

# NAISMITH-D'AMBRA TOUR IS CONCLUDED

## The Two Return Home From Motor Trip to East and Canada

Dr. James Naismith, retired University of Kansas physical education professor and the inventor of basketball, and Duke D'Ambra, Lawrence photographer, returned here Saturday evening from a 5,000-mile motor trip thru eastern United States and Canada.

The trip began June 7 when Dr. Naismith, D'Ambra and two K. U. students, Dan Rhule and Mike Sihlanick, left for Pennsylvania. The two students live near Pittsburgh and so got off there.

It was a leisurely sort of trip and Dr. Naismith's aim was to see the sights, visit relatives and in general to have a pleasurable vacation jaunt. During the entire trip he managed to keep fairly free from newspaper interviews and autograph seekers. He granted interviews to the North Bay Nugget, and to a writer from the Toronto Star.

After leaving Pittsburgh the men went to Springfield, Mass., where Dr. Naismith attended commencement exercises at the Y. M. C. A. college there. The father of basketball is a graduate of the school and is now a trustee. Four days were spent there and then the trippers went into Canada, stopping first at Montreal, the location of McGill University, from which Dr. Naismith also holds a degree.

At McGill, Dr. Naismith visited the campus and met some of his classmates.

Leaving Montreal the men stopped at Alimonte, Dr. Naismith's birthplace. Here he saw the house in which he was born, still standing and in good condition. Near Alimonte is a lake with the unique studio of Robert Tate McKenzie, the famous sculptor in the center of it. McKenzie, a retired University of Pennsylvania professor, attended classes with Naismith at McGill and the two men had a long visit.

On White Lake, near Arnprior, Dr. Naismith and D'Ambra did their first fishing and in a manner entirely foreign to their experience. They used a 300 foot copper wire line on the end of which an unbaited spoon-hook was attached. The pike and trout liked it, tho, and they caught a mess of fish.

More fishing was done on Trout lake near Renfrew and in the five days spent here Dr. Naismith caught all the fish his party was allowed. D'Ambra and Dr. Naismith's cousin also named James Naismith, were unable to get a nibble.

In North Bay Dr. Naismith arranged to meet Dr. Allen Dafoe at Callander, the home of the Dionne quintuplets, eight miles away.

For about 45 minutes the two men conferred, and D'Ambra took a photo of them shaking hands on the steps of Dafoe's office.

Naismith and D'Ambra saw the quintuplets just as any other visitor does—thru a glass window. The little girls, they were amazed to find, have chestnut colored hair instead of black hair. Dr. Dafoe reported that the increasing number of tourists is a problem and at the peak of the summer he estimated that about 5,000 persons would see the girls each day. The road leading to the nursery are lined with cabins and concessions and in spite of this there is not room to accommodate all the visitors, the men report.

In Toronto Dr. Naismith was the honored guest at a Y. M. C. A. banquet.

At Sarnia, just across the international boundary from Port Huron, the Lawrence men found Ormond Beach and Milo Clawson, two former stars of K. U. football. They are working for the Imperial Oil company and play on the Imperial Oil rugby team. Beach, a great football player in his days here, continues to ride in glory in Canada as a rugby player. For the past three years he has been named on the all-Canada team and around

Dropping south thru the United States the men stopped at South Bend for a tour of the Notre Dame campus and then on to St. Louis where Dr. Naismith visited his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Dodd. Leslie Dodd, a K. U. grad, was the engineer in charge of construction of Memorial stadium and new Snow hall.

Leaving St. Louis they went into the Arkansas Ozark region, visiting at Lake Lucerne, Eureka Springs and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.



Dr. James Naismith