

A BIG BASKETBALL JUBILEE PLANNED

Naismith Memorial Com-
mittee in Springfield to
Arrange Program

TO BE INTERNATIONAL

Springfield, Mass., Apr. 1.—An international celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of basketball will be held during the 1941-42 season with the city of Springfield, where the game was invented, as the focal point of the celebration. A group of prominent Springfield citizens headed by Mayor Roger L. Putnam will serve as a Naismith memorial committee to plan the events of a world celebration.

In December, 1891, Dr. James A. Naismith tacked the first peach baskets to the gymnasium railing and posted the first rules of basketball in the gymnasium of the International Young Men's Christian Association Training school, now Springfield college. The dates of basketball's golden jubilee year have been set accordingly by the committee as December, 1941, to December, 1942.

To Erect "Temple"

Plans already underway will provide recognition of basketball during the anniversary year in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the South American countries, where the game has become the most popular of all sports. The Naismith memorial committee will conduct a campaign to erect a memorial to the game's inventor to be known as a "Temple of Basketball." The building will house a basketball "Hall of Fame" that will be a depository for past, present and future basketball documents and records of the game. Another feature of the "Hall of Fame" will be the enshrining of names of annual official All-American basketball teams, selected by the sports writers of the country.

The first gift for the memorial to Dr. Naismith has been received by the committee from Dr. Naismith's Springfield college class of 1892 which has pledged the first thousand dollars for the memorial to their celebrated classmate.

The Naismith memorial committee will announce soon the list of nationally known figures who will make up the nation-wide committee to conduct the year's celebration of events in every place where the game of basketball is played.

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