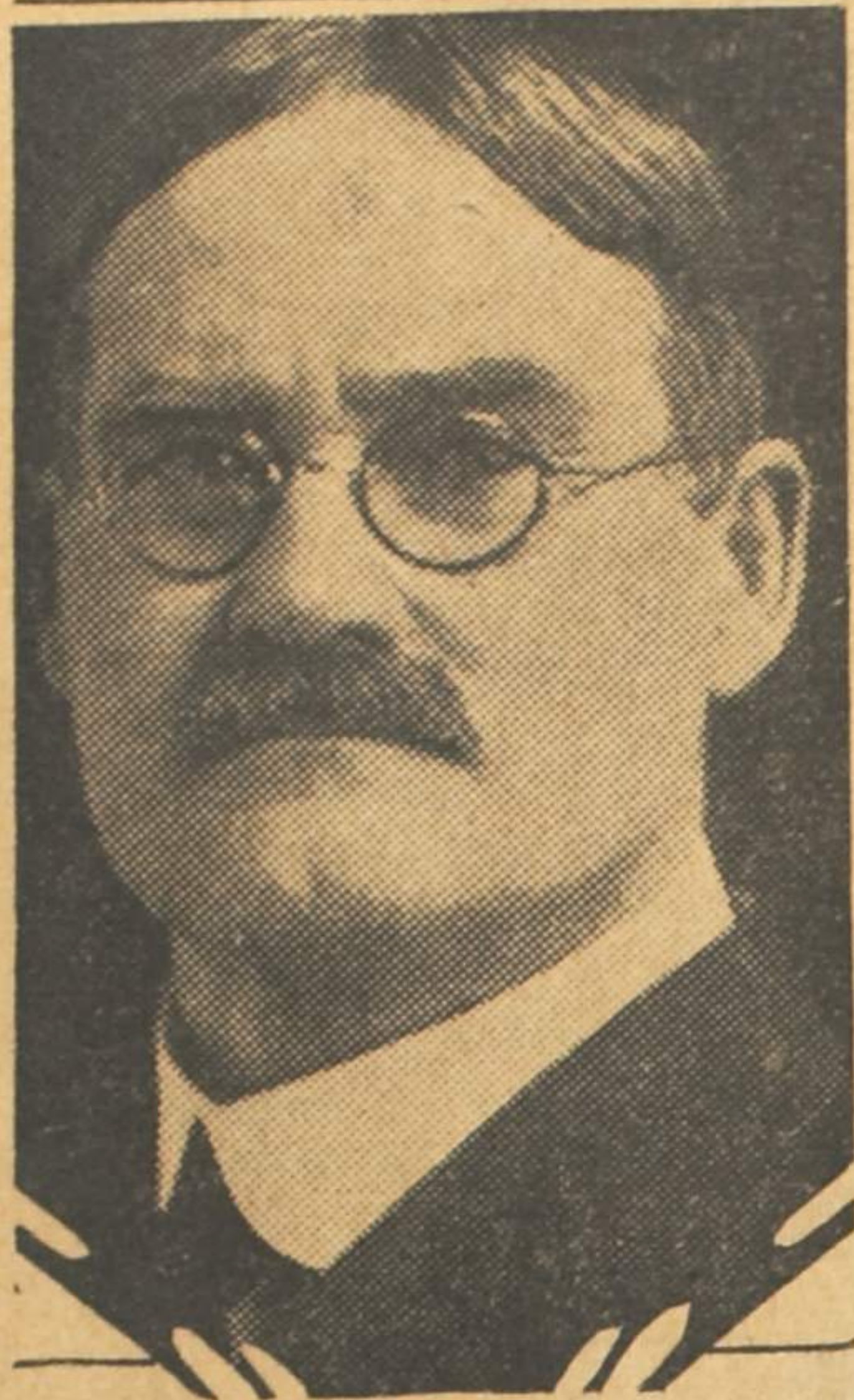


Celebrates Birthday



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Inventor of Basketball Celebrates Birthday Here

Dr. James A. Naismith, 74, Came to University in 1898

Dr. James A. Naismith, professor of physical education and inventor of basketball, was 74 yesterday.

Before coming to the University of Kansas in 1898, Dr. Naismith was instructor of physical education at Springfield College, from 1891 until 1896. After leaving Springfield College he was physical education director of the Y.M.C.A. in Denver, Colo.

During the World War, Dr. Naismith was head of the department of hygiene of the international Y.M.C.A. He was one of the first professors to leave the University for war work.

He has been made "honorary chairman" for life of the national basketball rules committee, and was awarded the Tarbell Medallion for distinguished service during the commencement exercises last spring at Springfield College.

Dr. Naismith's game has been adopted as one of the contest games at the Eleventh Olympian games at Berlin in 1936, and he has been made an honorary member of the Committee of Thirteen, which will direct American basketball competition in the Berlin Olympics.

Kansas **To Have 'Naismith Night'**

Kansas-Iowa State Game Will Honor Inventor of Basketball

The occasion of the Kansas-Iowa State basketball game here Feb. 18, is to be designated "Naismith night," in honor of Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game. The athletic association and the physical education department of the University are co-operating in preparation of a brief program, to be presented between halves of the game.

Dr. Naismith invented the game while a member of the staff of the Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., and brought it to Kansas when he became a member of the faculty here 34 years ago.

The six living members of the 1893 basketball team have been invited to return for the occasion, and assist in paying tribute to Dr. Naismith. Men who played on the first organized basketball team for K. U. are: William F. Yahn, Lawrence; Hubert Avery, Basin, Wyo.; William Hess, Pratt; Wilis Henderson, Boulder, Colo.; Eugene H. Owens, Kansas City, Mo.; Claude V. Royal, Oatville, Kan.; and William Sutton, Dallas, Texas.

OLYMPIC HEADS ADD BASKETBALL TO BERLIN MEET

Cage Game Will Be Included as Contest Sport for First Time, due to Work of Dr. Allen

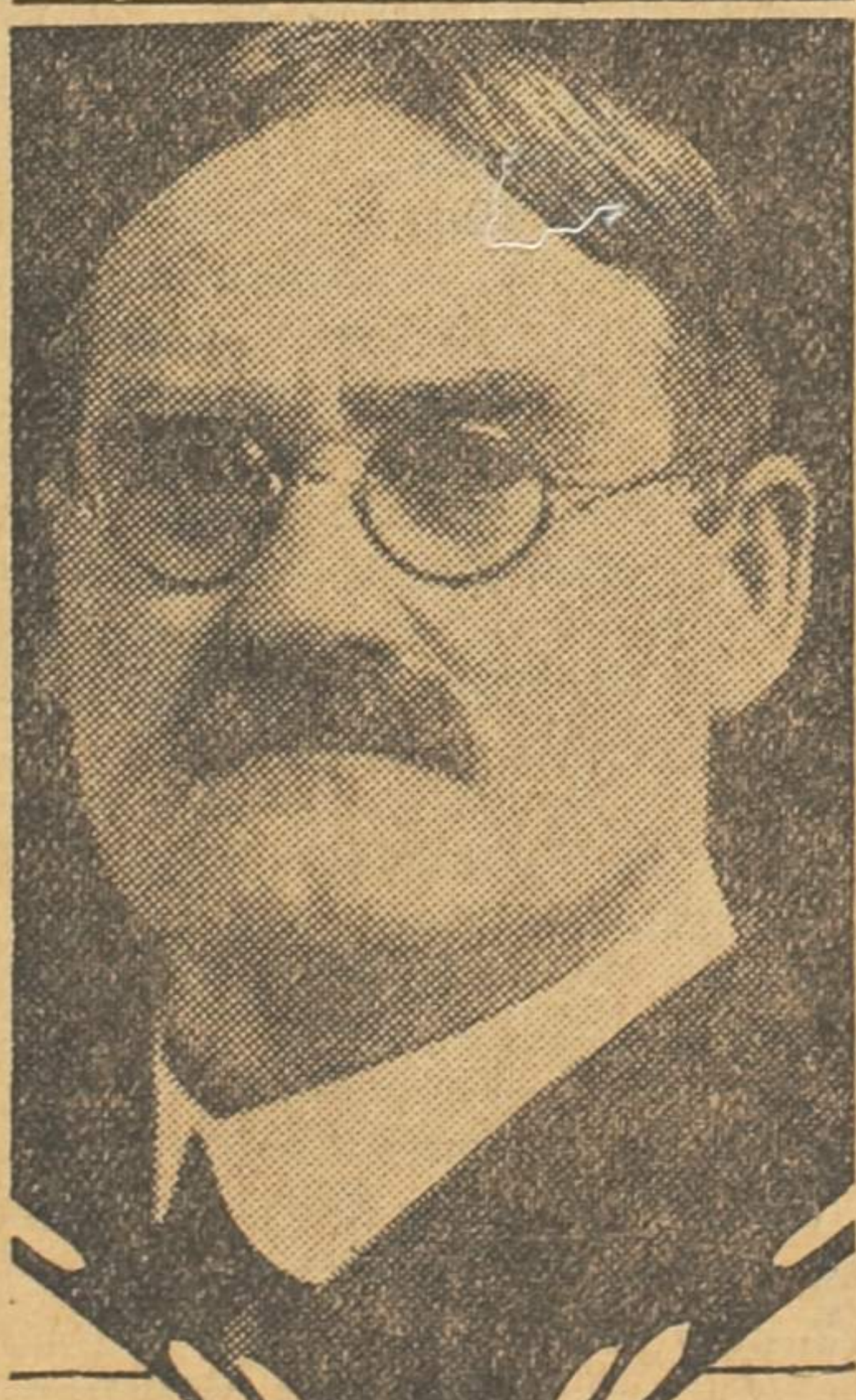
BEGUN BY NAISMITH

Invention of Kansan Has Become Popular Sport in Foreign Countries

Basketball has been adopted as one of the contest games at the Eleventh Olympian games at Berlin in 1936. Advice that the committee in charge had made this decision was received today by Dr. F. C. Allen, director of athletics at the University of Kansas, and chairman of the Olympics committee of both the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and of the general Basketball Rules committee.

For six years Dr. Allen has been working to have basketball recognized as one of the demonstration games at the Olympics, and narrowly missed obtaining such recognition for the game at the Los Angeles games. Now word comes that the game has been adopted as a contest sport, and Dr. Allen anticipates that teams from 18 or 20 different countries will be entered.

Kansas **Invented Basketball**



Dr. James Naismith, who started the game of basketball 43 years ago in Springfield, Mass.

Widely Played Over World
The game was invented more than 40 years ago by Dr. James Naismith, now of the Kansas physical education faculty. He was at Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. college at the time, and the Y.M.C.A. secretaries took the game, in their physical education program, to many parts of the world.

Next to tennis and soccer, basketball is said to be the most widely played game in the world. United States, France and Italy played a tournament as part of the A.E.F. games in Paris at the close of the war, and the Far East Olympics, participated in by Japan, China and the Philippines, featured basketball.

Teams from Japan and from Mexico have toured the United States in recent years.

Team Selected by A.A.U.
Selection of the American team for the Olympics will be made under rules provided by the A.A.U., Dr. Allen said today.

When Dr. Naismith came to the University of Kansas more than 35 years ago, he introduced the game here,

about the time it was being started also at the University of Iowa.

It has proved a popular game in the Missouri valley, and the Kansas teams has been highly successful in the sport. In the past 27 years, Kansas has won undisputed championship in 15 years, and has been co-holder of the championship in two other years. In the five years, 1923-27, and the four years 1931-34, Kansas has won championships in successive years. The four years 1908-11 also were Kansas years. Dr. Allen was coach for Kansas 12 of the 17 championship years.

Kansas **Inventor of Basketball**

Discusses Rules Changes

Naismith Says That Some Problems Still Remain Unsolved

Dr. James Naismith, who returned yesterday from Chicago, believes that the national basketball rules committee in adopting the rules regarding the pivot post play and partial elimination of the center jump after a successful free throw have missed their intended solution.

The restrictions made against crowding around a jump ball, Dr. Naismith believes, are commendable and should improve the game.

Dr. Naismith maintains that "the purpose of the center jump at the beginning of basketball was to equalize the chances of both teams to get the ball. The rules committee in the adopting of the new rule has intended to equalize obtaining possession of the ball, but this I think they have failed to do. I haven't heard one suggestion to equalize the opportunities for each team to get the ball, with the exception of the proposal to rotate the center jump. I think this would come more nearly to equalizing the thing than any I have heard so far.

"I wonder why prohibiting the pivot post man from shooting goals while in the questioned area would not solve the post problem," questioned Dr. Naismith. "There is only trouble when the pivot man feints to one side, goes the other, advances forward, then shoots. The man occupying the post should not be allowed to shoot. He should be required to pass the ball. I think the rule will be of some help but I can't see anything that will prevent the pivot post man from becoming just as effective outside as he is inside the free throw lines."

Dr. Naismith is of the opinion that Dr. Allen's nomination for Olympic basketball coach of the American all-star team will be affirmed by the Olympic committee without any delay.

At the meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches in Chicago Dr. Naismith was awarded a wrist watch as an appreciation of his services to the game of basketball.

Kansas **By the Editor**

WOULD HONOR DR. NAISMITH

Here is an idea that has somehow escaped the attention of the campus, and it remained for the Douglas County Republican to point it out. Here is a reprint of a paragraph from the editorial page of that paper:

"Who is more entitled to a badge for distinguished service than Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball? He gave to the world a sport that has captured the enthusiasm of thousands of boys and girls who play the game. Spectators who are fascinated by the thrills of a highly competitive sport flock to the games by the tens of thousands. When the busy world pauses long enough to award a service medal to the citizen who has brought the most enjoyment and clean fun to every one, Dr. Naismith's name will be right near the top of the list."

Now that Dr. Naismith's game has been adopted by the Olympic committee, and now that it is played by more than 50 foreign countries, who can deny Dr. Naismith's right to such a medal? Do we hear a second to this idea?

Kansas **Awarded Medallion**



Dr. James Naismith, who will be awarded the Edward Morris Tarbell medallion at a commencement dinner this spring at Springfield, Mass.

Naismith to Be Honored With Ed. Tarbell Award

Three Other Springfield Alumni to Receive Distinction

Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education, is to be one of the four alumni of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., to be honored with the award of the Edward Morris Tarbell medallion.

The medallion bears a replica by the sculptor, R. Tait McKinsey, of a plaque entitled "The Joy of Effort." Mr. McKinsey, who was a boyhood friend of Dr. Naismith in Canada, is a widely known sculptor of athletes.

Those besides Dr. Naismith who will receive the medallion at a Commencement dinner this spring, are Martin Isaac Foss, '99; Raymond Pimlatt Kaign, '93; and Carl David Smith, '14, all alumni of Springfield College.

Dr. Naismith, internationally famous as the inventor of basketball, was instructor of physical education at Springfield College from 1891 until 1896. After leaving his alma mater, he was physical education director of the Y.M.C.A. in Denver, Colo. While in Denver, Dr. Naismith received his M.D. degree. In 1898, he came to the University of Kansas as a professor of physical education. In 1910, he was presented with an honorary degree of master of physical education from Springfield College.

Kansas **Returns From New York**

Inventor of Basketball Attends Convention of Physical Education Directors

Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education and inventor of basketball, attended a convention of physical education directors in New York City during the holidays. On Dec. 27 he attended the Founder's Day banquet. Dr. Naismith was one of the 15 men present who had belonged to the organization before 1910.

While in New York, Dr. Naismith worked with four members of the national basketball rules committee. He went to several basketball games in Madison Square Garden with Mr. St. John of Ohio University, Oswald Tower of Andover, W. E. Meanwell of Wisconsin, and Mr. Barber of Brooklyn. These games were "regular"; there have been no clinic games in the East, according to Dr. Naismith.

Dr. Naismith said of the games in New York, "Madison Square Garden with its capacity of 18,000 persons was jammed to the doors. There was action from start to finish throughout

the New York-Notre Dame game, and the people yelled themselves hoarse."

Three national athletic societies met in New York City during the holidays besides the one Dr. Naismith visited. He attended the meeting of a national group of football coaches, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and a national health directors' convention.

Kansas **Tarbell Medal Awarded To Dr. James Naismith**

Springfield College Honors Physical Education Professor

Pictures of a medal awarded to Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education, by Springfield Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., for distinguished service, are being made this week, and will be shown in the Graduate magazine at an early date.

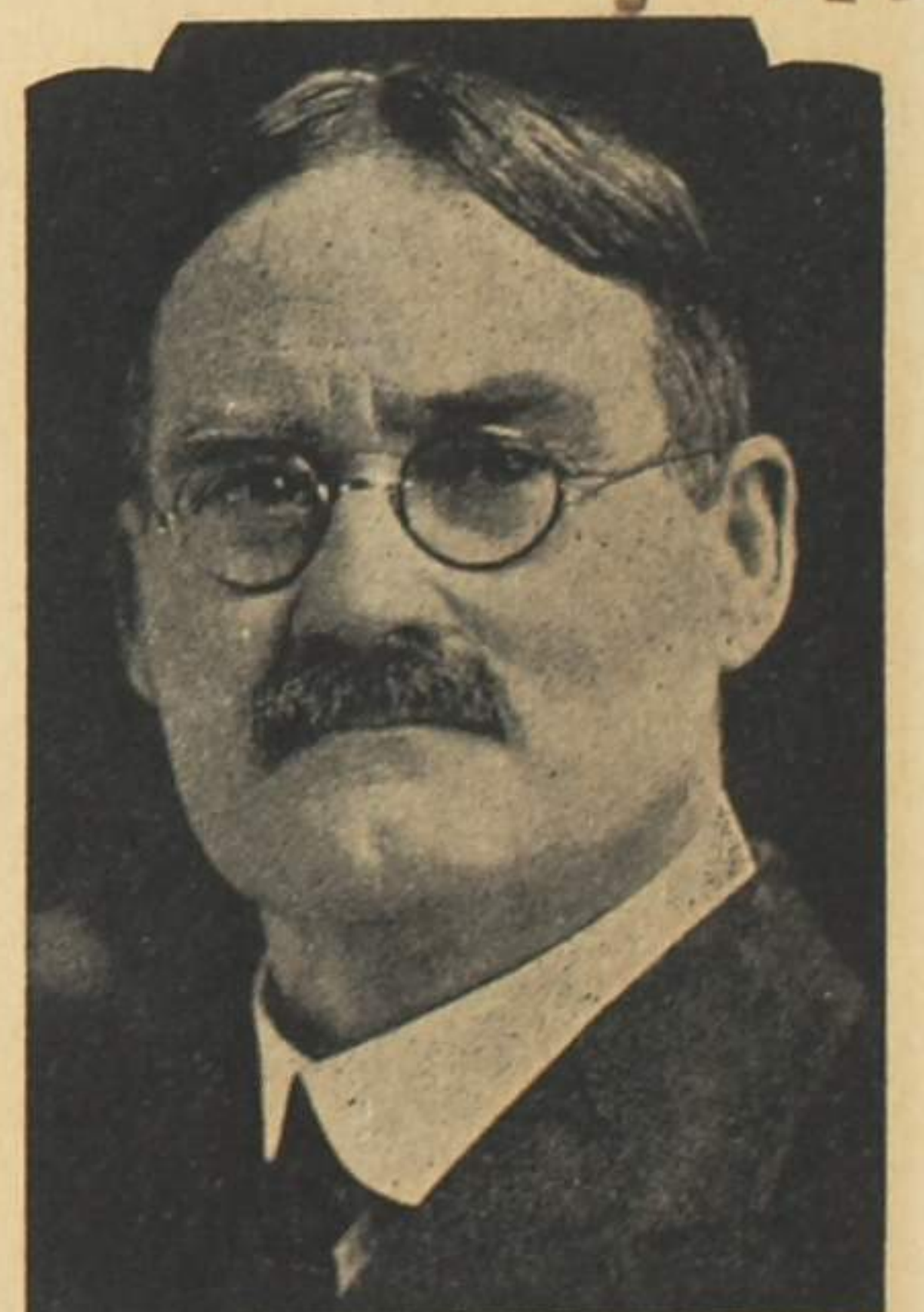
Dr. Naismith was awarded the medal, which is known as the Tarbell Medallion, during the commencement exercises at Springfield College this spring. Mr. Tarbell, the donor of the award, is a noted artist of Springfield, and an old friend of Dr. Naismith.

The medal bears the inscription, "awarded to James Naismith of the class of '91 for distinguished service to his Alma Mater.

Upon the face of the medal is an illustration made by the noted sculptor, R. Tait McKenzie, and the title, "The Joy of Effort." Mr. McKenzie was a classmate of Dr. Naismith, as well as his roommate and associate in the gymnasium at McGill University in Montreal.

This is the first year the medallion has been awarded to anyone, and four men of distinction were honored with one this year. It is the plan to award one each year, following the awards made this year. Dr. Naismith was in Springfield during the commencement exercises to receive the medallion personally.

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Kansas **HONOR DR. NAISMITH**

Dr. A. J. Reilly, of Kansas City, a member of the Committee of Thirteen directing American basketball competition in the Berlin Olympics, brings back word that Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education at the University, and the widely-known inventor of the game of basketball, has been made an honorary member of the committee. For many years Dr. Naismith has been "honorary chairman for life" of the national basketball rules committee.