

H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State, reporting for the Officials Committee, said that there was a decided need for uniformity of rules interpretations. He called for agreement within the various groups through the country, and then for the various sections to agree, as nearly as possible, so that intersectional games may be carried on with a minimum of friction. The question of "whistle tooting" and the exact position of officials were also brought up. The relation of the coach and officials likewise was discussed, and the conduct of the coach to officials made clear.

Dr. John Brown, a member of the National Basketball Rules Committee, reported on the relative functions of basketball coaches and officials. He pointed out that some coaches have to win to maintain their positions, but they selfishly teach points detrimental to the best interests of the game. He added that the referees are "on the spot" during the course of the game and, while they are capable of "making or breaking a game", coaches can help ruin officials, but "officials have little or nothing to do with the terms of the engagement of the coach by the institution employing him." Good officials as well as good coaches were absolutely essential for the best interests of the sport, he said, but, if everybody strove together to study the role of the official and gave him his united support, the future of basketball would be exceptionally bright.

#### Aims of the Basketball Writers' Association

To strive for the elimination of sectional differences, to promote mutual understanding of the problems of all groups associated with the administration of the game, to promote and maintain close and harmonious relations with coaches and officials, to recommend to the various authorities such measures as may be advisable for the good of basketball, and to raise the standard of basketball reporting and comment in the daily newspapers of the United States, and maintain it on a high plane, technically and ethically.