

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-

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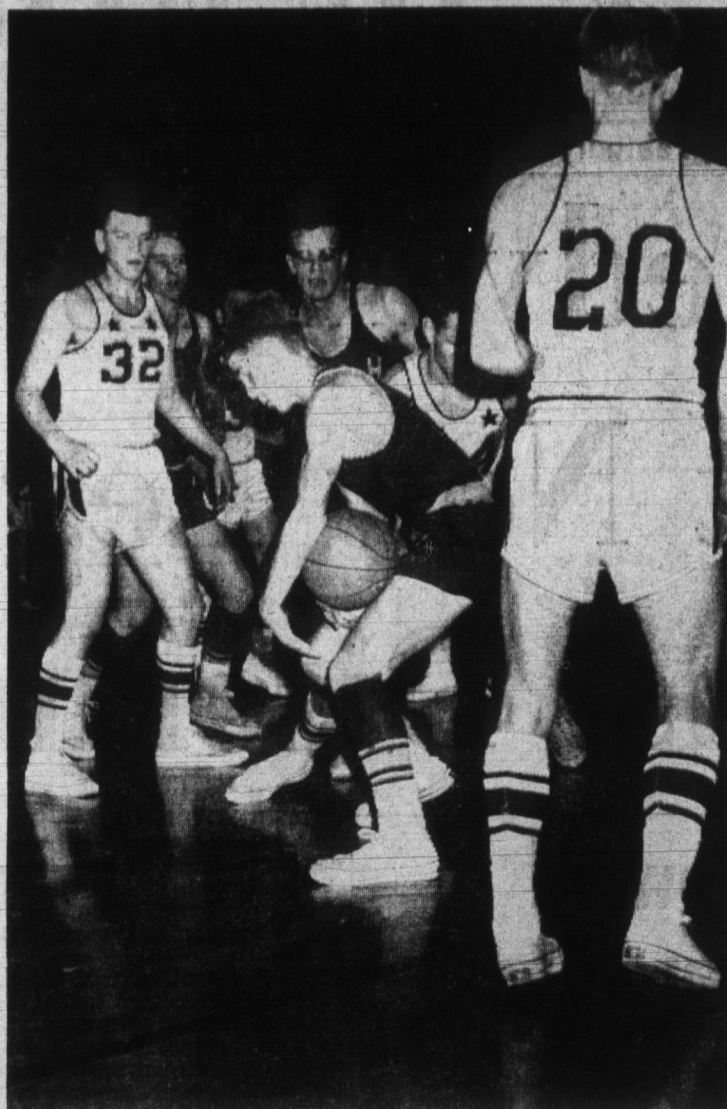
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TUCK IT AWAY LARRY—Commodore guard Larry Gase looks to be ready for a line plunge in first period action of the game won by the Decatur Commodores. While Gase gathers up the ball, Rex Funk (32), Terry Myers, Mike Baker, Gary Clouse (behind Gase) and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

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Society

JAN.-FEB. MEETING FOR JOLLY HOUSEWIVES

The Jolly Housewives home demonstration club held a combined January and February meeting Tuesday evening in the Pleasant Mills school. The meeting was opened by the group singing the song of the month, "The Old Oaken Bucket," preceded by the reading of its history by Loretta McCullough. The club creed was repeated, followed by devotion by Ethel Mann. Roll call was answered by the thirty members present, telling "A habit I want to break," and "My birthplace."

The lesson, "Recreation for the bedfast," given by Bernice Chapman and Gloria Bowen, offered a variety of examples for entertaining the bedfast of all age groups. The members agreed to give a donation to the international farm youth enterprise and the heart fund. Irma Mailand gave the health and safety lesson on fires, stressing the importance of prevention. Della Johnson and Zula Holloway enacted an entertaining skit, entitled, "Which America," during the citizenship lesson. Doris McDermott, Metha Hilpert, Esther Ehrsam, Loretta McCullough, and Bertha Bowen received birthday gifts from their cheer sisters. A game was played and prizes awarded during the social hour. Della Johnson won in the cake raffish.

A delicious lunch was served by the combined hostesses for January and February, Dessie Johnson, Clara Hindenlong, Loretta McCullough, Nellie Jackson, Ethel Mann, Kathryn Bauman, Bertha McMichael and Bessie Koos.

Mrs. Edwin Hagan will be hostess to the Literature department of the Decatur Woman's club Monday at 7:45 p.m.

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

The Dramatic department of the Decatur Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. August Kelly, 614 Washington St., Monday at 8 p.m.

The Mary circle of the Decatur U. B. church will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Dorothy Alger.

Tuesday evening, after church, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia will meet in the C. L. of C. hall.

At 6:30 p.m. in the Community center, the 39ers will have a carry-in dinner Tuesday.

It is ROUND OR ISN'T IT?—Jerry Fosnough (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 foul was whistled on Inniger on the play.—(Photo by MacLean)

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