

Cage Jubilee Celebration Starts at YMCA Tonight

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The Kansas City Kansas part in the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the invention of basketball will get off to an auspicious start tonight at Dr. F. C. "Pho" Allen, famous basketball coach at the University of Kansas, presides at the first session of the Better Basketball clinic sponsored by the YMCA. Allen will be here with a group of K. U. basketball players to explain and demonstrate basketball fundamentals and technique.

The free clinic will be held at the Junior college gymnasium, Ninth and State, starting at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced by A. M. Venne, YMCA physical director. The site of the clinic was moved from the YMCA to the more spacious Junior college gym when it became evident that attendance would overtax the YMCA. Reservations now total about 600, Venne said, with many more expected to attend.

Tonight's program will be started with a dinner at the YMCA, at which Allen will be the principal speaker. Many members of the YMCA, prominent alumni of K. U. and basketball coaches and fans will attend the dinner, at which Maurice L. Breidenthal, well known K. U. alumnus and Kansas City Kansas banker, will serve as toastmaster.

The program sponsored by the local YMCA is a part of the national anniversary celebration to be held under YMCA leadership this winter. It was fifty years ago that the game of basketball was invented by the late Dr. James A. Naismith, then a YMCA physical director at Springfield, Mass. The game first attained popularity under YMCA sponsorship and since then has grown to a point where it is considered the most widespread and popular indoor sport in the world.

Other sessions of the local clinic are planned for the next three Tuesday nights at the YMCA. Various well known local basketball men will conduct the other sessions, with Coach Ashley Elbl of Wyandotte high school presiding next week.