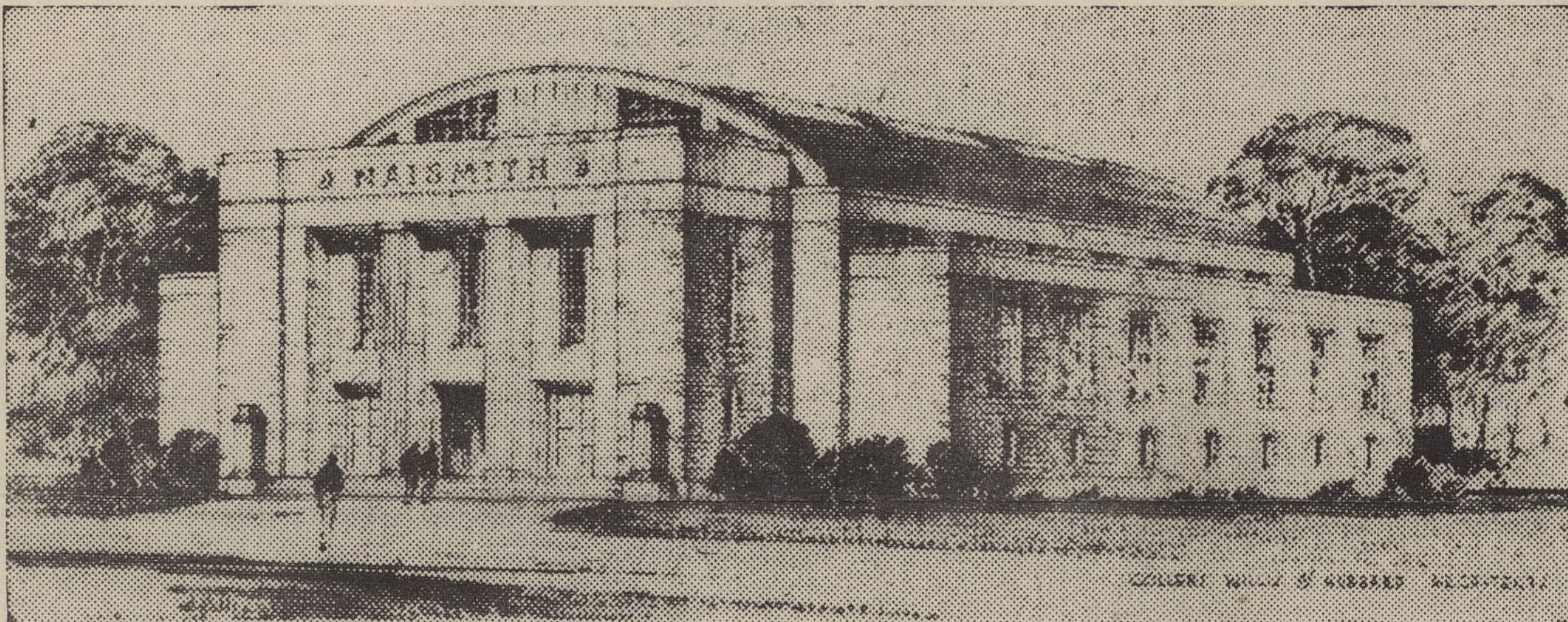


Basketball's Golden Jubilee to Be Marked



Architect's drawing of proposed Naismith Memorial and Basketball Hall of Fame to be built in Springfield, Mass., where the game was originated.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (Spl.)—The Golden Jubilee of Basketball, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the sport since it was originated in 1891 at Springfield, Mass., by the late Dr. James Naismith, will be observed during the next six months throughout the nation in one of the most far-reaching and comprehensive sports celebrations ever conducted in the United States.

This announcement was made at a press luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel by Roger L. Putnam, mayor of Springfield and chairman of the Naismith Memorial Committee, which has been organized to co-ordinate the event. Three members of the 1891 team attended—William R. Chase, Lyman W. Archibald and T. Duncan Patton.

The celebration will be inaugurated in Madison Square Garden with a Golden Jubilee Tournament. This will open Wednesday, November 19, and conclude November 24.

It will bring together four of the outstanding amateur basketball teams in the country—Twentieth Century Fox of Hollywood, national A. A. U. champions; Phillips 66 of Bartlesville, Okla.; Legionnaires of Roanoke, South and Middle Atlantic champions, and Ohrbach A. A., Metropolitan champions.

Following this the Middle West, hotbed of the sport, will take up the spirit of the occasion and will launch the celebration there with the Chicago Herald-American All-Star game in the Chicago stadium the night of November 29.

Thereafter a network of thousands of college, high school, prep

school, A. A. U., Y. M. C. A., church and institutional games across the nation will be played as Golden Ball games, the net proceeds of which will be turned over to the fund being raised for this purpose.

The nation-wide observance will be geared to the ultimate purpose of establishing a Basketball Hall of Fame in a Temple of Basketball to be erected in Springfield, Mass., the birthplace of the sport. It also will include an historical museum and a model court.

This Temple of Basketball will bear the same relationship to the court game as baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y., bears to the diamond pastime, and it will have the same commemorative significance in regard to the founder of the game as the Walter Camp Memorial at New Haven, Conn., has for the father of the American football.

The Temple of Basketball not only will be a permanent monument to Dr. Naismith, but in its Hall of Fame will be perpetuated the names and accomplishments of the game's foremost players, past, present and future.

Deposited and safe-guarded in the Temple of Basketball will be documents, curios, souvenirs and records of the sport. And enshrined each year in a suitable manner will be the names of the recognized annual All-American basketball teams.

The committee feels it is fitting that a sport which has captured the imagination of millions of peo-

ple, young and old, of both sexes, should pay united tribute to the man who was its founder. The Temple of Basketball will be more than a memorial to Dr. Naismith. It will be a permanent monument to the youth of the world, to American idealism, to the joy of sportsmanship, fair play and a wholesome game.

A national jury of qualified leaders in the sport will be appointed to pass judgment on all candidates for the Hall of Fame, and only those worthy of the honor will be nominated for the distinction. Players, past and present, will be given careful consideration.

The Hall of Fame committee will set up a list of qualifications which a player must have before he merits primary consideration. No area in the country will be overlooked in determining the names of the men who will be honored annually.

The enviable distinction of winning permanent recognition in basketball by being nominated to the Hall of Fame will prove a strong incentive to the players throughout the country and will be a boon to the sport. Mythical teams will take a more concrete form when enshrined in the Temple of Basketball and what is now a passing interest, namely, the All-American team, will become an important reality each year.

The Hall of Fame, a long-hoped for dream of basketball authorities, will be realized. And in it basketball will have a permanent home where the immortals of the game will be honored forever.