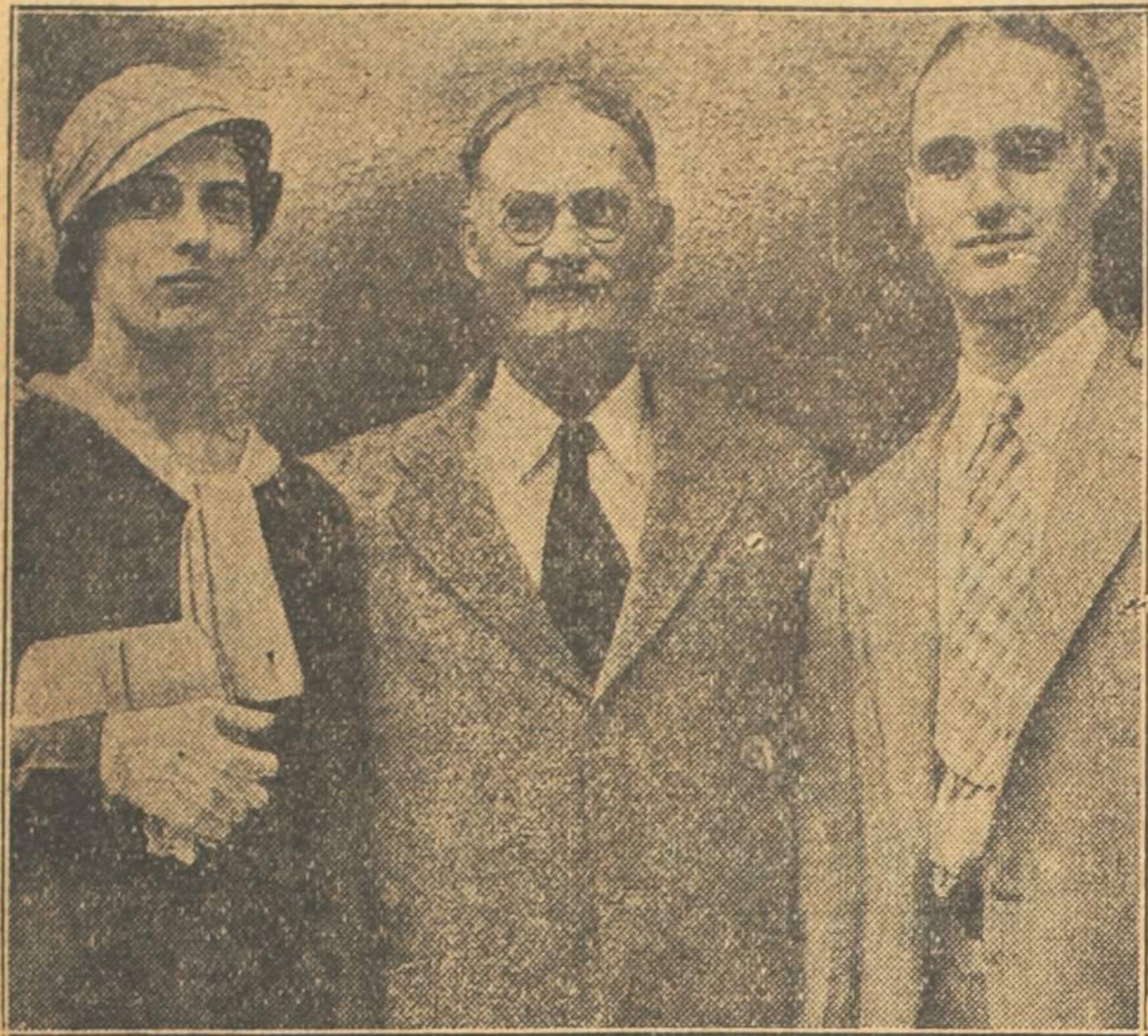


DR. NAISMITH'S SON IS MARRIED



When James Naismith Jr. was married Wednesday to Miss Frances Pomeroy of this city, the officiating pastor was his father, Dr. James Naismith (center), who devised the game of basketball. The elder Naismith, shown with the bridal couple, is an ordained minister as well as professor of physical education at the University of Kansas. (Associated Press Photo.)

DR. JAMES NAISMITH TO BE HONORED THROUGHOUT NATION

Inventor of Basketball Spent an Uneventful Boyhood Marked by Fisticuffs and Winters in Lumber Camps

Summers on the farm, winters in the lumber camps; high school two and a half miles away through sub-zero weather; games such as other boys played; boyish fisticuffs; ambition to be a minister that turned to physical education as a means of helping his fellows — these are some of the points in the early life of James Naismith, who is to be honored throughout the nation the week of 7-15. Already Kansas more than 60 high schools have designated the games that are to honor the originator of basketball by contributing 1 cent a person to a fund to send him and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympic games, and provide them an annuity.



DR. JAS. NAISMITH

Before he was 8 years old, young Naismith went with his parents to a lumber camp some distance from his birthplace, Almonte, Canada, but at the death of his parents, within a few weeks of each other, he returned to the home of his uncle between Almonte and Benny's Corners, to complete his schooling, and work on the farm.

Learned Greek by Himself

When he realized he was travelling with a rough crowd in high school, he quit school, but later determined to finish his course. In the intervening time, while he drove the lead team from his uncle's woodlot, he did a lot of thinking on what he was to make of himself, and also spent some time conning over his Latin conjugations.

It was well he did, for when he went up to McGill to matriculate, he found that his self-study of Greek stood him in good stead. Dr. Naismith gives much credit to the high school principal, P. C. MacGregor, who took special interest in those of his classes who were preparing for college, meeting them at the noon hour and in the evenings. "He was a whiz on grammar," says Dr. Naismith.

Uncle Aids in Schooling

When the uncle discovered that James was planning a seven-year college course, four for his A.B. and three for the ministry, he asked how the young man expected to do it. "Oh, I'll get along somehow," he replied. Whereupon the uncle offered to provide the cost of college if Naismith would work on the farm in the summer. The three years in theological seminary were financed by teaching the gym classes of McGill.

New Honor Awarded to 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.

Inventor of Basketball



Dr. James A. Naismith will be honored by a national "Naismith Week," Feb. 7-15.

WILL BE HONORED

Dr. James Naismith, Inventor of Basketball, To Be Guest at Luncheon Tuesday PRECEDES "NAISMITH WEEK"

Dr. James Naismith will be the honored guest at a luncheon meeting Tuesday noon at the Eldridge hotel. The luncheon is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in advance of nation-wide "Naismith Week" February 7 to 15, during which basketball teams all over the country will cooperate in raising a fund to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Germany. Dr. Naismith, Dr. John Outland of Kansas City, and City Clerk Armin Woestemeyer will speak at the meeting.

Dr. Outland, former University student, all-American football player and "father of the Kansas Relays" will pay tribute to the originator of basketball. Woestemeyer, star forward on the K. U. championship teams of 1922 and '23, will tell of his association with Dr. Naismith and the honor of having him as a Lawrence resident. Dr. Naismith will respond with a subject not yet announced. The Chamber of Commerce has extended an invitation to the luncheon to all residents in the community. Reservations should be made thru the offices of the organization.

HOLD "NAISMITH NIGHT"

Lawrence High's Basketball Game Produces \$14.98 for Fund

Lawrence high school was the first school in the United States to observe "Naismith Night" when a brief program was presented between halves of the Lawrence-Ottawa basketball game here last night. College and high school teams thruout the country will participate in the national program to honor Dr. James Naismith between now and February 15.

The "Naismith Fund" to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Germany and to create a memorial was started with \$14.98 contributed by the high school athletic association and spectators.

The high school association contributed one cent for each of the 515 persons attending the game and an additional \$9.83 was contributed by spectators who tossed money into blankets held by members of the girls pep organization.

Haskell will observe "Naismith Night" tonight at the Kirksville Teachers game and a special program honoring the originator of basketball has been planned for the K. U.-Aggie game on February 15. WREN will broadcast the program. Additional voluntary contributions will be received at the Lawrence banks and at the Journal-World.

Last night's program at the high school was under the direction of Guy Cross, chairman of the activities fund.

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Interest in the Ancient Sport of Fencing Kept Alive at K. U. by Dr. James Naismith

Fencing continues to maintain considerable interest among University of Kansas students, Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education and fencing instructor at K. U., said today.

In addition to the regular class in fencing there is the K. U. Fencing club which is composed of about 20 members.

Tournaments are held within the class and the club, but intercollegiate tourneys have never been arranged because fencing is not included in the curriculum of many schools.

The existence of a fencing team in these schools, he explained, depends on the enthusiasm of the students for the sport.

Fencing first came to the University of Kansas merely by chance, Dr. Naismith pointed out. Back in 1896 the athletic department purchased equipment and fixtures from a gymnasium in Leavenworth and along with the many things were masks and fencing gear. As no one in the department at that time knew anything about the art of fencing this equipment lay idle until 1898 when Dr. Naismith arrived at K. U. to take up teaching duties.

"Naismith Week" to Be From February 7 to 15

National "Naismith Week," February 7 to 15, will be observed in Lawrence with special programs presented by educational institutions and a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at which Dr. James Naismith, father of basketball, will be the honored guest.

During the week, basketball teams thruout the United States will devote one game to the "Naismith Olympic Fund" with one cent from each admission to apply to a fund to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Germany, and to provide a memorial for the Kansan. W. S. Chandler, basketball coach at Marquette University, Milwaukee, is chairman of the national committee. Dr. F. C. Allen is head of the Kansas-Oklahoma committee.

February 15 will be "Naismith Night" at the University. Between halves of the K. U.-Aggie game, station WREN will broadcast a special program honoring Dr. Naismith. Lawrence High school will celebrate the event this week at the

Interest was gradually built up under the instruction of Dr. Naismith and fencing has continued since that time.

Dr. Naismith recalled that one of the janitors at K. U. in the early days who had been in the navy and had done some fencing, challenged one of the pupils, a large, husky youth. The duel was held at an inter-class meet and the student scored a decisive victory over the old sailor.

Harold Burdick, son of Dean W. L. Burdick, who was in Lawrence after the World war, was one of the leading advocates of the sport, Dr. Naismith said, and did a great deal toward making it popular at K. U. Burdick had been on the Annapolis Naval academy fencing team and was an excellent fencer.

Members of the fencing club at K. U. now are divided into three grades. When a member first enters he is known as a page. He may advance to the rank of a squire and receive the emblem of that position by passing certain examinations. Then, upon meeting certain requirements and passing other advanced examinations, the squire may become a knight and is entitled to wear a pin symbolic of that position. Whereas, the page must have a knowledge of the foil, a knight must be familiar with the foil, the broadsword and the epee.

Lawrence-Ottawa game Friday night as no home game is scheduled between February 7 to 15. For the same reason, Haskell will observe "Naismith Night" Saturday when the Indians play the Kirksville Teachers.

General plans for the event were discussed today by a group which met for lunch at the Eldridge hotel. Those attending were: A. E. Woestemeyer, C. B. Holmes, Dr. F. C. Allen, Ed Elbel, C. B. Russell, George Hedrick, Vernon Smith, Dolph Simons, John Brand, Neal Wherry, and R. M. Kelly.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Dr. James A. Naismith Was 74 Years Old Yesterday

Dr. James A. Naismith, professor of physical education at the University of Kansas and inventor of basketball, celebrated his 74th birthday yesterday.

Dr. Naismith has been with the University since 1898. He previously had been professor of physical education at Springfield College, and later served as physical education director at the Denver Y. M. C. A.