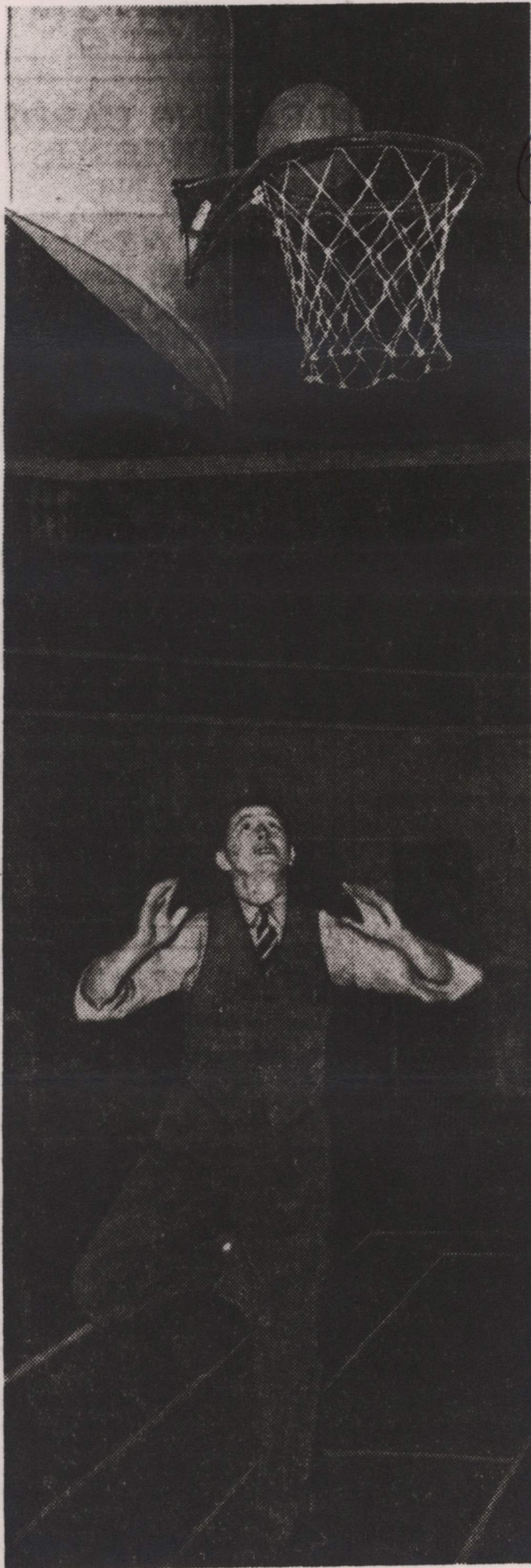


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NEW BACKBOARD



ST. LOUIS
(AP) — A new basketball backboard curved convexly to make field goals possible from the deep ends of the court was proposed Friday to increase the game's scoring opportunities.

Coach Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of the University of Kansas (shown here with the board), who saw the convex board demonstrated, called it a "marvelous idea" for increasing scoring and action — "that's what puts over any sport."

A player in the new 4-foot extension zone finds it almost impossible to score with the present flat backboard. The suggested board, curving back four inches on each side, eliminates the "blind spots."

It was invented by two St. Louisans, Len Maune and George Chervenko.