

WILL ERECT MEMORIAL TO BASKETBALL

Will Be Built at Springfield, Mass., on Site of First Basketball Game in 1891

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—The Naismith Memorial committee has just announced that with the addition of Aztec High School of Aztec, New Mexico, latest team to designate one of its regularly scheduled home basketball games as a Golden Ball game (the receipts to go to the fund which will be used to build a Temple of Basketball in honor of Dr. Naismith) everyone of the 48 states is now represented in the Golden Jubilee of Basketball Campaign.

Aztec high school brings the number of Golden Ball Games near the 1,100 mark. From Maine to Florida and from New York to California, high schools, colleges, professional and amateur club teams have enlisted wholeheartedly in the nation-wide effort to commemorate the name of the inventor of the game. Institutions that do not have teams have gone on record as being willing to contribute to the fund, while those with teams have offered in many cases all or part of the receipts of their Golden Ball Games, in the interests of the Temple of Basketball.

This edifice which will rise near the site of the first basketball game ever played, namely that arranged by Dr. Naismith in 1891, will house a museum and hall of fame. There will be kept the records of past, present and future cage teams, and there too each year will be enshrined the All-America quintets chosen by officially appointed authorities. The Temple of Basketball will serve to give substance to the ideals and traditions of the pastime which in 50 years has swept around the world, and today is played by the youth of 52 nations.

Among the attractive contest, all of which are links in the chain of Golden Ball Games striding the country, are: Army-Navy, Pennsylvania-Cornell, New York U.-Lehigh, Fordham-Columbia, Duke-V. P. L., Cornell-Dartmouth, N. Carolina-Washington & Lee, Tenn.-Alabama, Notre Dame-Washington U., Long Island U. - Springfield, Dartmouth - Army, Iowa-Minnesota, Drake-Oklahoma A. & M., Kentucky-Washington & Lee. In addition hundreds of high school quintets have registered games with the Naismith Memorial Committee in Springfield, Mass.

Cooperstown, New York, site of Baseball's Halls of Fame, has declared it will support the drive for a Basketball Hall of Fame, announcing that its high school team has designated one of its home games as a Golden Ball Game.

Morris Harvey College of Charleston, West Virginia, not only registered a Golden Ball Game, but stated that the game would be played under special conditions, virtually unprecedented in intercollegiate basketball. The game, with West Virginia Tech, will not be played according to the regular time arrangements, but will be won by the team that scores 50 points first.

The Golden Jubilee campaign while originally intended for this country only, has developed so rapidly it now embraces Canada, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Until the outbreak of war between Japan and the United

FATHER OF BASKETBALL



Dr. James Naismith, who invented the game in 1891, is being honored this year by a Golden Jubilee campaign which will see thousands of basketball teams playing Golden Ball Games for the purpose of erecting a Temple of Basketball at Springfield, Mass.—site of the first game. The Temple of Basketball will house a Hall of Fame and an historical museum. In its archives will be preserved the records and data of the sport.

States, plans were under way to include in the Golden Ball category more than one thousand basketball teams in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Canadian teams have pledged their complete co-operation in the campaign, on the one condition that all money realized from Golden Ball games be retained in Canada where it will be converted into War Savings

contributions, and turn the same over to the Naismith fund.

Goal of the Naismith executive committee is 5,000 Golden Ball games. With the campaign little more than two months old, and close to 1,100 games already registered, there is every reason to expect that the mark will be reached in the next six weeks.

GOOD FIGHT BILL

OMAHA—The middle-west's fight-hungry boxing fans, deprived of action these many months, are going to get a triple treat Thursday, January 29.

They'll get to see, on the same program at the Omaha auditorium, the nation's No. 2 heavyweight challenger, Lem Franklin, plus the finals in the City Recreation Golden Gloves qualifying tournament.

As a third feature, fans will have an opportunity to lend a hand to the president's "fight infantile paralysis" campaign. All persons participating financially will donate generous "cuts" to the paralysis fund. This means every fan who buys a ticket will be helping.

In the 10-round feature, Franklin

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ing Certificates, and transferred to the Naismith Memorial committee after the war is over.

The Insular Basketball Federation of Puerto Rico has passed a resolution calling for an outright contribution to the Naismith Memorial fund of not less than \$300, and is undertaking an Antillian Basketball tournament with Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Curacao, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico participating, to raise additional money for the Naismith memorial.

Coaches and officials have not only co-operated willingly with the Naismith committee in the matter of Golden Ball games, but many of their organizations have decided to raise a separate fund by individual contri-

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