

Four States Rank High In School System

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Professional educators today gave high marks to four states—California, Illinois, New Jersey and Washington—for passing their test of a good public school system.

The judgment was made by the National Education Association in "Ranking of the States, 1963," a booklet measuring the nation's educational fitness 90 different ways.

The NEA cautioned that statistics can be misleading, but sug-

gested that states ranking in the top 25 per cent of the nation in these categories "could probably be considered among the better state school systems."

—Percentage of eighth-graders in 1958 who finished high school in 1962.

—The amount a state spends on each pupil.

—Average teacher salary.

—Proportion of teachers holding a bachelor's degree.

Of states in the top one-fourth of the nation, New Jersey scored in all four categories, and California, Illinois and Washington in three.

Individually, Wisconsin ranked tops in keeping 92.3 per cent of its eighth-graders until high school graduation.

Georgia was lowest with 51.8 per cent.

New York state spent the most on each public school pupil—\$645.

Mississippi spent the least—\$312. The national average in 1962-63 was \$432.

California pays its classroom teachers the most—an average of \$7,050—while the lowest average salary of \$3,610 is in Mississippi. The national average is \$5,735.

In elementary schools, 99.7 per cent of Oklahoma's teachers hold bachelor's degrees, but in North Dakota, they account for only 16.7 per cent of the teachers. In secondary schools, all the teachers in Arizona, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming hold bachelor's degrees. Arkansas was least with 81.6 per cent.

The NEA report confirmed burgeoning public school enrollments across the land. The 40,007,912 pupils enrolled during the 1962-63 school year represented a 4.6 per cent increase in the past decade.

State Traffic Toll Is Pushed To 146

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Indiana's 1963 traffic death count was pushed to 146 Wednesday, two more than the 144 recorded this time last year.

Police reported the Sunday death of Elmer Benge, 28, Thayer, of injuries suffered Saturday when he lost control of his car on a patch of ice on Indiana 10, and rammed into a tree.

His death raised the weekend toll to at least 13.



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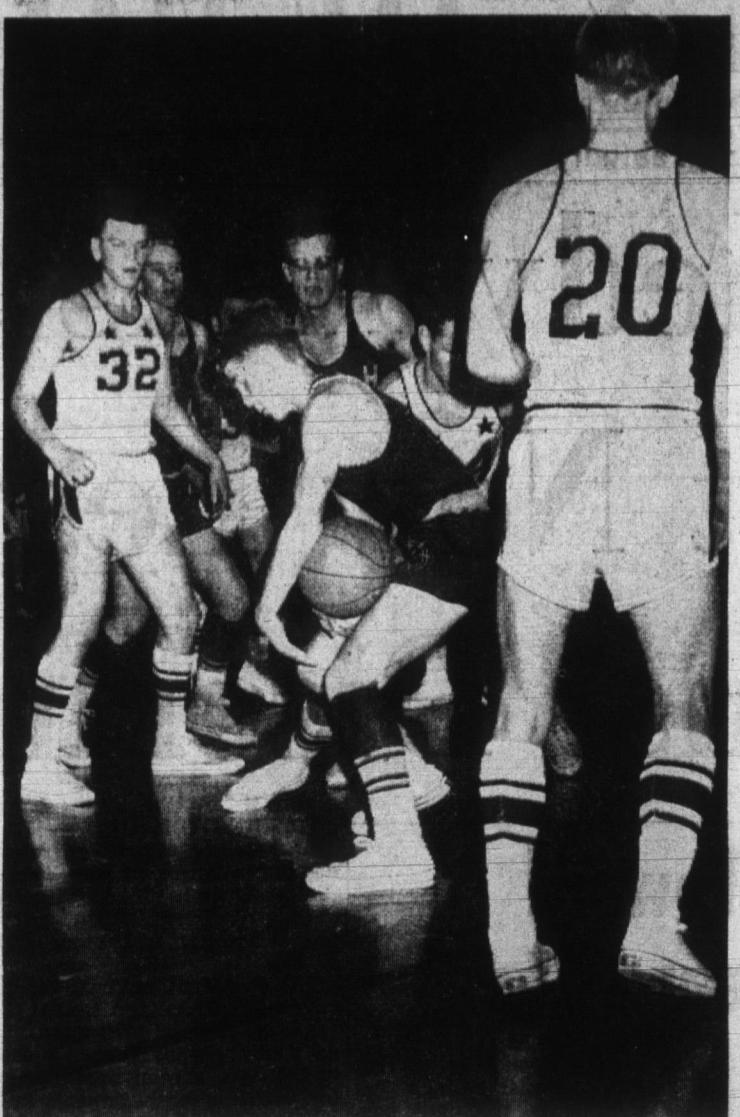
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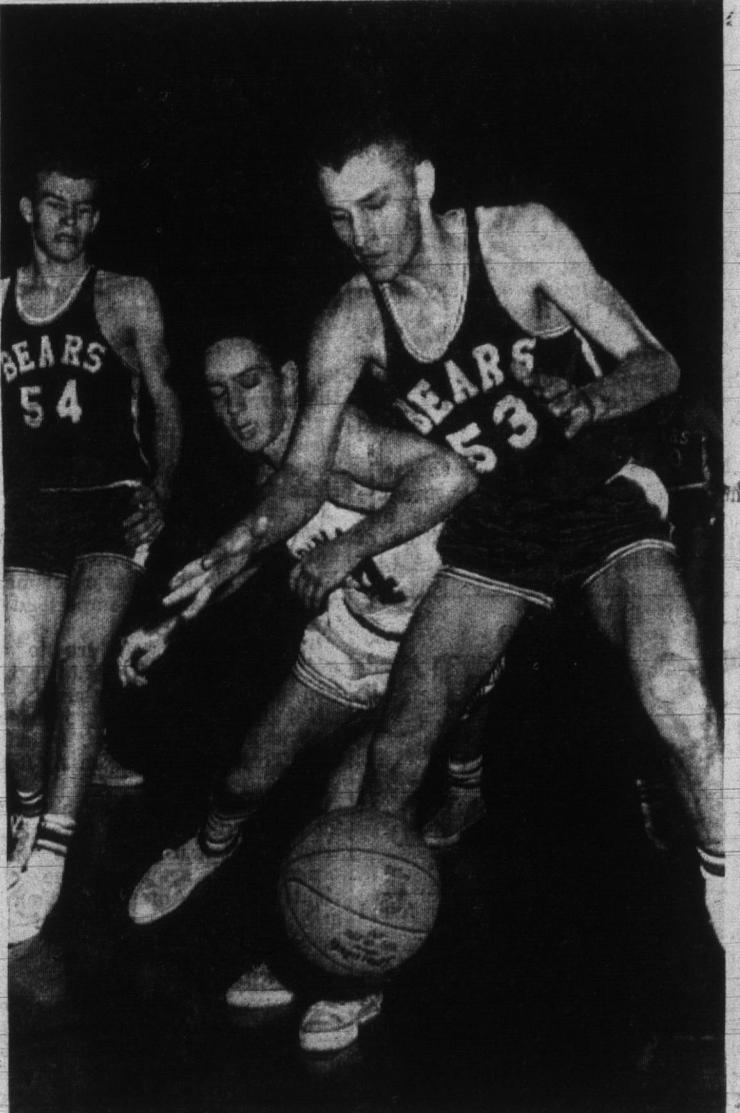
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TUCK IT AWAY LARRY—Commodore guard Larry Gase looks to be ready for a line plunge in first period action of the game won by the Decatur Commodores. While Gase gathers up the ball, Rex Funk (32), Terry Myers, Mike Baker, Gary Clouse (behind Gase) and Dave Currie (20) look on. Clouse tied Gase up for a jump ball.—(Photo by MacLean)



IS IT ROUND OR ISN'T IT?—Jerry Fosnaugh (54) and Erv Inniger (53) of Berne, appear to be checking if that bouncing object is round, while Geneva's Jerry Buckingham appears only to want to grab the object. The action occurred in the fourth quarter of the Bears' triumph over the Cardinals, and oddly enough a roll was whistled on Inniger on the play.—(Photo by MacLean)

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Proposes Capital Streets Patroled

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Texas congressman proposed Wednesday that U.S. Marines patrol the streets of the nation's capital "until crime is atated."

The bill was introduced by Rep. Omar Burleson, D-Tex., chairman of the House Administration Committee. "It's a pretty drastic step," I'll admit," Burleson said, "but it's needed."

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The Adams county home demonstration chorus will meet in the Farm Bureau building at Monroe, Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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