Naismith
Comes Back
From East

Inventor of Basketball
Visits Massachusetts
And ‘Quints’; D’Ambra
Accompanies Him

Dr. James Naismith, retiring profes-
sor of physical education at the
University, and internationally known
as the inventor of the game of bas-
ketball, returned late Saturday from
a month’s vacation in the East. He
and Duke D’Ambra, Lawrence pho-
tographer, made the trip by motor-
car, visiting among other places, New
York, Springfield, Mass., and C alkal-
endar, Ontario, home of the quintuplets.

Doctor Naismith’s comment was
modest. “I had a very pleasant trip,
and met many old friends,” he said.

But D’Ambra expressed the case
more in detail. “Business about sus-
pended in Springfield when Dr. Na-
smith arrived,” said the Duke.

“Everywhere the Doctor went, he
was greeted by friends; every door was
open to him. It was easy to see how
proud Y.M.C.A. college at Spring-
field is of the fame brought to it by
this invention.” Doctor Naismith was
an instructor there when he invented
the game 45 years ago.

Visits Quintuplets
Cutting across southern Canada, the
travellers stopped at Callendar to
see the quintuplets.

“I was happy to have an interview
with Doctor Naismith, and to see the fa-
fous little girls,” said Dr. Naismith.

“He was a Toronto (University) man,
and I am from McGill, so that gave us
something to talk about.”

Duke came in with some added in-
formation:

“Doctor Naismith must have liked
Doctor Naismith. The usual time he
gives for interviews is 12 to 15 min-
utes; he talked with Doctor Naismith
for 43. I don’t believe they spent all
their time talking about college,
either, for I understand the quint
doctor told him a lot about them that
doesn’t go to the general public.”

Dr. Naismith expects to spend part
of the summer at Dallas, Tex., visit-
ing at the home of his son, James
Naismith.”