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NAISMITH-D'AMBRA TOUR IS CONCLUDED

The Two Return Home From Motor Trip to East and Canada

Dr. James Naismith, retired University of Kansas physical education professor and the inventor of basketball, and Duke D'Ambra, Lawrence photographer, returned here Saturday evening from a 5,000-mile motor trip thru eastern United States and Canada.

The trip began June 7 when Dr. Naismith, D'Ambra and two K. U. students, Dan Rhule and Mike Sthlanick, left for Pennsylvania. The two students live near Pittsburgh and so got off there.

It was a leisurely sort of trip and Dr. Naismith's aim was to see the sights, visit relatives and in general to have a pleasurable vacation jaunt. During the entire trip he managed to keep fairly free from newspaper interviews and autograph seekers. He granted interviews to the North Bay Nugget, and to a writer from the Toronto Star.

After leaving Pittsburgh the men went to Springfield, Mass., where Dr. Naismith attended commencement exercises at the Y. M. C. A. college there. The father of basketball is a graduate of the school and is now a trustee. Four days were spent there and then the trippers went into Canada, stopping first at Montreal, the location of McGill University, from which Dr. Naismith also holds a degree.

At McGill, Dr. Naismith visited the campus and met some of his classmates.

Leaving Montreal he men stopped at Alimonte, Dr. Naismith's birthplace. Here he saw the house in which he was born, still standing and in good condition. Near Alimonte is a lake with the unique studio of Robert Tate McKenzie, the famous sculptor in the center of it. McKenzie, a retired University of Pennsylvania professor, attended classes with Naismith at McGill and the two men had a long visit.

On White Lake, near Arnprior, Dr. Naismith and D'Ambra did their first fishing and in a manner entirely foreign to their experience. They used a 300 foot copper wire line on the end of which an unbaited spoon-hook was attached. The pike and trout liked it, tho, and they caught a mess of fish.

More fishing was done on Trout lake near Renfrew and in the five days spent here Dr. Naismith caught all the fish his party was allowed. D'Ambra and Dr. Naismith's cousin also named James Naismith, were unable to get a nibble.

In North Bay Dr. Naismith arranged to meet Dr. Allen Dafoe at Callander, the home of the Dionne quintuplets, eight miles away.

For about 45 minutes the two men conferred, and D'Ambra took a photo of them shaking hands on the steps of Dafoe's office.

Naismith and D'Ambra saw the quintuplets just as any other visitor does—thru a glass window. The little girls, they were amazed to find, have chestnut colored hair instead of black hair. Dr. Dafoe reported that the increasing number of tourists is a problem and at the peak of the summer he estimated that about 5,000 persons would see the girls each day. The road leading to the nursery are lined with cabins and concessions and in spite of this there is not room to accommodate all the visitors, the men report.

In Toronto Dr. Naismith was the honored guest at a Y. M. C. A. banquet.

At Sarnia, just across the international boundary from Port Huron, the Lawrence men found Ormond Beach and Milo Clawson, two former stars of K. U. football. They are working for the Imperial Oil company and play on the Imperial Oil rugby team. Beach, a great football player in his days here, continues to ride in glory in Canada as a rugby player. For the past three years he has been named on the all-Canada team and around

arnia is considered the "Red Grange of Rugby."

Dropping south thru the United States the men stopped at South Bend for a tour of the Notre Dame campus and then on to St. Louis where Dr. Naismith visited his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Dodd. Leslie Dodd, a K. U. grad, was the engineer in charge of construction of Memorial stadium and new Snow hall.

Leaving St. Louis they went into the Arkansas Ozark region, visiting at Lake Lucerne, Eureka Springs and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.



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Dr. James Naismith

Naismith Comes Back From East

Inventor of Basketball Visits Massachusetts And 'Quints'; D'Ambra Accompanies Him

Dr. James Naismith, retiring professor of physical education at the University, and internationally known as the inventor of the game of basketball, returned late Saturday from a month's vacation in the east. He and Duke D'Ambra, Lawrence photographer, made the trip by motor-car, visiting among other places, New York, Springfield, Mass., and Callendar, Ontario, home of the quintuplets.

Doctor Naismith's comment was modest. "I had a very pleasant trip, and met many old friends," he said.

"But D'Ambra expressed the case more in detail. "Business about suspended in Springfield when Dr. Naismith arrived," said the Duke. "Everywhere the Doctor went, he was greeted by friends; every door was open to him. It was easy to see how proud Y.M.C.A. college at Springfield is of the fame brought to it by this invention." Doctor Naismith was an instructor there when he invented the game 45 years ago.

Visits Quintuplets

Cutting across southern Canada, the travellers stopped at Callendar to see the quintuplets.

"I was happy to have an interview with Doctor Dafoe, and to see the famous little girls," said Dr. Naismith. "He was a Toronto (University) man, and I am from McGill, so that gave us something to talk about."

Duke came in with some added information:

"Doctor Dafoe must have liked Doctor Naismith. The usual time he gives for interviews is 12 to 15 minutes; he talked with Doctor Naismith for 43. I don't believe they spent all their time talking about college, either, for I understand the quints' doctor told him a lot about them that doesn't go to the general public."

Dr. Naismith expects to spend part of the summer at Dallas, Tex., visiting at the home of his son, James Naismith.

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Back From Olympics, Dr. Naismith Has Tales of Sportsmanship in Games

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For the opening of the basketball games, a demonstration was organized in Dr. Naismith's honor by Karl Diem, general secretary of the Olympic committee, R. W. Jones of Rome, Italy,

Honorary President



Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, complimented by the International Federation of Basketball Leagues.

secretary of the International federation, and Mr. Tobin of New York.

"It certainly was an impressive sight as the 21 contesting teams, each with their national flags, lined up on the field, to be addressed by Dr. Diem and myself," said Dr. Naismith. "And then I must extend my greetings to representatives of each of the teams."

Splendid Sportsmen

Dr. Naismith was impressed both by the high quality of play of the various teams, and the splendid sportsmanship

shown. Considering the varied nationalities, and the different languages spoken, there was a surprisingly small number of disputes over decisions.

"The final game, that between the United States and Canada, was especially noteworthy in this respect," said Dr. Naismith. "One Chinese officiated, and there was not a single questioning of his rulings."

"An especially interesting game was the one in which the draw brought together Uruguay, champion of South America, and Esthonia, champion of Europe.

Teams Limited to Seven

"Another illustration of the fine sportsmanship came in a game—which one, I do not exactly recall—but one team had no eligible players to replace one banished for four personals. The captain of the opposing team at once appealed to the officials to permit another player to go on. He did not want to play his five against four."

"The Olympic rules limited a team to seven, and permitted a player, withdrawn from the game, to return but once. I like the idea of limiting the team, but believe seven is too small a number. Ten would be better, I believe."

Dr. Naismith said the outdoor courts occasioned little difficulty, even in the rain. The surface, as well as that of the tracks, were covered with a composition made up of sand, sawdust, and salt. Like sea sand, it packed harder when wet than when dry.

No Center Line

The inventor of the game liked also the Olympic rule that did not include the present American center line.

"The players were all over the court," he said. "There was no stalling, and not infrequently a player would rush in, get the ball, and dash the length of the court for a score."

Dr. Naismith left the United States late in June and visited first in Glasgow, ancestral home of his parents, then to England, Holland, Belgium, and German. After the Olympic games he visited Switzerland, and attended two games between the Swiss and the Philippine teams. While there he was honored again by being named honorary president of the Swiss basketball league and, much to his embarrassment, was presented with a huge bouquet of flowers.

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DR. NAISMITH WEDS

K. U. Professor and Former House-mother Married in Church

Overland Park, Kan., June 10. (P)—Dr. James Naismith, 77-year-old inventor of basketball and professor of physical education at the University of Kansas, and Mrs. Florence Kincaid, 56, for four years housemother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Lawrence, were married here today.

Thirteen guests were present for the ceremony which was held at noon in the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. K. Waters, pastor of the church, conducted the ring service.

The groom was calm throat. The bride was nervous. As the minister asked Dr. Naismith to repeat "—to love and cherish—" Little Jack Naismith, 1½ year-old grandson of the groom, set up a chatter

from the second pew. Dr. Naismith's responses were firm and clear. His bride's voice wavered and choked as she repeated "—until death do us part."

At conclusion of the ceremony, the minister presented Dr. and Mrs. Naismith and the groom kissed the bride hurriedly. Mrs. Naismith threw her corsage of Talisman roses and lilies of the valley to Miss Carolyn Alkire of Lawrence. Miss Alkire attended the wedding with Courtney Crim, who represented the Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni.

The bride wore a bolero ensemble of navy sheer pin-striped with white and trimmed with white pique. Her navy straw hat was a wide sailor trimmed with a white and pique band and butterfly bow. She carried a large floral print handkerchief and her slippers were navy kid.

As the bride and groom approached their motor car in front of the church, Dr. Naismith spied

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More Contributions to Naismith Fund Arrive

Dr. Forrest C. Allen has just received a report from Ted Carpenter, of Marquette University, chairman of the Naismith Fund committee, showing final contributions to the fund which basketball fans of America raised to send the inventor of the game to Berlin.

Additional contributions of the last few weeks, amounting to \$23.39, have brought the fund for Dr. James Naismith to \$4,794.96. Seventeen states had a part in raising this fund, ranging from the \$1311.73 contributed in Kansas, down to smaller sums. Office costs in Kansas were \$49.50, while in Illinois, where \$647.02 was collected, office costs were \$58.31. New York and Ohio contributed between \$300 and \$400 each; other states gave lesser amounts.

Attached to the financial report was a copy of Dr. Naismith's letter, written on ship board as he was going to Berlin, expressing his appreciation, and carrying the assurance he was planning his trip with the idea of furthering the interests of basketball in the countries he was about to visit.

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NAISMITH IS GUEST

Inventor of Basketball Is Speaker at Co-Op Club Meeting

Dr. James Naismith was the honored guest of the Co-Operative club at its dinner meeting last night at the Hotel Eldridge.

After he was introduced to the club by Dr. Forrest Allen, Dr. Naismith told the club members of his trip to the Olympics at Berlin. Dr. Naismith spent three months in Europe, traveling alone for the sole purpose of studying conditions, and avoiding the usual sight seeing trips planned for travelers.

He visited Glasgow, Scotland, first, that being the home of his father. He found there that practically nothing was being done for the training of the youth of the country. Going from Scotland to Germany he found things vastly different. Germany starts the boys at 9 years of age in physical training and every boy in the country is being given some kind of training which develops at a certain age into military training.

The Olympics being the high spot of the trip, Dr. Naismith dwelt at length on the different events that took place. He stated that of course, Glenn Cunningham's race was the most interesting to him.

DR. NAISMITH HOME

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long rose paper streamers on the back of the car. The groom laughingly tore off the streamers and hurriedly entered the car to drive to Tulsa, Okla., the first stop on the honeymoon trip that will take them to California, Oregon and Canada before they return to Lawrence, September 1, to make their home.

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Naismith Field House Fund

Dr. F. C. Allen reports the first contribution toward a field house for the University. During Rush Week Wesley H. Loomis, Jr., fs'05, was on the campus and he handed Dr. Allen a five dollar bill to be used in starting a fund to build a great building for basketball, track and other indoor activities. He wants it named for the inventor of basketball, Dr. James Naismith. He is especially interested in seeing some worthy memorial erected to the great figure who has served the University so long so well.

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