

basket. The game spread rapidly to other YMCA's, and soon regional tournaments were scheduled. Within two years, major colleges and universities had started teams, and it wasn't long before there were intercollegiate contests, played on regular schedules.

Down at the Philadelphia YMCA, Director Chadwick said:

* CHAD: No, Dr. Gulick, I'm not including this basketball game of Naismith's in our sports calendar. Personally, I can't see why only a few players should be privileged to enjoy a game. We use games here in which more boys can participate.

GULICK: Mr. Chadwick...You probably have had some idea of this...But in case you didn't know it, already some of your YmCA boys are playing basketball... As long as they can't play it here, there's danger that they may be drawn away from the center of 'Y' activities. Because you've refused to let them play here, a group of boys have rented a warehouse, down in the industrial district, and fixed a court. I was down there yesterday. Chadwick, they like the game! In our search for Christian recreation, I believe that any such wholesome, clean sport should....

(Knock At Door)

* CHAD: Come in. (Door opens) Oh, it's you, Billy. Come on in, and meet Dr. ^{Good} Gulick. He's from the Springfield.....

BILLY: Yes sir.....I met Dr. Gulick yesterday, down at the warehouse.....

GULICK: Of course. How're you, Bill.....

BILLY: Swell, sir.....Why, Mr. Chadwick.....I suppose you've known about our basketball court down in the old warehouse...

* CHAD: (Chuckles) Well....I've had my suspicions....

BILLY: We...We've found a way to raise money to pay our rent, if you think it's o.k. The fellows wanted your opinion.

* CHAD: What's your idea?

BILLY: Well....There've been quite a lot of people coming down to watch us play in our tournaments. We sort of figured we could raise enough money to pay our rent, buy suits and other equipment, if we'd charge spectators a small admission. (Fade) Do you suppose it would be all right...?

Music up _____ Fade

NARRATOR: And so, basketball became a professional sport....That is, it attracted spectators who were willing to pay to see teams in competition. Basketball became a moneymaker for its sponsors, as well as providing safe, invigorating, and thrilling competition for its participants. In 1898, I was called to the University of Kansas as coach of sports, and chaplain. Basketball wasn't an inter-collegiate sport at Kansas