

The fact that Oklahoma A. & M. and Drake were to play the first game, and the added fact that Oklahoma A. & M. would be crippled by playing Saturday night, it was felt by pushing it of to Monday night, the committee's originally scheduled time, that it would be just as fair to Drake to play on Monday night, but it would not be fair to Oklahoma A. & M. to play Saturday night. For that reason the dates that were selected by the committee were permitted to stand.

To the committee's selection of officials Mr. Lytton took violent objection. It was his vehement contention that we had just picked southern officials and had not considered Drake at all. He classed the Kansas City officials as southern officials. We asked him for a nomination of the northern officials and he gave Jack North, Haskrouck, and Johnstone of Cedar Rapids. With Bruce Drake and Henry Iba in conference while we were conversing with Mr. Lytton, they accepted Mr. Jack North, sports writer on the Herald-Tribune from Des Moines, and Burke Carroll, of Kansas City. The chairman wired these two gentlemen from Oklahoma City asking them to send their acceptance to us here at Lawrence.

The auditorium was procured for the nights of the 13th and 14th at Oklahoma City. The games start at 8:15. The seating capacity is something less than 5,000, but it is a marvelous place to play. The building is of modernistic design and has all the attainments that a new civic auditorium would have. It is beautifully lighted, has a public address system; in fact, it is only three years old so the lighting, audition, playing floor and conveniences for the public are all excellent. It was the conviction of all the individuals who attended the basketball parley that the house will be sold out both nights.

The people in Oklahoma City thought the price that the committee suggested was entirely inadequate, and the chairman permitted the local people in Oklahoma to set the price commensurate with the regular prices charged for basketball contests in the auditorium. The baskets and the backboards will be brought in from the University of Oklahoma by truck on Monday. The floor will be marked with black lines broken by white two-inch squares every six inches.

The chairman expects to be in attendance at the play on Monday and Tuesday nights, and the prediction is for a bumper crowd both nights with a consequent financial harvest. The general committee of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament has not made a definite decision as to how the distribution of money from these tournaments shall be prorated. It was the definite conviction of Mr. Tom Stidham and Mr. Henry Iba that the conference teams participating should get a very definite and healthy slice of the tournament proceeds. They felt that 25% of the net should go to each of the three competing teams, and the other 25% to the national committee. I am writing the national committee pointing out that had four teams been in it would perhaps have been necessary to cut it five ways with 20% to each of the competing teams and 20% to the national committee.