

DR. NAISMITH IS GIVEN AN OVATION

Inventor of Basketball Is Honored at K. U. Game Saturday Night

MORE ADDED TO FUND

The national "Naismith Olympic Fund" is \$105.35 larger today from contributions at the K. U.-Aggie basketball game in the Auditorium Saturday night. Spectators contributed \$83.42 and the Athletic department contributed one cent for each of the 2193 persons who witnessed the game.

Between halves, students and townsfolk gave a rousing ovation when Dr. James Naismith was introduced as the honor guest of the evening. A 20 minute program, broadcast over WREN, was to honor the man who originated the game of basketball and who will go to the Olympics this year as a result of contributions made thruout the country by athletic departments, teams, officials and game spectators.

After a station announcement by Ernest Pontius of the WREN staff, Ed Elbel stepped before the microphones to tell the purpose of "Naismith Night." He told how Dr. Naismith had gone to Springfield College in Massachusetts to enter physical education work after graduating from McGill Theological Seminary in Toronto in 1887. It was there the game was originated but for 38 years Dr. Naismith has been a member of the K. U. faculty.

Dr. Lindley Speaks

"He is a man whose influence has gone farther than that of any other man in Kansas," said Chancellor E. H. Lindley, who praised Dr. Naismith for his great contribution to the building of strength and character in young people. He spoke of the international interest in basketball and the traces of Dr. Naismith's work thruout the world.

As E. A. Thomas, secretary of the Kansas State High School Athletic association, stepped before the microphones, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts began passing metal containers thru the crowd for individual contributions to the fund. Immediately the sounds of falling coins created much noise but the speaker held his ground and explained to his radio audience that the "falling nickels could be heard all over Kansas."

Five hundred Kansas high schools, playing in 250 games will participate in the fund, according to Thomas. He said that to date contributions had ranged from 52 cents to \$12.50 from these games.

Scouts In Tribute

A Silver Anniversary Hand Book was presented to Dr. Naismith by Charles Louk on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Louk, chairman of the Douglas district of Scouts, spoke of the immeasurable good that had come to boys all over the world from Dr. Naismith's influence.

When Dr. Naismith came forward to speak, the crowd rose in unison and gave him a lengthy ovation.

"Don't be afraid to work for humanity and wait for your reward," was the principal thought expressed by the distinguished Kansan. "People tell me I could have made a million dollars if I had anticipated the popularity of basketball, but I am as proud as any millionaire and a great deal happier when I think of the thousands of friends I have made throughout the world."

Expresses His Appreciation

He expressed sincere appreciation for the work of his friends in raising a fund to send him and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Germany and to establish a memorial.

Elbel read the following telegram to Dr. Naismith from Gov. Alf Landon who had originally planned to speak at the program:

"Kansas is proud to pay just tribute to the founder of our great game of basketball. It is entirely fitting that this tribute should take the form of a complimentary trip to the Olympics where the product of Dr. Naismith's ingenuity is officially recognized as one

of the great sports of the world. We are all proud that the University has such a splendid team this year and that its record is being thus continued. I had hoped to be present at the ceremony but circumstances prevent.

Governor Alf M. Landon."

The \$83.42 collected by the Boy and Girl Scouts was contributed of the following: one \$1 check, three dollar bills, 15 half dollars, 80 quarters, 288 dimes, 364 nickels, and 492 pennies.

A. E. Woestemeyer and Earl Falkenstein assisted in planning the program and in making arrangements for contributions.

Dr. James Naismith Will Be Honored in Program at K. U. Basketball Game

Activities Between Halves Tonight Will Be Broadcast by Station WREN

The program honoring Dr. James Naismith, between halves of the K. U.-Aggie game tonight in the K. U. Auditorium, will begin at 8 p. m. The entire program will be broadcast over station WREN and game spectators will hear the talks over public address equipment.

Gov. Alf Landon, who expected to attend the game and to pay a tribute to Dr. James Naismith, will be unable to attend because of unexpected business in Topeka. Ed Elbel, as master of ceremonies, will introduce the speakers including Chancellor E. H. Lindley, Charles Louk, and Dr. Naismith who is being honored this week by more than a thousand basketball teams.

Louk, as chairman of the Douglas district of Boy Scouts, will make a presentation to Dr. Naismith on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, attending in groups, will be guests of the athletic department at the game.

Through the nation basketball teams, officials and game spectators are contributing to a fund to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics and to establish a permanent memorial to the man who invented the game that is to be included in the Olympic games for the first time this year.

Dr. F. C. Allen Quoted as Seeing Little Hope for Other Teams

New York, Apr. 3. (AP)—Masters of the hardwood, a mighty array of ball handling giants from every section of the nation, open the final big push for berths on America's Olympic basketball team at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Eight of the country's stand-out scoring machines, survivors of district elimination trials, comprise the field out of which will come a recognized national team champion and 14 of the finest players who will carry Uncle Sam's basketball hopes into Olympic warfare. Of the eight finalists, five are college teams, one a Y.M.C.A. aggregation and two of the powerhouse teams of the A.A.U. group.

Dr. Naismith There As Dr. James Naismith, 73-year-old originator of basketball, prepared to officially open play, the towering McPherson Oilers ranked as prohibitive favorites to smash their way to victory. Averaging close to 6 feet 5 in height and well fortified with equally as large and fast reserves, the national A.A.U. champs looked all over the ultimate winners, altho competition was plentiful.

Dr. Forrest Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas who has watched many of the teams in action, unhesitatingly picked the Oilers. "It'll be a great fight from the opening game down to the final contest Sunday night, but I don't see how they hope to stop the Oilers," said Coach Allen. "They not only have tremendous height and power but they are wizards at ball handling. Why, their center Joe Fortenberry catches and throws that basketball like Dizzy Dean. Furthermore, they have exception-

al replacements."

Arkansas Also a Favorite Ranking second to the Oilers as pre-tournament favorites are the rangy sharpshooters from Arkansas and the Universal Pictures.

Second round games will be played Saturday night with the finals set for Sunday night.

First round pairings: 5:30 p.m. University of Washington vs. DePaul of Chicago.

7 p.m. Wilmerding, Pa., Y.M.C.A. vs. Utah State.

8:30 p.m. Universal Pictures of Hollywood, Calif., vs. University of Arkansas.

10 p.m. McPherson, Kan., Oilers vs. Temple University.

Contributions Come In For the Naismith Fund

Dr. F. C. Allen, Chairman for Kansas and Oklahoma, Awaits High School Reports Before Sending in Total

Contributions to the National Naismith Fund to send Dr. James Naismith and his wife to the Olympic games, continue to come in to Dr. F. C. Allen, chairman of the fund for the states of Kansas and Oklahoma, in small amounts each day, and the total on hand here has reached \$402 today. However, no contributions from the high school games of either state yet have been turned in to Dr. Allen and he is expecting this to be done early next week.

Dr. Allen will make his report on the fund total collected in Kansas and Oklahoma to William Chandler of Marquette University, Milwaukee, national chairman of the fund for the national association of basketball coaches which is sponsoring the idea. According to word received by Dr. Allen, Chairman Chandler hopes to be able to make a report on the amount raised nationally for the Naismith Fund by March 15.

Any person still desiring to contribute to the fund, being raised to honor Dr. Naismith as inventor of the game which is to be included in the Olympics for the first time at Berlin this summer, may do so by calling at the K. U. athletic office or sending money by mail.

Dr. James Naismith could not be present at the dinner last night, for he and his wife left yesterday by motor car for the National A. A. U. basketball tournament at Denver in which Dr. Naismith is to toss up the starting ball on March 16. They will stop enroute for a basketball dinner for Sterling College at Sterling, Kan., tonight; and at Windsor, Colo., for a visit with a daughter and family.

Dr. F. C. Allen today received a check for \$20 from the Almonte, Ontario, Canada, high school basketball coach, W. J. Saunders, stating that that city, the birth place of James Naismith, held a warm spot in its heart for the famous inventor of basketball and was sending this contribution for the Naismith Olympic fund to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympic

KANSAS NAISMITH FUND OVER \$1,000

Reports From High Schools Bring in \$550 and More Coming

HOME STATE DELIVERS

With reports still coming in, Dr. F. C. Allen announced today that the Kansas collections for the Naismith fund have passed the thousand dollar mark. This means, he said, that in all likelihood, the state of Kansas, where Dr. Naismith has so long made his home as a member of the K. U. faculty of physical education, will lead all the states of the nation in the amount contributed to the national fund being raised to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Berlin this summer.

The fund is being collected largely from donations of a cent a patron at basketball games thruout the nation, and Coach W. S. Chandler of Marquette University, Milwaukee, who is chairman of the national fund, will receive state reports in time to announce the

total of the fund at the meeting of the national basketball coaches association at New York, April 1.

More to Come

The Kansas fund was increased today with receipt here of a check for \$550 from E. A. Thomas, secretary of the state high school athletic association. This check represented contributions from high school games in Kansas, and will be increased slightly as a few schools late in reporting send in their money, Mr. Thomas writes.

Oklahoma high schools are to report their collections to Dr. Allen, who is chairman of the fund for the state of Kansas and Oklahoma.

The total amount from Kansas now held by Dr. Allen for the Naismith fund totals \$1002.13, according to Dr. Allen's checkup today. This includes the \$550 from high schools.

Record Game Gift Here

The largest single game contribution came from the Kansas-Kansas State game here when \$105.35 was collected. The next largest single game contribution in Kansas came from the Gridleys, independent team at Wichita, which sent \$52.58.

Dr. Allen made it clear that contributions still can be sent to him here for the Kansas fund up until he leaves for New York for the April meeting of the coaches.

TO DR. NAISMITH

Honor Ceremonies at National Basketball Tourney Described By Writer

(The following article printed in the Boulder (Colo.) Camera, is of much interest here, as it deals with the ceremonies in honor of Dr. James Naismith of the University of Kansas physical education staff, at the National A. A. U. basketball tournament at Denver last Monday night).

Denver, March 17.—A kindly old man who had just received the acclaim of 4,000 fans, a gold medal, and the personal tribute of the cream of the nation's basketball crop, stood in an entry-way of Denver's vast city auditorium last night with only one regret.

"I wish Mrs. Naismith could have been here. I'm certain she would have enjoyed it."

That thought seemed uppermost in the mind of Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of the game that draws some 80,000,000 people into gymnasiums and auditoriums each year, following the ceremony presented in his honor by regional A.A.U. officials.

"Mrs. Naismith was unable to come to Denver," he said regretfully. "She fell ill enroute and had to stay with our daughter who lives in Ordway, Colo."

And that sums up our impression of the grand old man of the game who was far more concerned about Mrs. Naismith than the fact that he had just received a tribute that must have thrilled him as no other ceremony ever has—for it was the culmination of a growing sentiment that has been built up for years—and one that was richly deserved.

But the keenly-alert man, who now presides over the physical education department at the University of Kansas, despite his 70-odd years, turned away from thoughts of sharing his momentary triumph with his wife to touch on other subjects.

He thinks without doubt that the United States can win the Olympic basketball title—no matter what sort of playing surface or what rule interpretations are made.

"The rules they use won't bother our boys," he said. "It will merely mean that they'll use the rules that were in force in 1932 (no three-second rule, no 10-second rule, no center jump elimination after the free throw.)"

Dr. Naismith between autographing programs and cards, said that he thought the Japanese would probably offer the biggest threat to the U. S. hoop stars. "The Japs are quick—and they're smart," he said.

He "prides himself" on the fact that he is a "graduate of the University of Colorado," he said. He attended the old Gross medical school, graduating from there in 1898. The school later became a part of the C. U. medical school.

In his formal talk, after the parade of the teams and the introduction of the men he coached in Denver many years ago—a colorful, exciting spectacle—the only living inventor of a major sport, said: "It seems to me that basketball, or any other form of athletics is valuable when we realize that this country is safe in the hands of these athletes who will some

time take the place of the men now in office."

Later, when he was given the gold medal in recognition of his life's work and wise counsel, he said, "I only wish I could say with my lips what is in my heart."

Total of \$4,771.57 Is Given for Fund to Send Dr. Naismith to Berlin

Forty-three States Participated in Drives to Give Trip to Basketball Inventor

A check for \$71.57, received by the University athletic office yesterday, brought the total for the National Naismith Fund drive to \$4,771.57 and brought to a close a campaign started last fall by the National Association of Basketball coaches to obtain funds with which to send Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, to the Olympic games in Berlin this summer.

Forty-three states participated in the drive and raised amounts ranging from \$2.10 to over \$1,000. Kansas was at the head of the list with a net contribution of \$1,262.23. Illinois, with \$588.71 was the second largest contributor and New York was third with \$348.69.

The funds were raised thru both personal contributions and "Naismith Night" basketball games in which money taken in for admission was turned over to the fund.

Dr. and Mrs. Naismith left during commencement week for Dallas, Tex., where they visited with their daughter, Mrs. L. H. Dodd. Mrs. Dodd then accompanied them to Springfield, Mass., where Mrs. Dodd will stay with Mrs. Naismith, while Dr. Naismith is attending the Olympic games.

Dr. Naismith is scheduled to sail for Germany on the night of July 9.

NAISMITHS ON TRIP

Eventually Dr. Naismith Will Go to Berlin for Olympics

Dr. and Mrs. James Naismith left yesterday for Dallas, Tex., on the first part of a trip that is to take Dr. Naismith to 14 European countries and enable him to witness the Olympic games in Berlin at which basketball, the game he invented, is to be included for the first time. After visiting three weeks in Dallas with a son and daughter, the Naismiths will go to New York for a few days and then to Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Naismith's girlhood home. She will remain there for the rest of the summer, and Dr. Naismith will sail from Boston July 11 for Glasgow, Scotland, his father's birthplace, where he still has several cousins living. After a few days in Scotland, and a short visit in England he will go to France, to renew war memories. He was with the Y. M. C. A. organization in France for a year and a half. He will arrive in Berlin, August 1 for the opening of the Olympic games. This will be in ample time for the basketball competition, which does not start until August 8.

After the Olympics, he will visit central and southern European countries, including the Balkan states and Italy, some 14 countries in all.

The trip is made possible by friends of basketball, who contributed money at games last winter.

NAISMITH FUND INCREASES AS CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE

The National Naismith Fund for Kansas passed the \$1000 mark today when E. A. Thomas, executive secretary of the Kansas High School Athletic Association sent in a check for \$550, contributions from high school games. This amount, added to \$452.87 collected from colleges and from athletic officials, brings the Kansas total to \$1,002.13, with additional contributions to arrive.

"I am confident Kansas is going to be at the top among the states that are showing their appreciation of the unselfish service of Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball," said Dr. Forrest C. Allen, director of athletics at the University, and chairman of the Naismith committee for Kansas and Oklahoma.