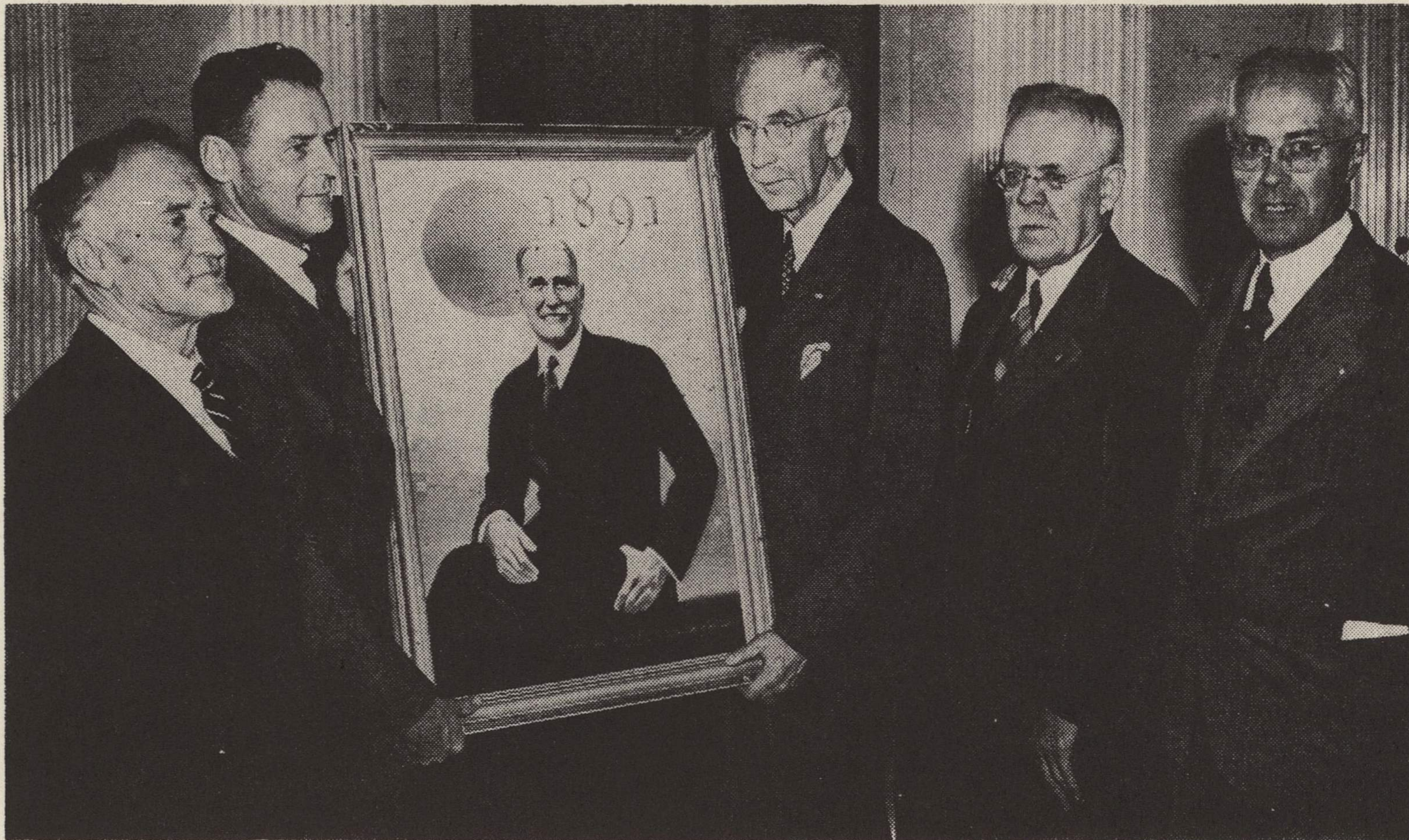


Planning Golden Jubilee Memorial to Basketball Founder



At a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday arrangements got under way for the court game's fiftieth anniversary. Here a portrait of the game's founder, Dr. James Naismith, is examined by members of the original basketball team and the Mayor of Springfield, Mass., chairman of the Naismith Memorial Committee. Left to right: Lyman W. Archibald, Mayor Roger Putnam of Springfield, Thomas Duncan Patton, William R. Chase and Ray P. Kaighn

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Golden Jubilee of Basketball Launched as Naismith Tribute

3 Pioneer Players Attend Lunch Planning Memorial and Sport's Hall of Fame

By Everett B. Morris

With three of the five living members of the game's first organized team participating in the ceremonies, the golden jubilee of basketball was given a send-off yesterday at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon sponsored by the Naismith Memorial Committee.

Springfield College dignitaries and alumni, A. A. U. officials, metropolitan coaches and basketball writers paid tribute to the sport's first heroes and heard formal announcements of plans to erect on the Springfield campus a temple of basketball as a monument to Dr. James Naismith, who originated the game there in 1891.

The speakers were Roger L. Putnam, Mayor of Springfield and chairman of the memorial committee; Dr. Ernest M. Best, president of Springfield College, and Irving T. Marsh, head of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association.

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With them on the dais were T. Duncan Patton, of Toronto; William R. Chase, of New Bedford, Mass., and Lyman W. Archibald, of Warren, Pa., members of Dr. Naismith's original team; Ray Kaighn, a New Yorker who had the distinction of being the game's first casualty—he cracked up a knee in the first scrimmage—and Dr. Lawrence Locke Doggett, president at Springfield from 1896 to 1936 and a leader in the early propagation of basketball.

Nation-wide observance of the game's fiftieth birthday by the playing of "Golden Ball" contests by college, high school, club and institutional teams will be tied in with the efforts to raise funds for the construction of a basketball Hall of Fame.

The first of these special events will take the form of a tournament in Madison Square Garden Nov. 19 and 24, involving four outstanding A. A. U. teams—the national cham-

pion Twentieth Century Fox quintet, of Hollywood; the 1940 titleholders, Phillips Oilers, of Bartlesville, Okla.; Ohrbach A. A., rulers of the metropolitan district, and the Roanoke (Va.) Legionnaires, champions of the Southern area.

All-Star Game Set for Chicago

Out in the Mid-West the drive for funds for the memorial will receive its impetus from the second annual "Chicago American" all-star game in the Chicago Stadium, Nov. 29. Even at this early date, it was announced, 150 colleges and 115 high schools have scheduled "Golden Ball" games. Hundreds of others have signified their intention of so doing.

An architect's drawing of the proposed structure and a portrait of Dr. Naismith occupied adjoining easels in the luncheon salon. It is the committee's hope to erect a building which not only will contain a model playing court and spectator facilities, but a Hall of Fame and museum in which may be enshrined records, souvenirs, documents and curios of the sport.

"Dr. Naismith gave us a completely democratic game," Mayor Putnam said in his talk, "one which knows neither sectarian nor national boundaries. It is played everywhere by men and women of all races and creeds. We want this building to be a universal memorial to a man who was loved universally for his contribution to competitive athletics and their democratic traditions and ideals."

Dr. Best sketched the origin of the game, Springfield's role in its development and turned over to Mayor Putnam a deed for the ground on which the memorial is to be erected. Then he introduced the game's first players and Dr. Doggett.

Basketball in this area was represented by Clair F. Bee, coach of Long Island University; Nat Holman, C. C. N. Y. coach; Jacques Coffey, graduate manager at Fordham; Captain Edward Messinger, basketball officer at West Point; Harry Henschel, head of the metropolitan A. A. U. basketball committee, and Jerry Ohrbach, president of the Ohrbach A. A.

This is a reproduction of the article in the New York Herald-Tribune of October 15, 1941 concerning the inaugural luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The luncheon was the opening gun for the Golden Jubilee of Basketball campaign.