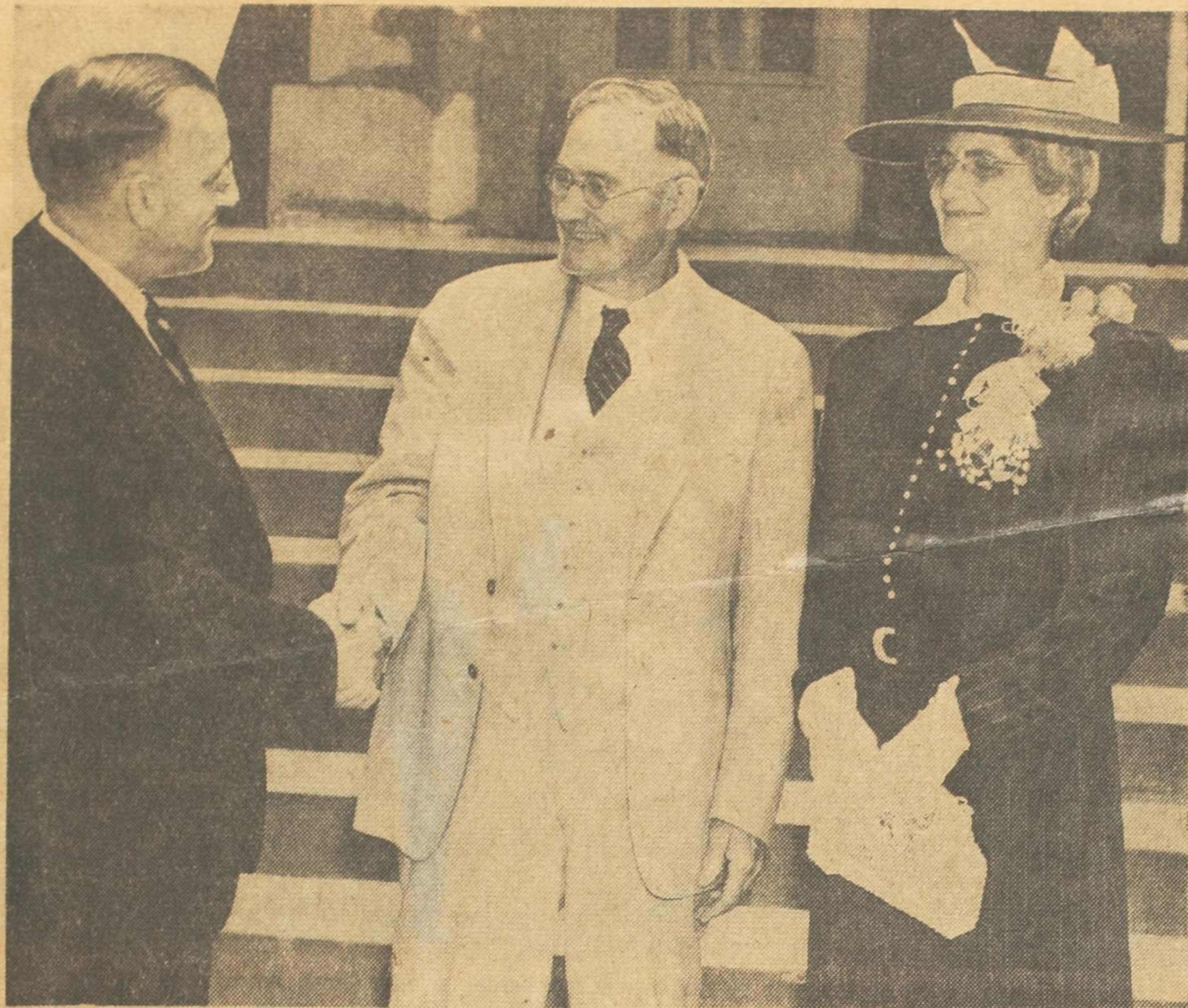


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KANSAS UNIVERSITY COUPLE TO THE ALTAR.



—Kansas City Star Photograph.

Dr. and Mrs. James Naismith receive the congratulations of the Rev. W. K. Waters (left), pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Overland Park, Kas., where they were married at noon yesterday. Dr. Naismith is professor emeritus of physical education at the University of Kansas. He invented the game of basketball. Mrs. Naismith was Mrs. Florence Kincaid, for the last four years housemother at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house at Lawrence, Kas. They left on a motor trip and will be at home September 1 at Lawrence.

On Duty in France

Military service during the World War included four months' service in 1916 with the 1st Kansas Regiment and 19 months with the Y.M.C.A. in France from 1917 to 1919.

Dr. Naismith was a member of the following organizations: Society of Directors of Physical Education in Kansas Colleges, Kansas State Medical Association, National Association of Physical Education, Kansas Association of Physical Education (president), Pi Gamma Mu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, International Basketball Federation (honorary president), Basketball Coaches' Association (honorary president), Basketball Rules Committee (honorary chairman and life member), Presbyterian church and Masonic lodge.

The game of basketball was originated in 1891 by Dr. Naismith at the Springfield Y. M. C. A. to fill the need of a Winter sport. Two old peach baskets, a ball and 13 rules were the original equipment of the game which has spread around the world and was played in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin.

Besides many magazine articles, Dr. Naismith wrote three books: "Basketball Rules," 1891; "The Modern High School" (section on athletics), 1911; "The Basis of Clean Living," 1918.

"The happiest moment" of his life, Dr. Naismith said, came in 1936 when he attended the Olympic games in Berlin and saw the game of basketball played for the first time in the international competition. "The father of basketball" was sent to Berlin following a national drive for funds by spectators, officials and players who wanted to have Dr. Naismith present when the teams of all nations filed in behind flags of their countries. Dr. Naismith addressed the assembled players before the start of the tournament—and, he said later, his eyes were misty.

rites for Dr. Naismith

SERVICES WILL BE AT 2:30 O'CLOCK FRIDAY.

Chancellor Mallot Praises the Contributions of the Inventor of Basketball to the Athletic World.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

LAWRENCE, Kas., Nov. 28.—Funeral services for Dr. James Naismith, 78 years old, inventor of basketball, who died early today, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday at the First Presbyterian church here. The Rev. Theodore Aszman will conduct the services.

Although Dr. Naismith retired from active teaching at Kansas university in 1937, he had been connected with the university since 1898. Last June he married Mrs. Florence Kincaid, then housemother at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house.

Dr. Naismith, emeritus professor of physical education at the University of Kansas, died at his home at 1:50 o'clock this morning. He had been ill since a week ago Sunday when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Naismith's first wife, who was Miss Maude Evelyn Sherman before her marriage, died March 4, 1937.

Besides Mrs. Florence Naismith, he leaves two sons, Jack Naismith, Topeka, and James Naismith, Dallas, Tex.; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Stanely, Ordway, Colo.; Mrs. Helen Dodd, St. Louis, and Mrs. Thomas Dawe, Lawrence, and a stepson, Jack Kincaid, Detroit, and twelve grandchildren.

The thirty-nine years of teaching was a source of greater satisfaction to Dr. Naismith than was the invention of the game which now is played annually by millions. Actually, he considered wrestling a better exercise than basketball.

He invented the game while at the Springfield, Mass., Y. M. C. A. in 1891. He left that place in 1895 to go to Denver to become physical director of the Y. M. C. A. He came to Kansas from his post in Denver.

Chancellor Deane W. Mallot commented today:

"In behalf of the University of Kansas, I express sorrow at the death of Dr. James Naismith, professor emeritus of physical education.

"Not only the university and the state of Kansas, but the United States and many nations of the world as well will feel the loss of this man who set high standards of personal clean living and was able to infuse their same standards into the lives of hundreds of young men. His contribution to the athletic world of the game of basketball will leave a mark that even time cannot erase."

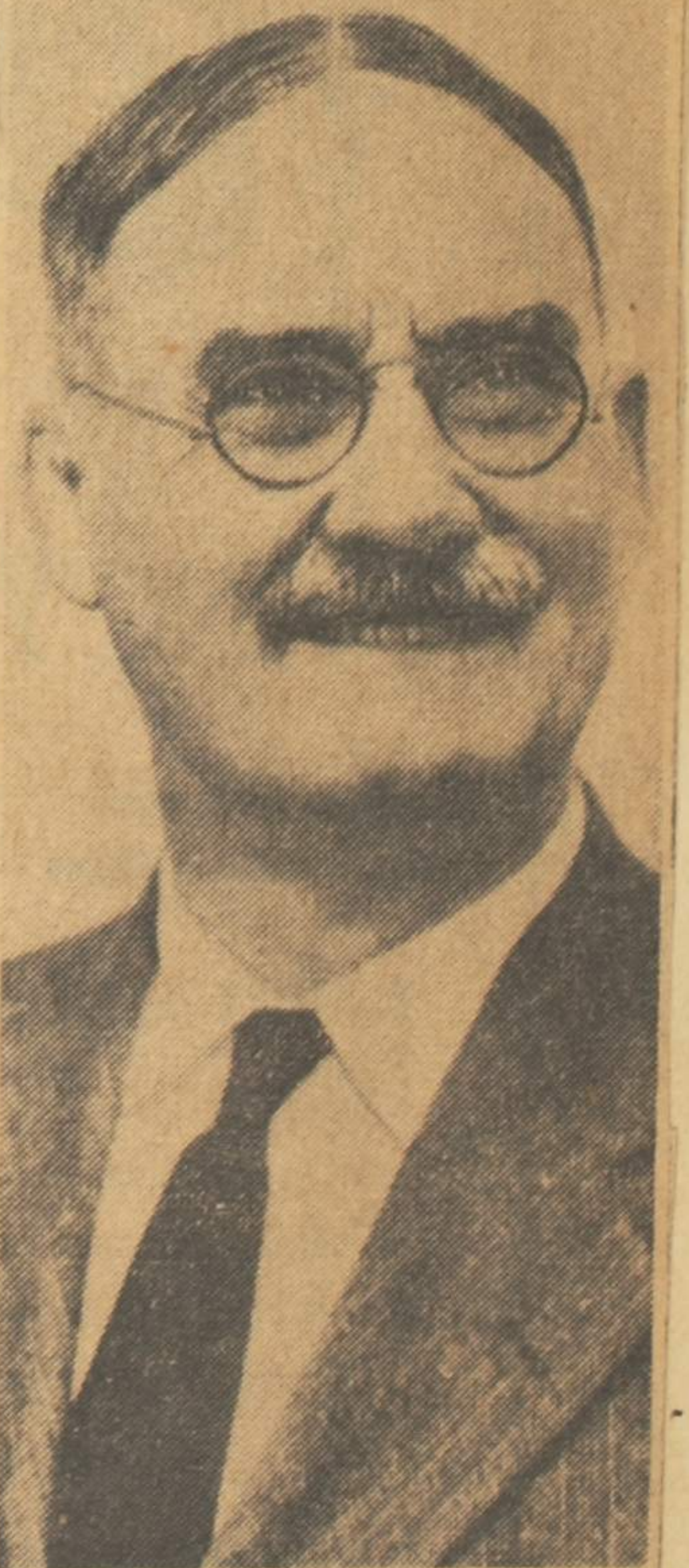
Dr. Naismith's invention of basketball, a game played by millions, actually brought him less personal satisfaction than his thirty-nine years of teaching at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Naismith regarded his invention of the game as an episode in a long career devoted to the improvement of the physical condition of succeeding generations. Naturally, he observed the growth of basketball with satisfaction, but he always remained a great deal more calm about the game than did thousands of players, spectators and coaches.

Dr. Naismith thought wrestling was better exercise than basketball. Personally, he would rather go into a corner of Robinson gymnasium or the University of Kansas campus and instruct a couple of eager youngsters in the art of fencing than watch a hundred games of basketball. He drew as much pleasure from the sight of a clever tumbler as he did from watching such K. U. stars as Al Peterson or Tus Ackerman send a looping shot through a goal.

HE KEPT STATISTICS.

While experts sat up late thinking of ways to amend the rules of basketball, Dr. Naismith worked away at tabulations of the comparative measurements of the various freshmen classes which entered the University of Kansas. Those measurements, as well as figures on various other phases of physical man, Dr. Naismith tabulated mostly to gratify his own curiosity. He seldom published any of his results, and a visitor to his office would see hundreds of dusty cards in and on top of filing cabinets, each one

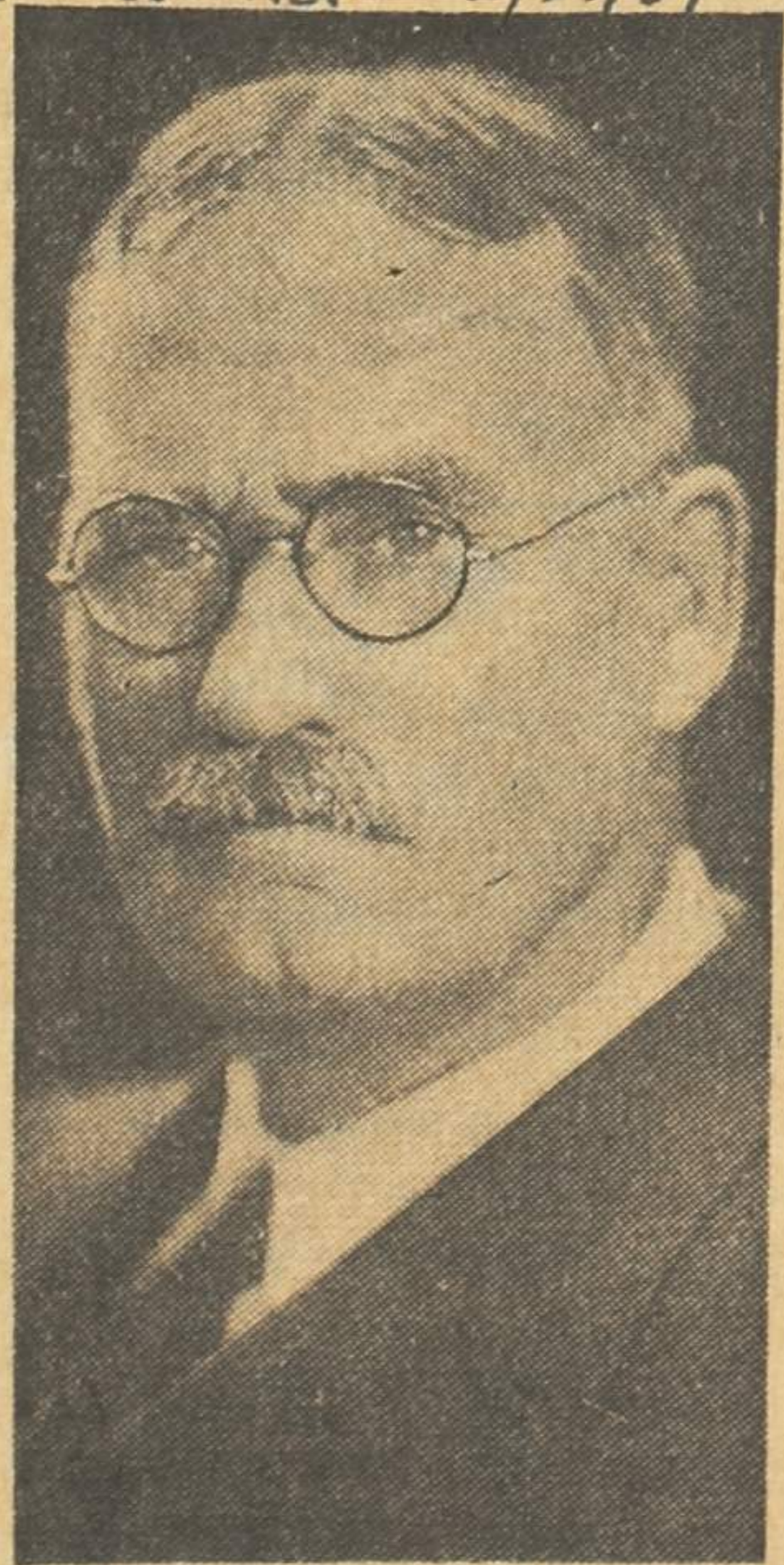


DR. JAMES A. NAISMITH, 78, INVENTOR OF BASKETBALL, WHO DIED EARLY TODAY IN LAWRENCE, KAS. HE WAS EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

detailing the chest expansion, height, weight and physical peculiarities of men long gone from the K. U. campus.

There was a time when Dr. Naismith even thought it foolish for a

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Dr. Naismith—

Dr. James Naismith, professor emeritus of the physical education department, Kansas University, and inventor of the game of basketball died at his home in Lawrence.

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Dr. Naismith Dies at Home in Lawrence

Lawrence, Kas. (Special)—Dr. James Naismith, 78, professor emeritus of the department of physical education, Kansas University, and the "father of basketball" died at his home here early today following an extended illness.

Dr. Naismith first was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage Nov. 19 at his home on University Drive. He made a remarkable recovery and was released from Lawrence Memorial Hospital to return to his home on Wednesday, Nov. 22. However, he suffered a relapse the following day.

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DR. NAISMITH NEAR DEATH.

Cerebral Hemorrhage Suffered by the "Father of Basketball."

(By The Star's Own Service.)

LAWRENCE, KAS., Nov. 20 (Monday).—Dr. James Naismith, the father of basketball, was near death in the Lawrence Memorial hospital here early this morning following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered at his home early last night.

The 70-year-old inventor of basketball suffered the hemorrhage at his home on University drive near the campus shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

"His condition is very critical," his physician said early this morning. "Although it is uncertain, I believe he will live through the night."

Dr. Naismith, who is professor emeritus of physical education at the University of Kansas here, has suffered no serious illness recently.

Last June he married Mrs. Florence Kincaid, for four years housemother for the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Dr. Naismith retired from active teaching in June, 1937.

Dr. Naismith's Condition Slightly Improved Today

Daily World Nov. 25, 1939
 The condition of Dr. James Naismith, 78-year-old inventor of basketball, was critical today, following a heart attack suffered yesterday at his home on University Drive.

Dr. Naismith was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage last Sunday, and was taken to Memorial hospital, where he recovered satisfactorily. He was taken to his home Wednesday afternoon.

At noon today Dr. Naismith's condition was reported "a little improved." He had regained consciousness.

Physicians Hold Little Hope for Dr. Naismith

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 27.—(A. P.)—Dr. L. K. Zimmer said tonight he did not expect Dr. James Naismith to live thru the night.

Doctor Naismith, 78, is professor emeritus of physical education at Kansas University and is best known as the "father of basketball." He suffered a heart attack last week just after returning from a hospital where he had been treated for a cerebral hemorrhage.

Doctor Zimmer said his pulse was weakening.

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