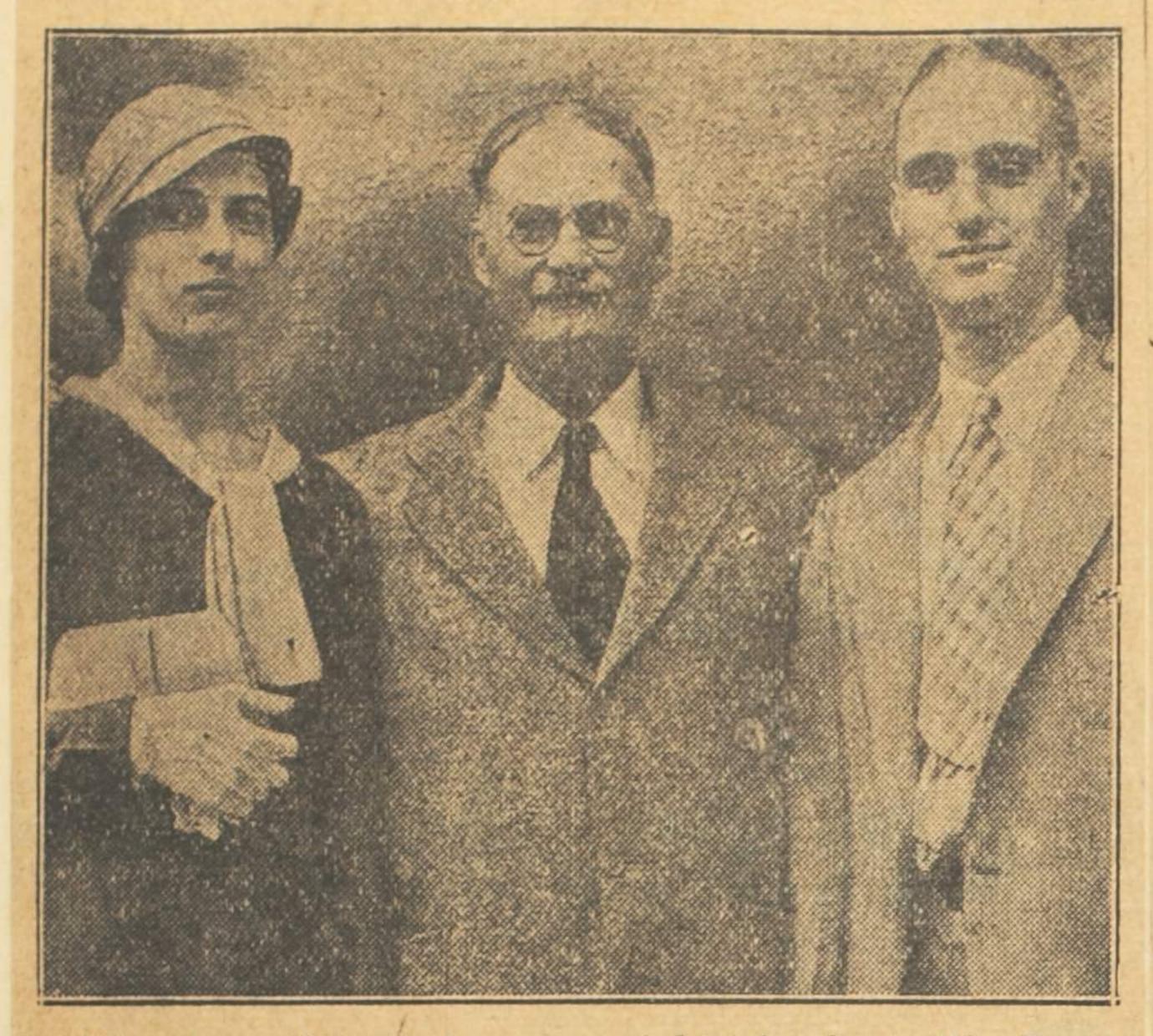
DR. NAISMITH'S SON IS MARRIED



When James Naismith Jr. was married Wednesday to Miss Frances Pomeroy of this city, the officiating pastor was his father, Dr. James DR. JAS. NAISMITH originator of basket- in front of the instructor. Late I dis-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.)

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

Fencing continues to maintain Interest was gradually built up farm. considerable interest among Uni- under the instruction of Dr. Naiversity of Kansas students, Dr. smith and fencing has continued tor at K. U., said today.

class and the club, but intercolle- old sailor.



for the sport. Dr. Naismith pointed out. Back in receive the emblem of that position Dr. Naismith. 1896 the athletic department pur- by passing certain examinations. chased equipment and fixtures from | Then, upon meeting certain requirea gymnasium in Leavenworth and ments and passing other advanced along with the many things were examinations, the squire may bemasks and fencing gear. As no come a knight and is entitled to fencing this equipment lay idle un- a knowledge of the foil, a knight til 1898 when Dr. Naismith arrived must be familiar with the foil, the at K. U. to take up teaching duties. broadsword and the epee.

National "Naismith Week," Feb- Teachers. ruary 7 to 15. will be observed in General plans for the event were Lawrence with special programs discussed wlay by a group which presented by educational institu- met for lunch at the Eldridge hotel. tions and a meeting of the Chamber Those attending were: A. E. Woesof Commerce at which Dr. James temeyer. C. B. Holmes, Dr. F. C. Naismith, father of basketball, will Allen, Ed Elbel, C. B. Russell, be the honored guest.

teams thruout the United States Wherry, and R. M. Kelly. will devote one game to the "Naismith Olympic Fund" with one
CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY 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 tion director at the Denver Y. M. celebrate the event this week at the C. A.

ranged because L. Burdick, who was in Lawrence fencing is not in- after the World war, was one of

on the enthusiasm of the students K. U. now are divided into three grades. When a member first en-

the Indians play the Kirksville

During the week, basketball Dolph Simons, John Brand, Neal

James A. Naismith Was Years Old Yesterday

Dr. James A. Naismith, profes-University of Kansas and inventor basketball rules committee. 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 educa-

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 games as his fellows did-"Indian" in lumber camps; high school two and a the woods as a small boy, duck on the half miles away through sub-zero rock, lacrosse, and in the winter snowweather; games such as other boys shoeing and ice hockey, or rather played; boyish fisticuffs; ambition to shinney. be a minister that turned to physical "I had seven fights with one grade education as a means of helping his school boy," he said. "I licked him the

fellows - these are last time." some of the points Upperclassmen Urge Gym in the early life of James Naismith, who is to be honored basketball to throughout the tion the week of 7-15. Already

to the Olympic games, and provide pils."

them an annuity. 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

Learned Greek by Himself

James Naismith, professor of physical education and fencing instrucof the janitors at K. U. in the early days who had been in the navy and quit school, but later determined to letic club, Brittania Athletic club and In addition to the regular class had done some fencing, challenged finish his course. In the intervening Sherbrooke. in fencing there is the K. U. Fencing there is the K. U. Fencing club which is composed of about 20 members.

one of the pupils, a large, husky time, while he drove the lead team that the turning point came in Dr. Armin Woestemeyer will speak at that the turning point came in Dr. Armin Woestemeyer will speak at the the meeting. of himself, and also spent some time giate tourneys have never been ar- Harold Burdick, son of Dean W. conning over his Latin conjugations.

cluded in the cur- the leading advocates of the sport, up to McGill to matriculate, he found claimed, "Excuse me, Jim; I'm sorry." er, star forward on the K. U. riculum of many Dr. Naismith said, and did a great that his self-study of Greek stood him ing team in these napolis Naval academy fencing credit to the high school principal, schools, he ex- team and was an excellent fencer. P. C. MacGregor, who took special in-

Uncle Aids in Schooling

When the uncle discovered that knew anything about the art of tion. Whereas, the page must have for the ministry, he asked how the guard. young man expected to do it. "Oh, I'll get along someway," he replied. Lawrence-Ottawa game Friday Whereupon the uncle offered to pronight as no home game is scheduled vide the cost of college if Naismith between February 7 to 15. For the would work on the farm in the sum-From February 7 to 15 same reason, Haskell will observe mer. The three years in theological "Naismith Night" Saturday when 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 George Hedrick, Vernon Smith, 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 "honsor of physical education at the orary chairman for life" of the national

As a boy, Naismith played such

His interest in organized athletics came in his first year in McGill. Two juniors came to his room one evening, and warned him he was not getting nough exercise.

"I laughed them off-till they were gone," says Dr. Naismith, "but after Kansas more than 60 they were gone, I gave the matter high schools have some thought, and decided to go to Feb. 7-15. designated the games the gym. I went the next night, seized that are to honor the a pair of Indian clubs and took a place ball by contributing 1 cent a person to covered that he reserved the front WILL a fund to send him and Mrs. Naismith rank for the more proficient of his pu-

> Dr. Naismith played football six years, for there were no eligibility rules then, as now. Members of the team provided their own equipment, PRECEDES "NAISMITH WEEK" and because the medics were busy until dark, the team practiced at 6:30 a.m.

Soccer-Rugby Practice Together Lack of substitutes for both the soc- ing Tuesday noon at the Eldridge cer and the rugby teams made it neces- hotel. The luncheon is sponsored by sary for these teams to practice to- the Chamber of Commerce in adgether, scrimmaging one day at rugby vance of nation-wide "Naismith and the next at soccer. The principal Week" February 7 to 15, during When he realized he was travelling opponents were Toronto, and Queens,

Tournaments are held within the scored a decisive victory over the of thinking on what he was to make Naismith's career. Something went wrong in a football game, and the student, all-American football playguard next him began swearing flu- er and "father of thte Kansas Re-It was well he did, for when he went ently. Suddenly he stopped, and ex- inator of basketball. Woestemey-

"I hadn't said a thing," says Dr. championship teams of 1922 and schools. The ex- deal toward making it popular at in good stead. Dr. Naismith gives much Naismith. "In fact, I was hardly notic- '23, will tell of his association with istence of a fenc- K. U. Burdick had been on the Aning, for I had heard fancier swearing having him as a Lawrence resithan that in the lumber camps. But dent. Dr. Naismith will respond plained, depends | Members of the fencing club at terest in those of his classes who were the incident made me think, and I with a subject not yet announced. preparing for college, meeting them at talked with the Y.M. secretary about extended an invitation to the Fencing first came to the Uni- ters he is known as a page. He may the noon hour and in the evenings. it. He told me of the Springfield luncheon to all residents in the versity of Kansas merely by chance, advance to the rank of a squire and "He was a whiz on grammar," says school, and it was only on earnest ad- community. Reservations should vice of another faculty member that I be made thru the offices of the didn't stop then and turn to the Y.M. J. WOY C.A. I finished my course, but have HOLD "NAISI James was planning a seven-year col- never filled a pastorate. I had a letter one in the department at that time | wear a pin symbolic of that posi- lege course, four for his A.B. and three | just the other day from that former | Lawrence High's Basketball Game

> Dr. Naismith entered the Y.M.C.A. college in 1890, ith Alonzo Stagg, and first school in the United States to they, because of superior preparation, observe "Naismith Night" when a completed the two-year course in a brief program was presented beyear, and Dr. Naismith was put on the Y.M. staff. The following December he night. College and high school devised the game that has made him teams thruout the country will par-

Dr. James Naismith Will Be Honored at Luncheon Tuesday

Dr. James Naismith will be the guest of honor at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon tomorrow at the Hotel Eldridge. The meeting is arranged in advance of "National Naismith Week," February 7 to-15, during which basketball teams all bers of the girls pep organization. over the country will pay honor to the originator of basketball.

Dr. John Outland of Kansas City, former K. U. student and all-American football player, will be the principal speaker tomorrow. A:min Woestemeyer, former star Jayhawker basketball player, will preside and Dr. Naismith will also

The luncheon, beginning at 12:20, World. is open to the public. Advance reservations can be made thru the Chamber of Commerce office.

Inventor of Basketball



Dr. James A. Naismith will be honored by a national "Naismith Week,"

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Dr. James Naismith will be the honored guest at a luncheon meetwhich basketball teams all over the fund to send Dr. and Mrs. Nai-

smith to the Olympics in Germany. Dr. Naismith, Dr. John Outland

Dr. Outland, former University

The Chamber of Commerce has

Produces \$14.98 for Fund

Lawrence high school was the tween halves of the Lawrence-Ottawa basketball game here last ticipate 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 ath-

letic 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 mem-

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-

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