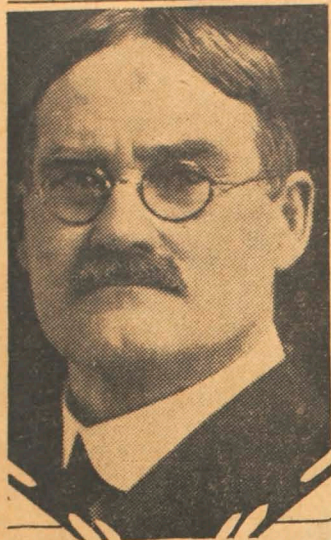


**Celebrates Birthday**



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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.

**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**

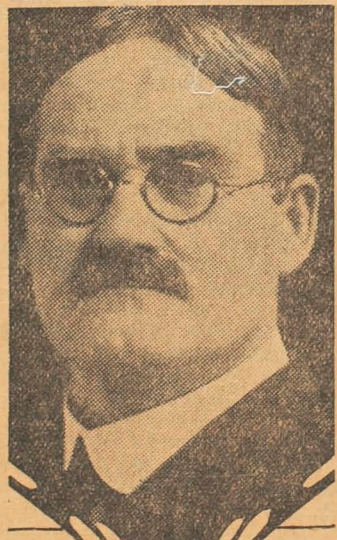
**Invention of Kansan Has Become Popular Sport in Foreign Countries**

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.

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**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.