TURNING THE PAGES OF BASKET BALL HISTORY WITH DR. NAISMITH, THE GAME'S FOUNDER

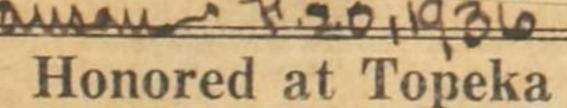


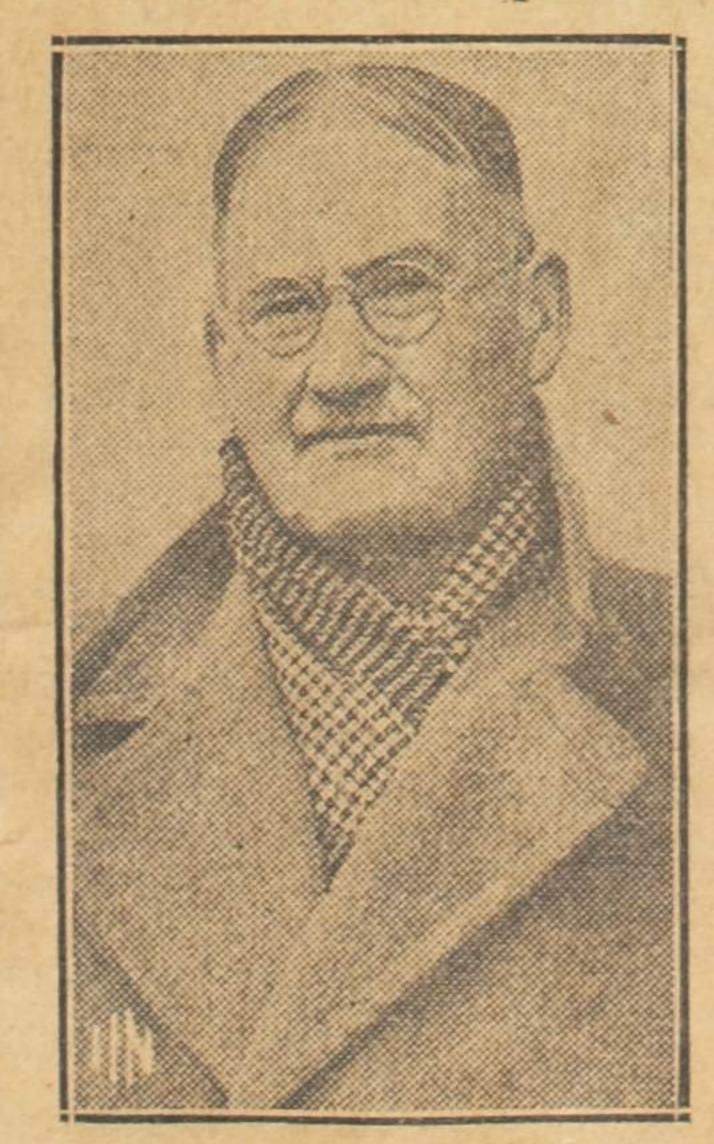
JUST TAKE IT EASY—Basket ball was invented in 1891 to keep eighteen boys studying to be Y. M. C. A. secretaries busy during the winter months, but girls soon adopted the sport, too. Here Dr. Naismith is coaching a pupil of fifteen years ago.



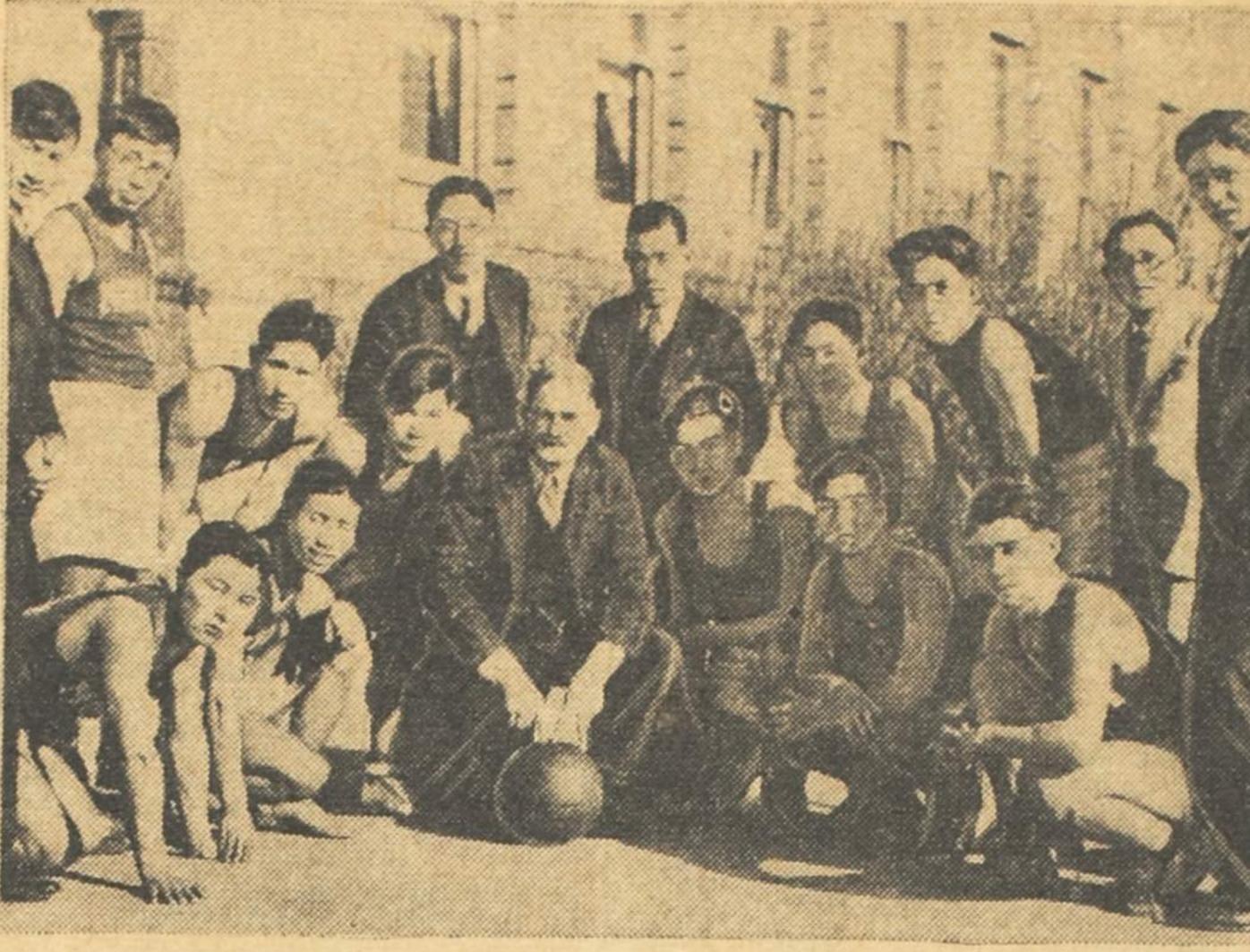


AT HOME-Above are Dr. and Mrs. Naismith in sports." their home at Lawrence. Below is the first Kansas Jayhawker basket ball quintet, which was coached by Dr. Naismith. He is at the extreme right in the Coaches will honor the founder of office one day and asked me what I * May 7.20,1936 last row.





Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of basketball, was feted at between-halves ceremonies during the Washburn-Kansas basketball game last night.



AND IT KEEPS ON GROWING-Dr. Naismith is shown with the Meiji university team of Japan, which toured the United States a few years ago. The players made a special stop at K. U. to visit the "father of basket ball."

From a Peach Basket in 1891 To the Olympic Games of 1936

Dr. Naismith Is Happy His Sport Found a Spot on the International Program, But Is Happier Because It Is Growing and Bringing Exercise to Youths All Over the World.

ter being written this year into the So the Olympic games will be game is spreading over the world.

Olympic program," he said today. experimenting with the elimination of But to me the real joy comes from the center jump. the fact that more persons are playing the game annually.

A Dream Comes True.

that would make life more pleasant should be played. for them.

"Then I dreamed that some day I rope in ruling pivots traveling. would invent a sport that would keep young people interested and active a player twists his body without takfrom the close of the football season ing a step to pass the ball backward to the opening of baseball. That or sideways. Whenever a player takes dream was realized by the invention a step in his pivot, and it is legal in of basket ball, and as soon as the this country, he is traveling." game caught the fancy of youth, I decided to turn my entire attention to has been told and retold, but here it

This is National Naismith week in the United States. Members of the National Association of Basket Ball their sport by raising a fund through which they hope to send him and his wife to the Olympic games and, pos- to become Y. M. C. A. secretaries. sibly, to start an annuity in his be-

All Schools Participate.

and universities are collecting a pen- but the active outdoor sports were ny from each admission to contribute too rough for indoors. I set to work. to the fund.

cagers from this country who jour- rock. I remembered that the stone Naismith, origney to the Olympic games. Instead hurled sharply would drive the "duck" mator of the of the smooth maple surface in a well- farther, but the stone lobbed over was lighted gymnasium, the teams will be surer to hit. I decided for my new idea is for every forced to play out-of-doors on a game to have a game with a hori- college and high gravel court. In case of rain, they'll zontal goal. But, if it were on the just let it rain and the game will go on.

How does this appeal to Dr. Naismith, who has watched his "baby" grow until it now draws as many as 18,000 in Madison Square Garden? of injury to the player running with be used to send

"Fine," he replied. "The sport is meant to be played anywhere, indoor or out. Anywhere where two baskets can be hung so the boys can peck away with a ball and get exercise."

The gravel court presents several difficulties, such as the impossibility of a good dribble, accurate long shots, or, in case of rain, a slippery ball,

Strict on Pivots.

Measures taken to prevent so-called AWRENCE, KAS., Feb. 11.— stalling should be directed toward the From a peach basket in 1891 defensive team, he said, "since it freto a spot in the 1936 Olympic quently goes into a shell under its games—that is the new chap- offensive team into action." own goal and refuses to force the

history of basket ball. To Dr. James played not under the present Ameri-Naismith, the inventor, however, the can rules, but under the rules of a real thrill comes from the fact the few years back before coaches could convince the makers of the code the 'Happy? Of course, I'm happy bas- feasibility of the 10-second rule and ket ball has found a place in the center line, or before coaches began

Agrees With Europe.

All of these facts add to the happiness of Dr. Naismith, who sometimes "I started out to be a minister. ventures the opinion that rules mak-When I was a boy, I thought there ers don't know when to let well was nothing more attractive than to enough alone. So the Olympic games preach to the young people-hoping, will give him an opportunity to see through my study, to find something his game played as he thinks it

Dr. Naismith also agrees with Eu-

"The true pivot," he said, "is where

The invention of this winter game is in the words of the man whom all the nation is honoring this week:

"Dr. Luther Gulick, head of the Y. M. C. A. school, called me into his could think of in the way of exercise for eighteen young men in training

A Lively Bunch.

"These young men were a lively bunch, difficult to interest in gym- New York, Feb. 10. (A)-This is Ward schools, high schools, colleges nasium work. They wanted action, the week basketball coaches, play-

"I recalled from my boyhood days pay tribute to Strange conditions will greet the in Canada the game of duck-on-the- Dr. James A. floor, the scramble to get it might game and docause difficulty, so I decided to put nate one cent the goal higher than the player's from each ad-

> "Then I considered the possibility fund which is to the ball, and decided the player would Dr. Naismith pass the ball to a teammate and let and his wife to DR. UAS. NAISMITHthe others do the running. Thus the the Olympic forward pass was invented.

> "A baseball would be too small to behalf and start a memorial for toss about, so I called on our old him either at Springfield, Mass., friend soccer. Lacrosse suggested the or at Lawrence, Kan. . . . Dr. Naiplacing of the players as forwards smith is the only founder of a maand guards.

Only One Goal.



HOW TIMES CHANGE-Above is pictured the first K. U. women's team, dressed in uniforms of 1904. Below are Dr. Naismith and Dr. F. C. Allen, the man whose efforts gained Olympic recognition for the sport.



IT WENT IN HERE-Dr. James Naismith, who is being honored throughout the country this week by basket ball teams, tells Miss Alta Mae Zeigler of Lawrence how a peach basket was first used as a goal in the court sport.

Sports Koundup

ers and fans all over the country

mission to a



games, found an annuity in their for sport still alive . . . at 73 he is professor of physical education at Kansas University—he originated "The janitor offered me a couple of basketball at the Springfield Y. M. Also, in Europe, the referees are peach baskets when I asked for boxes, C. A. college in 1891 . . . basketball is included in the Olympic program for the first time this year.