More Contributions to Naismith Fund Arrive

Dr. Forrest C. Allen has just received a report from Ted Carpenter, of Marquette University, representative of the Naismith committee, showing final contributions to the fund which basketball players were raised to send the inventor of the game to Berlin.

Additional contributions of the last few weeks, amounting to approximately $32,900, have been added to the fund. Dr. James Naismith was raised to $4,794.66. Seventeen states had a part in raising this fund, ranging from the $200 of Vermont down to smaller sums. Office costs in Kansas were $49.60, while in Illinois, where $267.75 was collected, office costs were $58.31. The list goes on for Ohio contributed between $300 and $400 each; others gave larger sums.

Attached to the financial report was a copy of Dr. Naismith’s letter, written on shipboard as he was nearing port. It expressed appreciation, and carrying the assurance that he was planning his trip home with an idea of furthering the interests of the game in countries he was about to visit.

NAISMITH IS GUEST

Inventor of Basketball is Speaker at Co-Op Club Meeting

Dr. James Naismith was the honored guest of the Co-operative club at their meeting last night at the Hotel Elsinore.

After he was introduced to the club by Dr. Forrest Allen, Dr. Naismith told the group that he had been invited by members of the trip to the Olympic Games at Berlin. Dr. Naismith spent three months in Europe, traveling alone and studying conditions, and avoiding the sight seeing trips planned for travelers.

Dr. Naismith visited Glasgow, Scotland, first, that being the home of his father. He found there that practically nothing was being done for the development of basketball in the country. Going from Scotland to Germany he found things vastly different. Germany starts the boys at 10, where $474.00 was paid for each winning and every boy in the country is being given some kind of training, which develops at a certain age into a big professional sport.

During the Olympic Games being the high spot of the trip, Dr. Naismith dwelt at length on the conditions that took place. He stated that, of course, Glenn Cunningham’s race was the most interesting to him.

NAISMITH HOME

Highly pleased with the way basketball made its showing in Olympic competition, and with the reception given him by the basketball teams from 21 nations, Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game, returned to Lawrence late last night.

Dr. Naismith attended the Olympic Games as the guest of the American basketball fans, who last February observed “Naismitth nights,” and raised and a fund of several thousand dollars for his use.

Dr. Naismith was honored while in Berlin by being elected honorary president of the International Federation of Basketball Leagues.