



*Scenes in the Life of a Leader in Physical Education, Great Spirit in the World*

At upper left Dr. Naismith views with interest a recent Kansas basketball game.—In center above he is with his college classmate and life long friend, Amos Alonzo Stagg, when Stagg visited Lawrence in 1932 as referee of the Kansas Relays.—Right above, a Japanese basketball team gathers about him when they made a pilgrimage to his office several years ago while on an American tour.—At lower left is the first University of Kansas basketball team. Members are, first row: left to right—Coe Russell, Raymond Hoyt, and Henry Yahn. Middle row—Hubert Avery, S. C. Emley (deceased), William Sutton, and W. A. (Bill) Hess. Back row—Herb Owens, Royal Henderson, Walter Sutton (deceased), and Dr. James Naismith, coach.—At lower right is Dr. Naismith in college days as a football player. He is in front over the ball with the quarterback behind giving him the signal to snap the ball by pinching his leg, which was the regulation signal in those days. Basketball is not the only Naismith invention. Here he wears a headgear made of several thicknesses of canton flannel. He made it chiefly to protect his ears. From that headgear was developed the modern leather helmet.

## A MASTER SPORTSMAN Has Completed His Assignment

**D**R. JAMES NAISMITH, originator of the game of basketball, died at his campus home Nov. 28 after having been stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage, Nov. 19.

Dr. Naismith had been actively connected with the University's department of athletics since 1898 and was professor emeritus of physical education since he resigned full-time teaching duties in 1937.

The game that he conceived in 1891 at Springfield (Mass.) Y.M.C.A. College has outstripped both baseball and football in number of spectators and in number of participants. It has been adopted by countries which never have been tempted by the attractions of other American sports. Twenty-two na-

tions sent championship basketball teams to the 1936 Olympiad at Berlin, where the games were watched with keen interest by Dr. Naismith himself, who was an honored guest sent by basketball fans throughout the U.S.

Dr. Naismith wrote several books pertaining to physical education and one published in 1918 had the title, "The Basis of Clean Living." Those five words characterized the life ideal of the 78-year old man who spent his life "building character in the hearts of young men."

Dr. James Naismith, was born at Almonte, Ont., Canada, in 1861. In boyhood he determined to be a Presbyterian minister, and after finishing at McGill University obtained his doctor's de-

gree in theology at Presbyterian College, Montreal. He decided, however, that because athletics attract youth, he could do more for souls by working through athletic channels, this despite the fact that athletics and gymnastics were regarded as works of the devil in those days.

He taught physical education at McGill and then went to the Springfield, Ill., "Y" college. In 1895 he went to Denver in charge of the Y.M.C.A.'s physical department and at the same time earned his doctor's degree from the medical school which later became a part of Colorado University. In 1898 he came to Kansas where his service was uninterrupted except for war service. He served as chaplain with the