

Curved Backboard on Display at Cage Clinic.

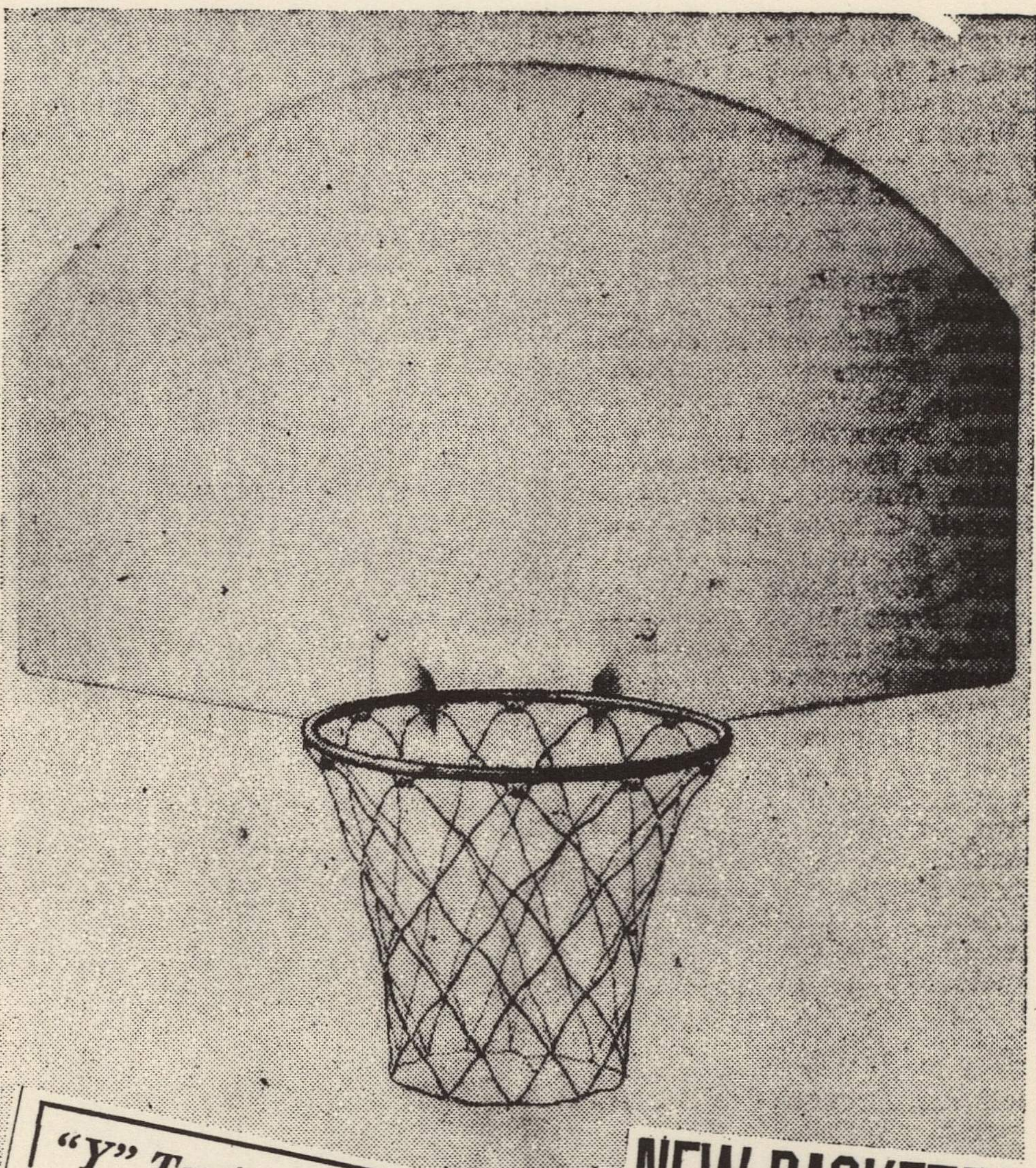
Arrangements were completed yesterday with the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis to place one of the new "streamlined" curved-surface backboards on display as an added attraction at the free basketball clinic planned by The Star at the Butler University Field House Aug. 18.

Because of a change in the rules, requiring a space of four feet between the backboard and the end line of the court instead of only two feet, the modified backboard developed after several months of experimental work, has been endorsed by many coaches because:

1. It will permit freer use of the four-foot end space.
2. It will increase the zone of visibility on the playing floor for spectators at the ends of the gymnasium.
3. It will relieve congestion in the foul lane by making it necessary for players to cover a wider area to control rebounds.
4. And it will simplify the bridgework for supporting backboards because of its reduced weight.

The rectangular backboard in use at the present time is 72 inches wide and 48 inches high. The one shown in the accompanying reproduction is 54 inches wide and 32 inches high with rounded corners and a curved surface made by bending the sides away from the basket.

Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, Kansas University coach, has termed the new backboard a "marvelous idea" to increase scoring opportunities from the corner of the court, and



"Y" Trying Out New Basketball Backboard



THE local Y. M. C. A. is experimenting with a new type of basketball backboard. This backstop is made in such a way that it eliminates the difficulty of shooting from the end line. It is smaller, about three by five feet, than the regular type now in use.

The new rule books state that it is legal to have the baskets four feet from the end line. So that it may be possible to shoot from the ends this back is made in a convex manner, with the sides sloping back toward the end line. These backstops cannot be purchased in sets at this time, as they are being made to experiment with only.

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NEW BASKETBALL BOARD EXHIBITION

Y. M. C. A. Showing Streamlined Banking Board. Rules to Be Discussed.

Central Pennsylvania basketball players and fans will get their initial preview of the "streamlined" basketball banking board tonight at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock (DST). The first radical change in the banking board since its standardization over 40 years ago, the new board, still in experimental stages, will likely receive approval of the fans, players and the national rules makers in another session or two. It is made by the Medart Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

Exhibited at the annual rules committee last April in New York for the first time, the new board, only five of which were made in various shapes, has been demonstrated at coaching schools throughout the Summer.

There will be a discussion of the 1939-40 rules in conjunction with tonight's presentation, arranged by the North-Central Board of Approved Basketball Officials and J. M. Good, a member of the national rules committee, with the Y. M. C. A.

The board was erected Friday and has received favorable comment from City League cagers who have tried it.

Invitations have been extended to all intercollegiate and scholastic coaches and players in this section to attend tonight's preview.