

13

## FATHER OF BASKETBALL DIES IN KANSAS HOME

On November 28, 1939, Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of Basketball, died at his home in this quiet college town. He suffered a critical hemorrhage on November 19, but rallied and returned to his home from the hospital after four days. Two days later he was stricken with a heart attack which resulted in his death.

Dr. Naismith, who nearly fifty years ago gave the game of basketball to the world, was born in Almonte, Canada, on November 6, 1861. Left an orphan at the age of eight, he made his home with Peter Naismith, a bachelor uncle. He attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and graduated with an A. B. degree in 1887. This was the first of his three degrees. In 1890 he graduated from Presbyterian College, in 1891 he received his master of physical education degree from Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Mass., and in 1898 he earned his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Colorado.

Dr. Naismith married Miss Maude E. Sherman in Springfield, Mass., in 1894. Three daughters and two sons, all of whom live in the middle western area of the United States, were born to this marriage. Mrs. Naismith died in March, 1937.

Four positions in physical education occupied Dr. Naismith's career. From 1887 to 1890 he was director at McGill University, and from 1890 to 1895 he directed the work at Springfield College, and from 1895 to 1898 he was director at the Denver Y.M.C.A. while studying medicine. In 1898 he came to the University of Kansas where he served for forty years.