

June 23, 1944.

Board of Directors,
Lawrence Country Club,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I observe that the floor of the shower room is in rather an un-sanitary condition, so far as the possibility of the spread of athlete's foot is concerned.

My only purpose in writing this letter is to endeavor to improve the situation. We have had a very profitable experience in our gymnasium where we have over five thousand men a week using the showers in the basement of Robinson Gymnasium.

It may sound boastful, but we have had no knowledge of any cases of athlete's foot come to our attention by hospital authorities. It has been more than a year ago that the Cramer Chemical Company, of Gardner, Kansas, installed some three-foot-square wooden boxes. The boxes are about six inches high. They did this as an experiment with no cost to us. An anti-septic powder - a fungus germicide - was used. This powder was perfected by Dr. L. L. Boughton, Dr. A. J. Mix, and Dr. E. L. Trecece, and it has done a wonderful job. It is rather a departure from the old liquid anti-septic used in so many shower rooms because the feet should be dried first before the individual steps into the box. This insures a dryness between the toes, which is more beneficial than moisture where athlete's foot develops.

The old name of athlete's foot was "Hongkong" or "Asiatic" foot, developed in warm climates where the temperature was very high.

Cramer Company retails this powder at 16¢ a pound. We buy it in 100 pound lots. If the Country Club would like to experiment with this we would be glad to let the Board of Directors have any amount that they would like to try out before they purchast it, at the regular cost to us.

There is a rubber container propped up against the wall near the shower bath. It is not as large as would be most satisfactory for a number of bathers, but it would serve the purpose for a trial.