

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,