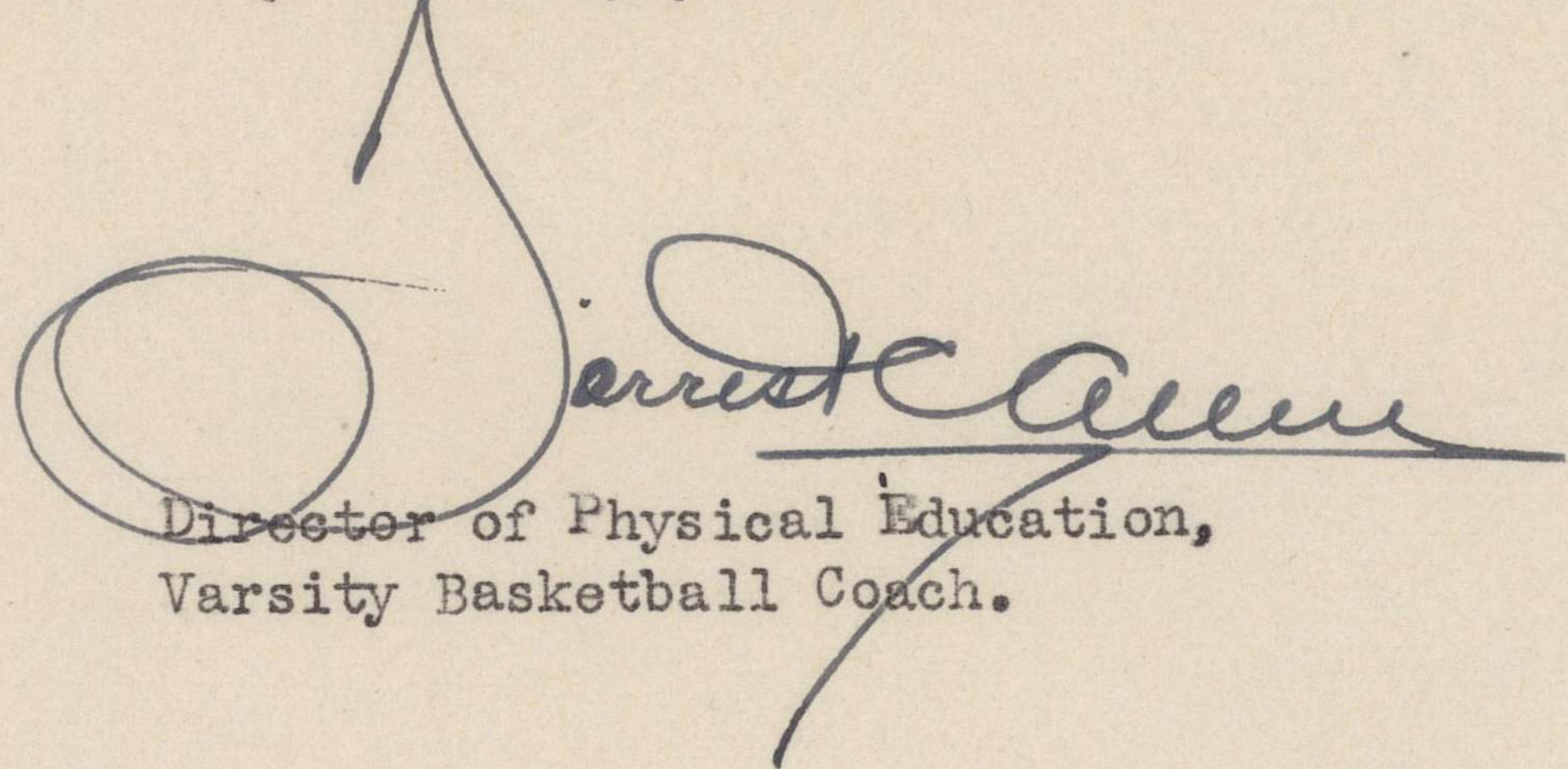
Dear Mrs. Gray:

I am afraid that I am not in a position to give you any definite information regarding the teaching situation in our University. At the present time we have no opening. Miss Hoover and Miss Stapleton are with us still, and the only job that generally opens up is the dance instructorship. We have had several changes there, but we have always been able to fill them without any great difficulty.

I would suggest that you try the National Recreation Association because there are always good openings there, but at the University here there have been few.

Assuring you that I will be glad to help you in every way possible,
I am

Very sincerely yours,



Ernest Allen

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Mrs. John L. Griffith

Lt. and Mrs. John Lawrence Griffith

gratefully acknowledge your kindness

and sympathy

December 8, 1944.

Dr. John B. Geisel, Director,
The Southard School,
2221 West 6th Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Geisel:

I am sorry that I will not be here on Wednesday, December 13th, as I am speaking in Peru, Nebraska, on that day at a basketball clinic.

I trust that at some future date it may be possible to have a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

The Southard School

2221 WEST SIXTH AVENUE
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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December 6, 1944

Forest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

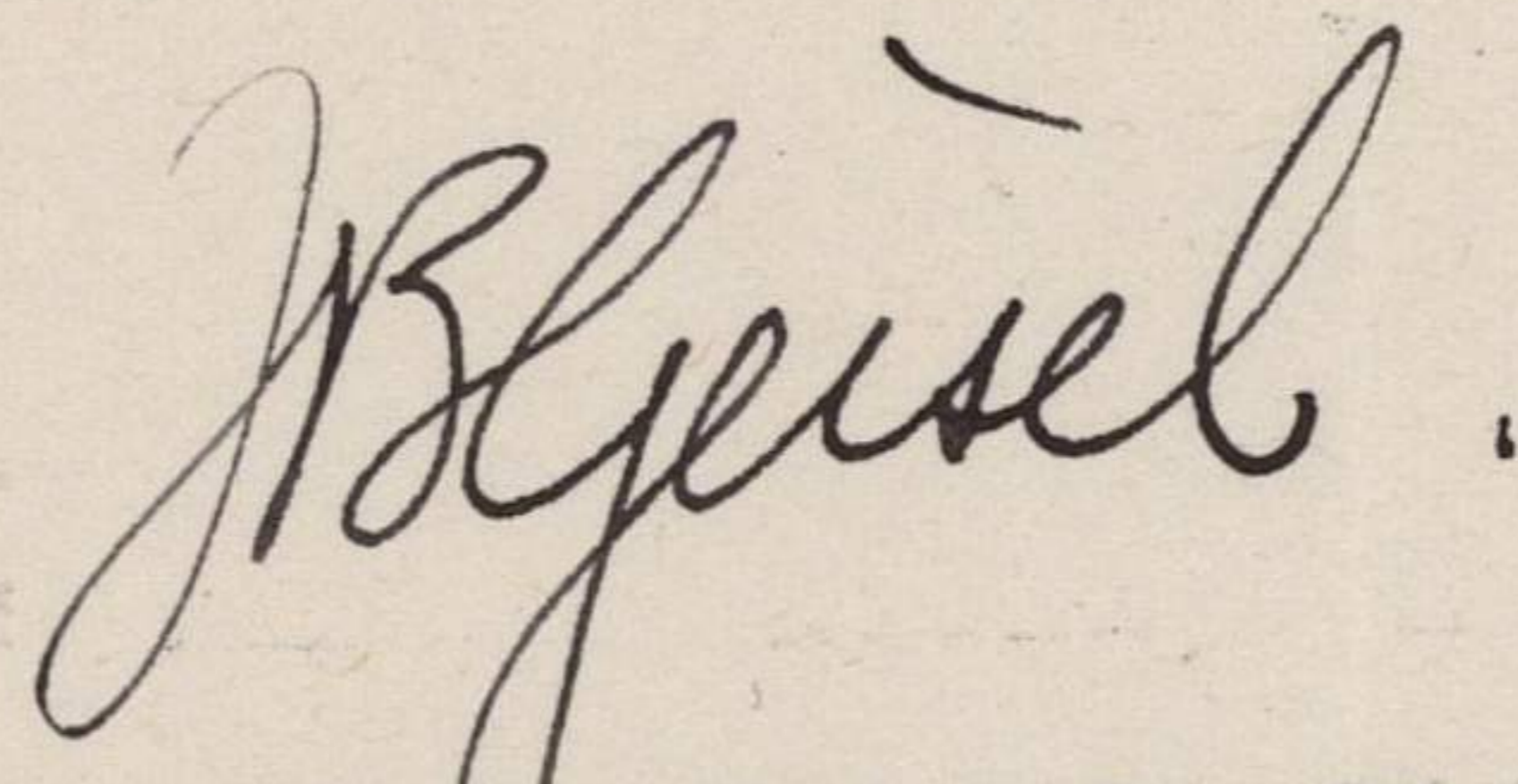
Dear Dr. Allen:

On Wednesday December 13 I have to talk before two or three clubs at K. U. I wonder if it would be possible for me to meet with you and discuss one of our needs at The Southard School?

We have been looking for a person to head up our recreation work, and I feel that someone trained in physical education would be our most likely prospect. It could be a man or woman, but I believe a man is preferred.

Sometime ago I met Dean Malott and mentioned this problem to him. He suggested that I get in touch with you.

Sincerely,



John B. Geisel, Ph. D., Director
The Southard School

JBG:SW

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November 16, 1944.

Mr. Chas. Goforth,
Box 135,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Goforth:

I understand you are to be here beginning the 21st as Hilliards have the contract to refinish our auditorium floor. I wish you would write me how you finished Hank Iba's floor with the red dots for the sideline.

We are going to have a big K in the center of the floor, and will have a red line around the court. Write me about the color scheme of Iba's floor, and send me a diagram showing the colors.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 6, 1944.

Mr. Charles Goforth,
Box 135,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Goforth:

I am enclosing a schedule of our basketball games
for the coming season.

Hope you will be able to see some of our games.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Enc.

November 11, 1944.

S/Sgt. Harold S. Gill, 37227241,
Dist. No. 4, 7th Service Command,
1202 Topeka National Bank Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I want to inform you confidentially that at
our board meeting yesterday your application was approved
by our board. Hope things work out for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 26, 1944.

S/Sgt. Harold S. Gill, 37227241,
Dist. No. 4, 7th Service Command,
1202 Topeka National Bank Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I was delighted to hear from you and to know that apparently things are moving in your favor. You can count on the support of this board one hundred per cent. About the only thing we can do is when the discharge papers come in for us to approve them from our angle. They tell us to take no activity with the exception of approving or rejecting the application, and you know what we will do in your case.

I was sorry to learn of the death of your father, but I am gratified to congratulate you on taking unto yourself a blushing bride at your tender age of 38. You have done your hitch O.K. and we know you are entitled to the discharge. I am happy you are going to be lined up with the Santa Fe. That is one of the greatest companies that I know of. It will certainly be good to see you around again.

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds which will give you some dope on the boys. This is a monthly letter that I send to the boys in the service.

Awaiting your coming with pleasure, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Dr Allen:

I have been told you are on the draft board and if you are it wont be long until you receive a letter from Omaha about me.

I asked for a discharge last week and my Col. approved it and sent it to Omaha and they wrote back to day for the name & No of my draft Board. So they must be going to write to you.

The Santa Fe has told me that they would give me a job in their special Service Dept. I am over thirty eight and I would like to get out and get a start before the kids get back. you know what they are going to tell me when I ask for a job, "Sorry old man not taking on any one your age." My Dad has died since I have been in the Army and Moms health is awfully poor and she needs some one to look after things for her. If you can do anything for me I would sure appreciate it very much. I also was married

1 Oct 44

Your Old friend

Doc Hill