

# Housewives Could Learn Lesson From Men Who Maintain Gymnasium Floors

Salem public school system will match its acres of gym floors with any in the country.

"The care and treatment of gymnasium floors is one of the trickiest and toughest jobs in the maintenance of public buildings," says Melvin H. (Joe) Drake, maintenance manager for local public schools.

Housewives who pant over a few square feet of polished living room floor might like to know that Drake and his crew of malle maseurs must keep up about two-thirds of an acre of gymnasium floors in

show rubber shoe or heel marks. If you use the right kind of seal nothing short of a sharp-pointed instrument can damage or mark it."

"We don't even wax these gym floors. We scrub and seal them once a year and maintain them with a daily dust brooming. And about 1,500 youngsters use the floors at this school every day."

## Tests 40 Seats

Each gym takes a 55-gallon bar-

rel of sealing varnish for the annual resealing job. Each year Drake carefully tests about 40 rels of sealing varnish for the seals offered by various firms before he chooses the one he wants. It requires the full-time services of one man to properly maintain one large school gymnasium.

Not everybody believes Drake when he tells him his simple formula for preserving a beautiful floor. A woman principal of an outlying school annexed some

years ago to the Salem system believes to this day that Drake uses a secret formula.

Because Salem schools have one of the finest maintenance programs of any school in the West, Drake is kept busy in his spare time travelling about Oregon conducting training classes for school custodial personnel.

He has even been called in as a consultant by educators in Washington and California. Salem also has gained recognition as one of the first schools to break away from the "institutional" color patterns for school rooms. And a work-time allotment plan for school maintenance employees, worked out by Drake, also is used up and down the west coast.

## Large Plants

But he still runs into some peculiar problems in dealing with the big, intricate, modern plants which house classrooms.

Take the other day when teachers at South Salem High complained that kids in the gym classes were getting "shocks." Turned out that it was a good day for static electricity to form and gym class member's rubber-soled shoes prevented them from being "grounded."

So Drake had his men mop the gym floor with a weak solution of salt water. This did the trick—and at no extra charge.



School gym maintenance men always have their jobs underfoot. Gym floors are expensive items and preserving them requires brainy techniques as well as strong mops. Here Calvin Albright (right), maintenance man at South Salem High School, is shown giving the gym its daily sweep. Statesman reporter Conrad Prange, a man who lives close to the floor, looks on with idle hands in background. (Statesman photo)

## Teacher Salaries Topic at Session

Statesman News Service

AMITY—Fifty persons, representing Yamhill County school boards, several faculty members and other interested persons assembled at the Amity high school Thursday evening to discuss teachers' salaries. A Yamhill County school board was organized and Eugene Brooks of Carlton was elected president and Anna Nelson of McMinnville, secretary.

The organization will meet approximately three times a year to discuss problems of general interest to all schools in the county.

## Jefferson Church Sets Observance

Statesman News Service

JEFFERSON—The Jefferson Christian church announces many activities are planned for the observance of Christian Endeavor Youth Week January 29 to February 5.

Programs will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. The week's theme will be "Our Citizenship Under God." A covered dish banquet is planned for Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m., at the Jefferson church. Attending will be members and their parents.

Denominational day will be marked on Sunday, Jan. 29, and Christian Endeavor day, Feb. 3.

## Dallas Plans Garden Group

Statesman News Service

DALLAS—A Men's Garden Club of Dallas will be organized here Monday night at 8 o'clock at the city hall.

Kim O. Roberts, county extension agent, is planning details of the first meeting. A special program is being arranged through the cooperation of the Salem Men's Garden club.

## Labish Garden Group Hears Bird Authority

Statesman News Service

HAZEL, ORE.—Of special interest to the members of the Labish Meadows Garden Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ralph Gilbert was the talk on birds by Oliver Brouger of Scotts Mills.

The speaker, who is an authority on birds in general and Oregon birds in particular, stated that many native birds have been killed by the use of poison insecticides as a spray for the control of fruit worms, maggots and other pests.

Another contributing factor could be the cutting of so much timber during the past decade in the regions where native birds nest.

Plans were outlined for the district meeting of garden clubs to be held at Marquam on April 12 when the Labish Garden Club will be co-hostesses with the Scotts Mills club.

Members will assist with registration, decorations, hospitality, and program.

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## Hadaway Rites Held Friday

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DAYTON—Services were held in McMinnville Friday for Clara Hadaway, 75, longtime Dayton resident who had been in ill health and living in McMinnville for several years. She died Tuesday.

She was born at Smith Center, Kans., on August 28, 1880. Mrs. Hadaway was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, Rebekah Lodge and Dayton Pioneer Church. Survivors include three sons, Ellis Hadley, Veneta; Charles K. Hadaway, Babama Islands, and George E. Hadaway, with the U.S. Navy in Japan; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Van Vleet, McMinnville, and Mrs. Helen Bonerman, Concord, Cal.; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Interment was at Dayton IOOF cemetery. The Rev. H. C. Ryan of Dayton officiated. Arrangements were in care of Macy and Son, McMinnville.

In 1890 only 4.5 per cent of married women had jobs, but today it is 23 per cent.

## Dallas Polio March Slated

Statesman News Service

DALLAS—The Mothers Porchlight March on Polio in Dallas will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Jayettes are handling the drive under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Arnie Reimer and Mrs. Frank Sciaccotti. The mothers will call at all homes with porchlights burning and may be identified by armbands.

All of Dallas will be covered and beyond the city limits where an accumulation of houses is found. Section leaders of this phase of Polio fund raising are Mrs. Ed Luthe Jr., Mrs. Ed Lesiak, Mrs. Robert Woodman, Mrs. Russ Sanderlin, Mrs. Tom Newton, Mrs. Archie Morison, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Gordon Cota.

Butteville—The Pilgrim Fellowship group of the Butteville Congregational Church will have another work Saturday, January 28. There will be no set charge but money donated will be used for the church.

## Here's How

Last of a series

Salem's two senior high schools alone.

## Seal Used

"The key to maintaining a beautiful and durable finish on hardwood floors," said Drake as he stood in the middle of the well-manicured South Salem High School gym, "is using a good grade, no-burn, varnish-type gym seal. This can be used on home floors too."

"The main thing is the seal should be the kind that remains elastic. If it hardens, as do some brands, it will chip and also will

## Highway Engineer Set As Speaker at Sheridan

Statesman News Service

SHERIDAN—Deputy State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams, Salem, will speak at the annual Willamina Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting to be held at the V.F.W. hall January 30th.

Williams will talk on the new highway which will by-pass Sheridan and Willamina. New officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be installed following the dinner.

Butteville—The Butteville Women's Fellowship will sponsor a Luncheon is Served February 4 at 12:30 at the Butteville Schoolhouse. Mrs. Harry Schultz is in charge and everyone is cordially invited.

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