

First High School Tournaments

The first high school basketball tournament was held in Iowa City in 1912. It was an invitational meet sponsored by the University of Iowa in which the Iowa High School Athletic Board selected the four teams that had "shown the best form" during the season. The outcome proved the teams (Ottumwa, Sioux City, Grundy Center, and Wilton Junction) had been well selected and deserved to compete for the championship. The 1912 basketball record compiled before Ottumwa entered the tournament indicates a strong team.

| <i>Date</i> | | <i>Ottumwa</i> | <i>Oppo- nents</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 5 | Penn Academy at Oskaloosa | 40 | 23 |
| Jan. 13 | Fairfield at Ottumwa | 52 | 15 |
| Jan. 21 | Parsons Reserves at Ottumwa | 61 | 9 |
| Jan. 27 | Muscatine at Ottumwa | 25 | 27 |
| Jan. 30 | Ottumwa YMCA at Ottumwa | 25 | 30 |
| Feb. 2 | Oskaloosa at Ottumwa | 49 | 3 |
| Feb. 9 | Fairfield at Fairfield | 24 | 15 |
| Feb. 16 | Muscatine at Muscatine | 34 | 29 |
| Feb. 17 | Grinnell at Ottumwa | 29 | 15 |
| Mar. 8 | Iowa U. Freshmen at Ottumwa | 45 | 31 |
| Mar. 27 | Fort Morgan, Colo, at Ottumwa | 50 | 11 |
| | | — | — |
| | Total | 434 | 208 |

The other three teams had compiled equally im-

pressive records. Sioux City had been a power in northwestern Iowa for almost a decade, and had played the best teams in adjoining states. Grundy Center was the pick of north-central Iowa high school teams, while Wilton Junction (a school that had battled powerful Davenport for several years on equal terms) was just concluding its best season.

1912 Tournament

The first Iowa high school basketball tournament opened with Ottumwa playing Wilton Junction. Wilton had the smallest tournament team, but they were like "chain lightning" when it came to speed. Throughout the game the Wilton boys "fought like fiends to overcome their handicaps" with a result that the crowd, "recognizing and admiring their pluck, cheered them heartily and often." Bannick scored 20 out of 31 points for Wilton Junction, which all agreed was remarkable. Unfortunately for Wilton, every man on the Ottumwa five was a star, and the game ended in an Ottumwa victory — 40-31. Sioux City had an easier time "wiping out" Grundy Center by a score of 41-21.

The consolation game on Saturday was a thriller, with Grundy Center finally overcoming the Wilton "midgets" 40-37. Ticktin amassed five field goals for Wilton, while Captain Hasbrook proved the decisive factor for Grundy Center by

throwing baskets in "phenomenal form" — nine baskets and eight free throws for a total of 26 points.

In the championship contest, forward John Nevin was the big factor for the victorious Ottumwa quintet. Whenever Sioux City threatened, Nevin repulsed their onslaught by throwing a goal in "spectacular fashion." Ottumwa guarding was superb and greatly outshone Sioux City. The final score — 38-31 — represented a great team victory for Ottumwa.

The first All-State team was picked by Manager N. A. Kellogg of the University of Iowa.

| <i>First Team</i> | | <i>Second Team</i> | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Nevin, Ottumwa | F | Schafer, Ottumwa | |
| Hasbrook, Grundy Center | F | Shull, Sioux City | |
| Whittle, West Waterloo | C | Lester, Ottumwa | |
| Wormhoudt, Ottumwa | G | Lodwick, Ottumwa | |
| Aldrich, Sioux City | G | Ticktin, Wilton | |

No sooner was the first state tournament over than Ottumwa accepted an invitation to play at the Tri-State Tournament at Omaha the following week end. The results of this tournament showed the best teams in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska were evenly matched: Omaha beat Kansas City 35-33; Kansas City vanquished Ottumwa 39-28; and Ottumwa humbled Omaha 39-35.

1913 Tournament

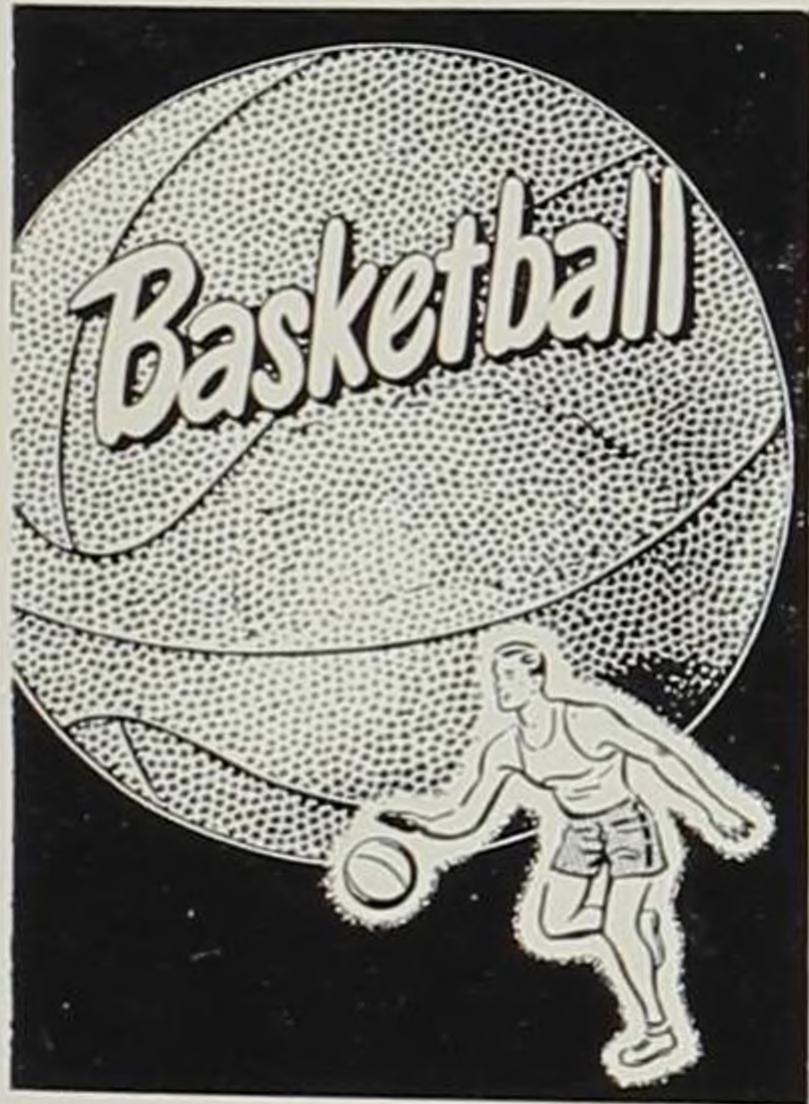
In 1913 the Iowa High School Athletic Board selected eight teams to play in the state tourna-

ment. A committee of three — Principal George E. Marshall of Davenport, Superintendent Eugene Henely of Grinnell, and Principal W. H. Blakely of Fort Dodge — met in Room 31 of the Burkley Imperial in Iowa City to choose eight teams out of the thirty-three that had battled hard all winter for the coveted honor. From a set of records and statistics “four miles high” the committee finally selected Clinton, Charles City, Corning, Davenport, Fort Dodge, Jefferson, Ottumwa, and Sioux City.

The four finalists won their positions in convincing fashion:

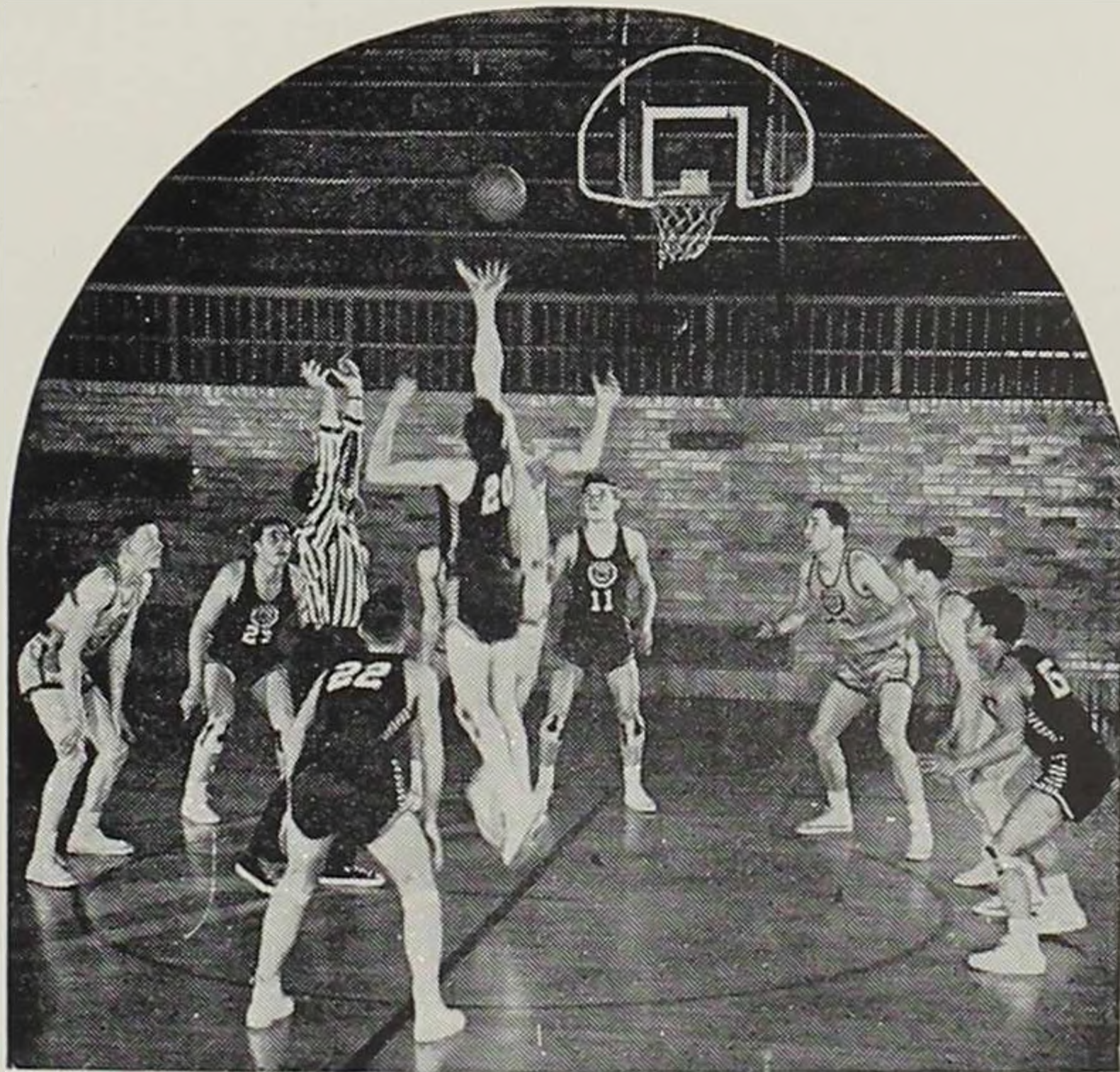
| <i>First Round</i> | | | | <i>Second Round</i> | | | |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----|---------------------|----|------------|----|
| Davenport | 30 | Jefferson | 11 | Davenport | 41 | Ottumwa | 34 |
| Ottumwa | 54 | Charles City | 14 | Sioux City | 45 | Fort Dodge | 15 |
| Sioux City | 25 | Clinton | 18 | | | | |
| Fort Dodge | 30 | Corning | 22 | | | | |

Ottumwa easily disposed of Fort Dodge in the consolation match, taking the curtain-raiser 35-15. The stage was now cleared for the championship, with Davenport facing a considerably larger Sioux City team. Sioux City led momentarily 7-4, but five free throws in a row by Rhodes kept Davenport from being demoralized until Allen and Hanssen began finding the basket. Thereafter, Davenport was never headed, winning easily 34-18. Manager N. A. Kellogg of the University of Iowa basketball team refereed all games, and Captain Hanson of the University baseball team umpired.



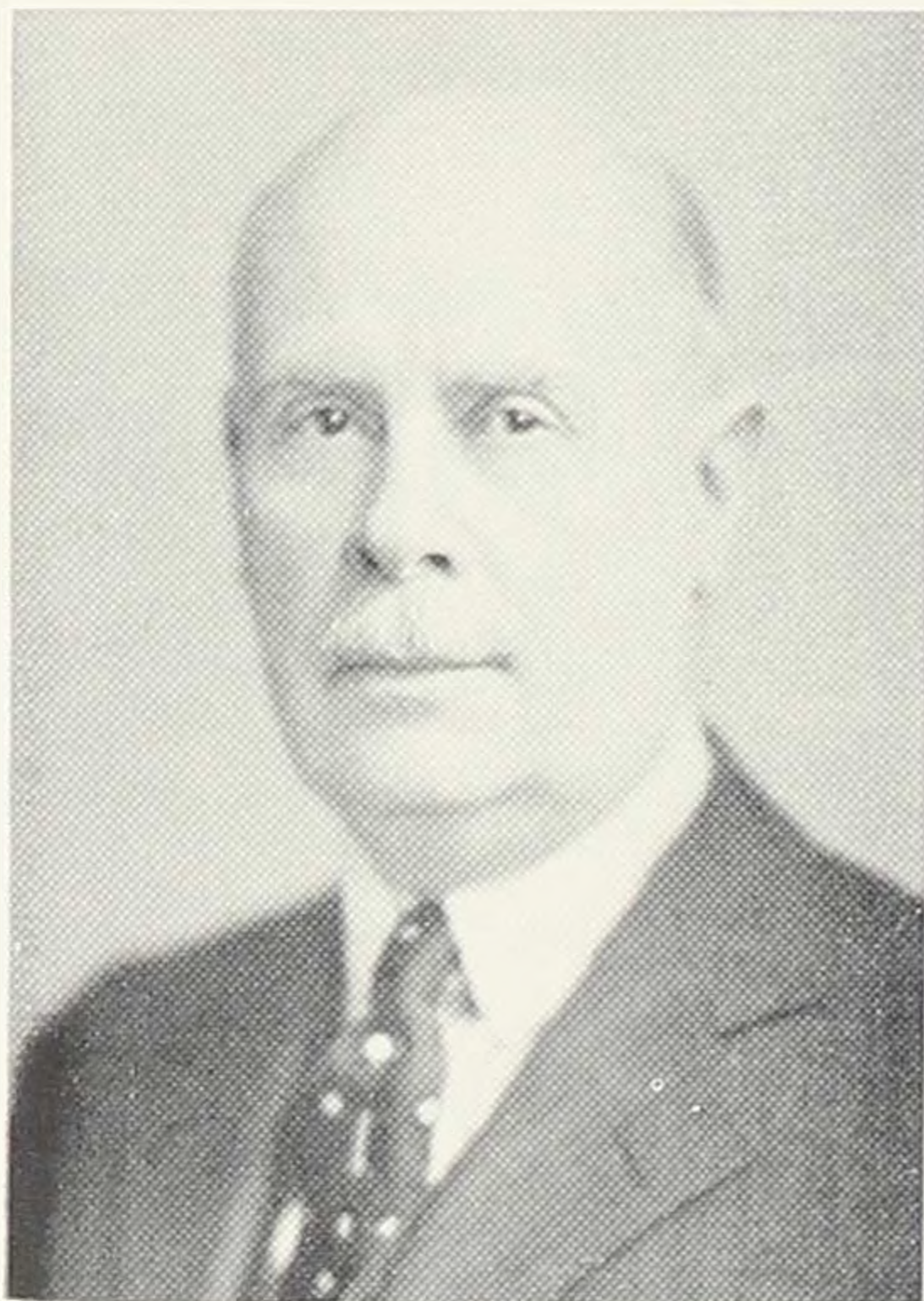
Action
Drama
Team Work
School Spirit
Sportsmanship
Skill

*Basketball is a friendly athletic contest; not a matter of
life and death for player, coach, school, fan,
state, or nation.*



A Tense Moment: Jump Ball

BOARD MEMBERS



GEORGE EDWARD MARSHALL
(Deceased)
Sioux City-Davenport
Board Member 23 Years

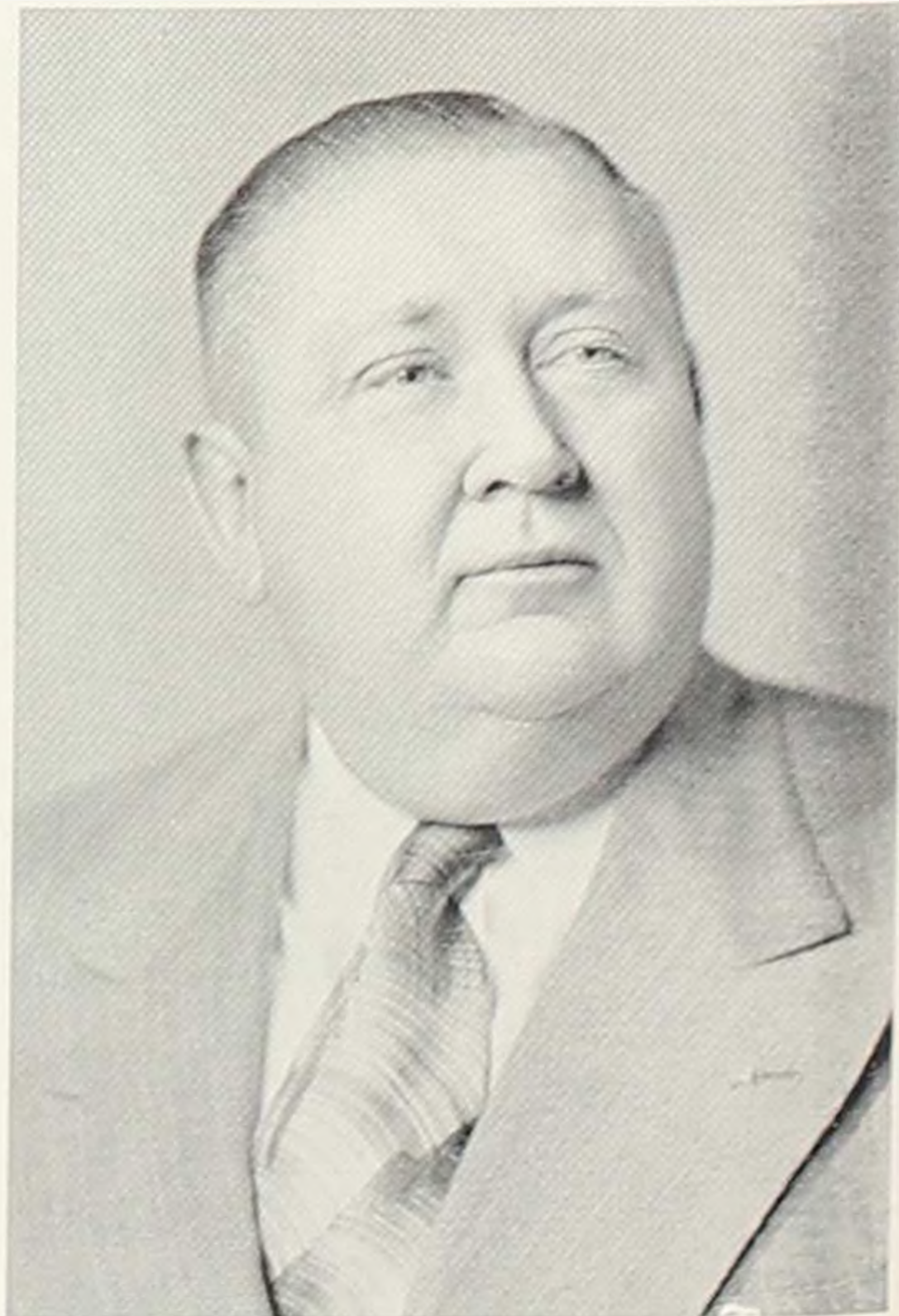


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Chairman

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Des Moines, 1927-1941

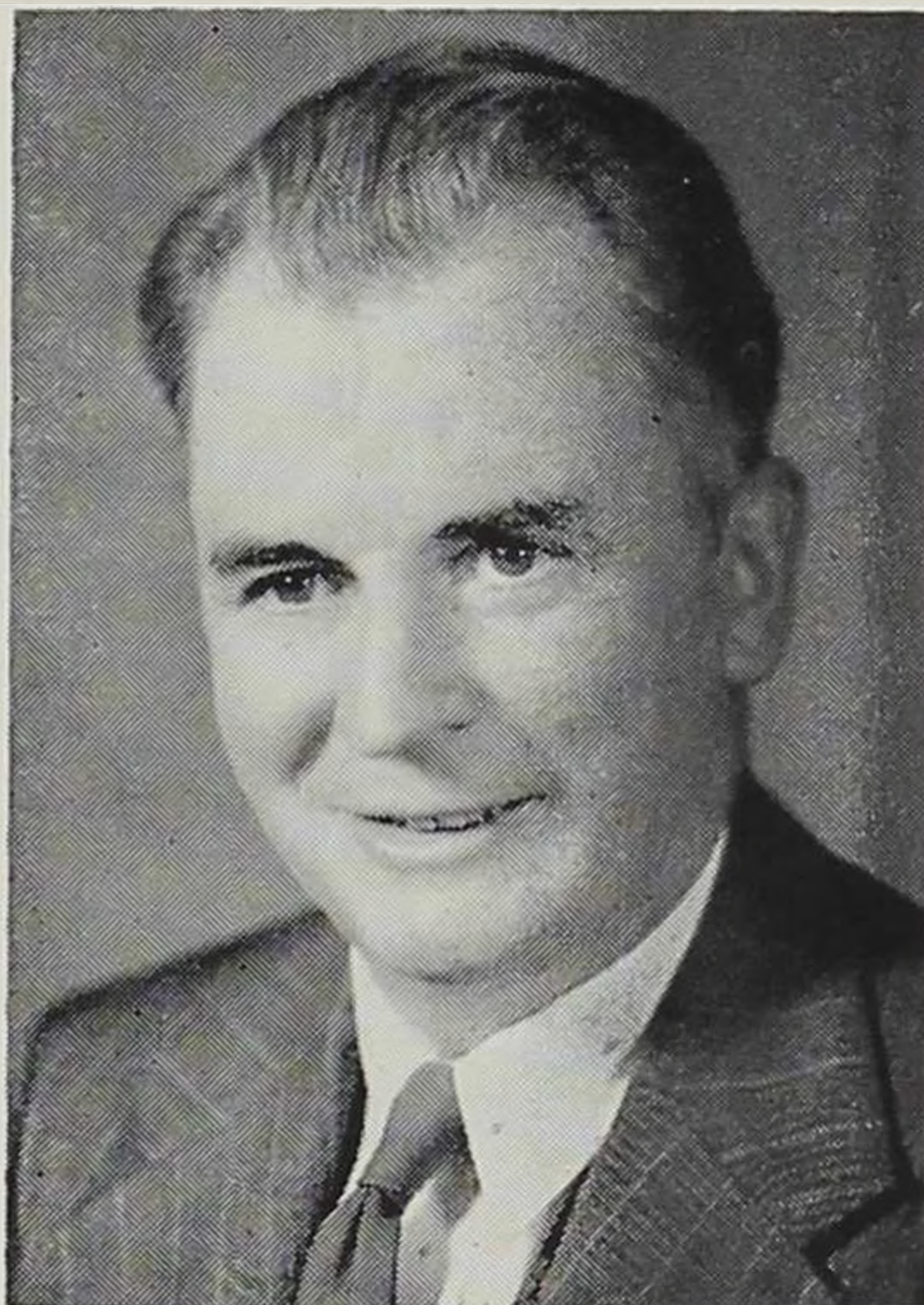


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BOARD MEMBERS — 1952-1953



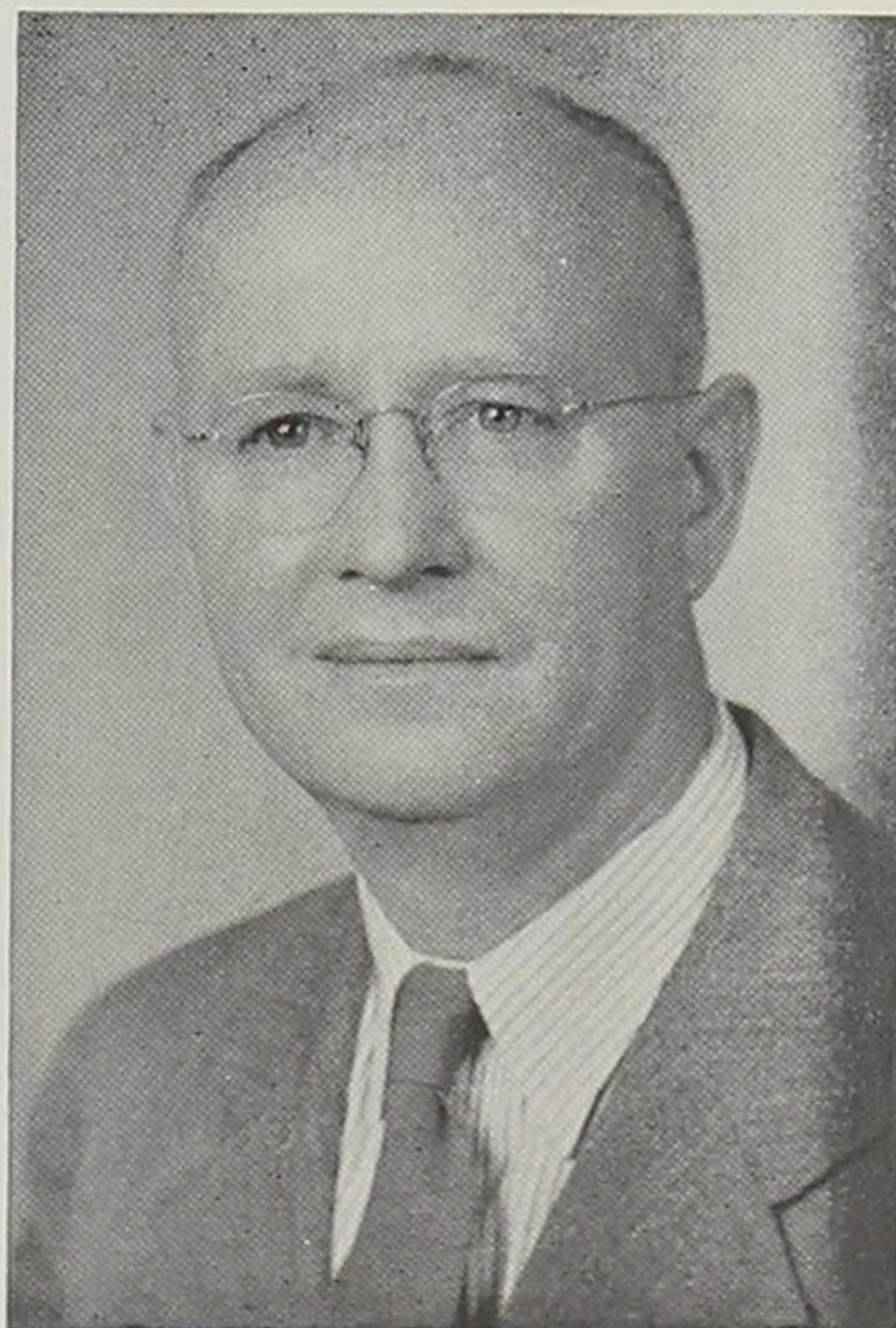
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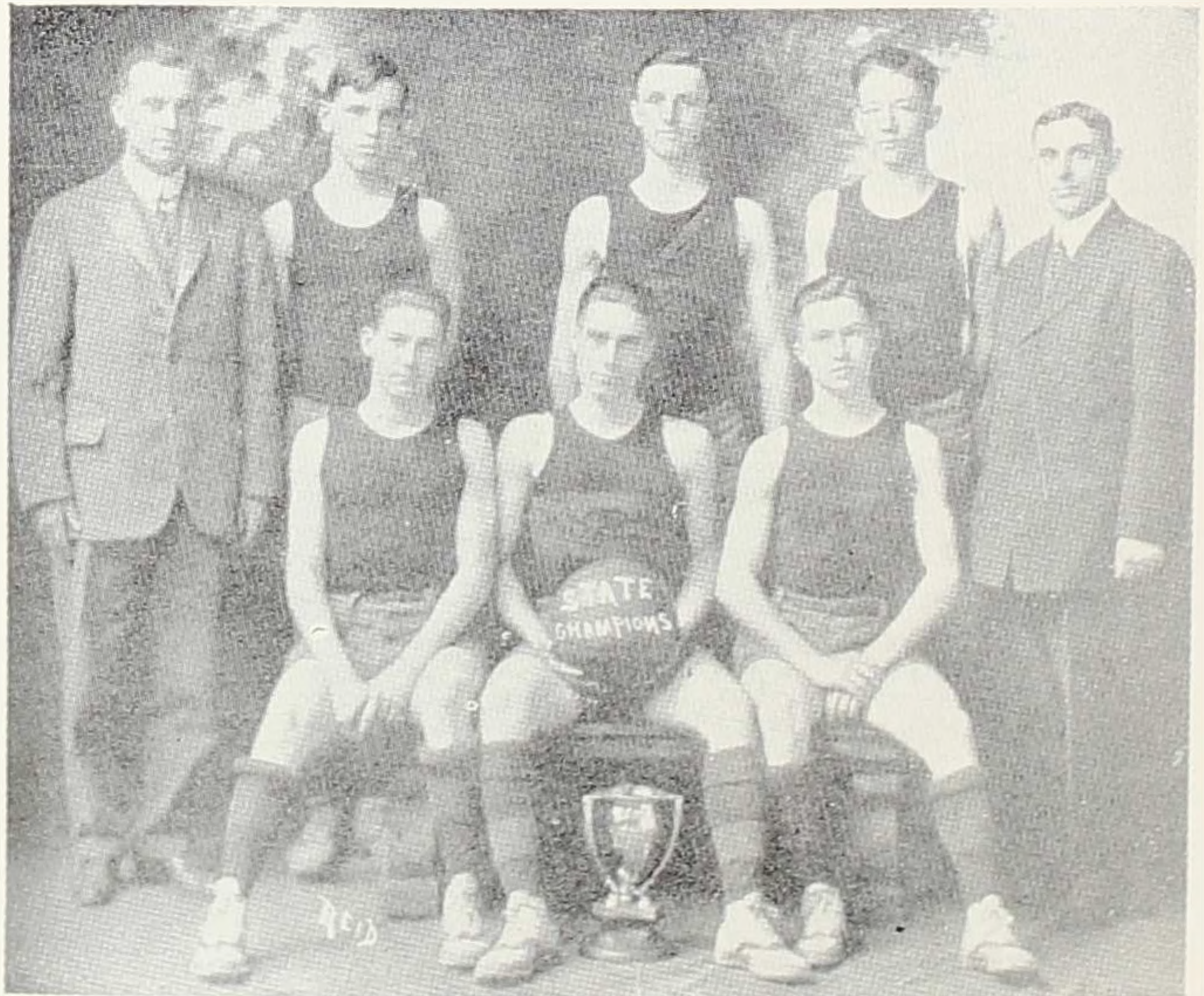


R. E. CREEL
Cherokee
Board Member

TWO EARLY STATE CHAMPIONS

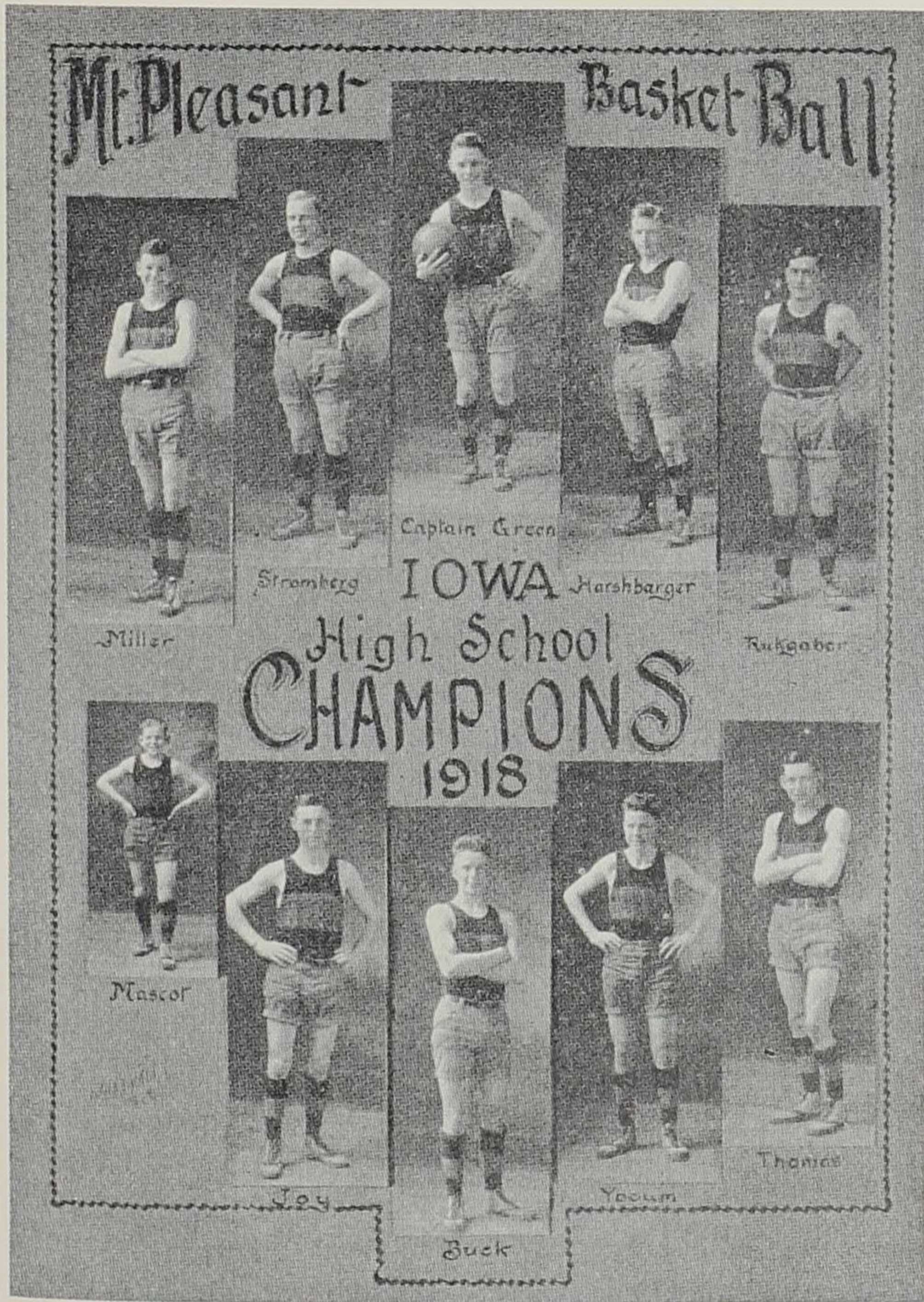


Ottumwa High School — 1912



Cedar Rapids High — 1914

FIRST TWO STRAIGHT CHAMPIONS

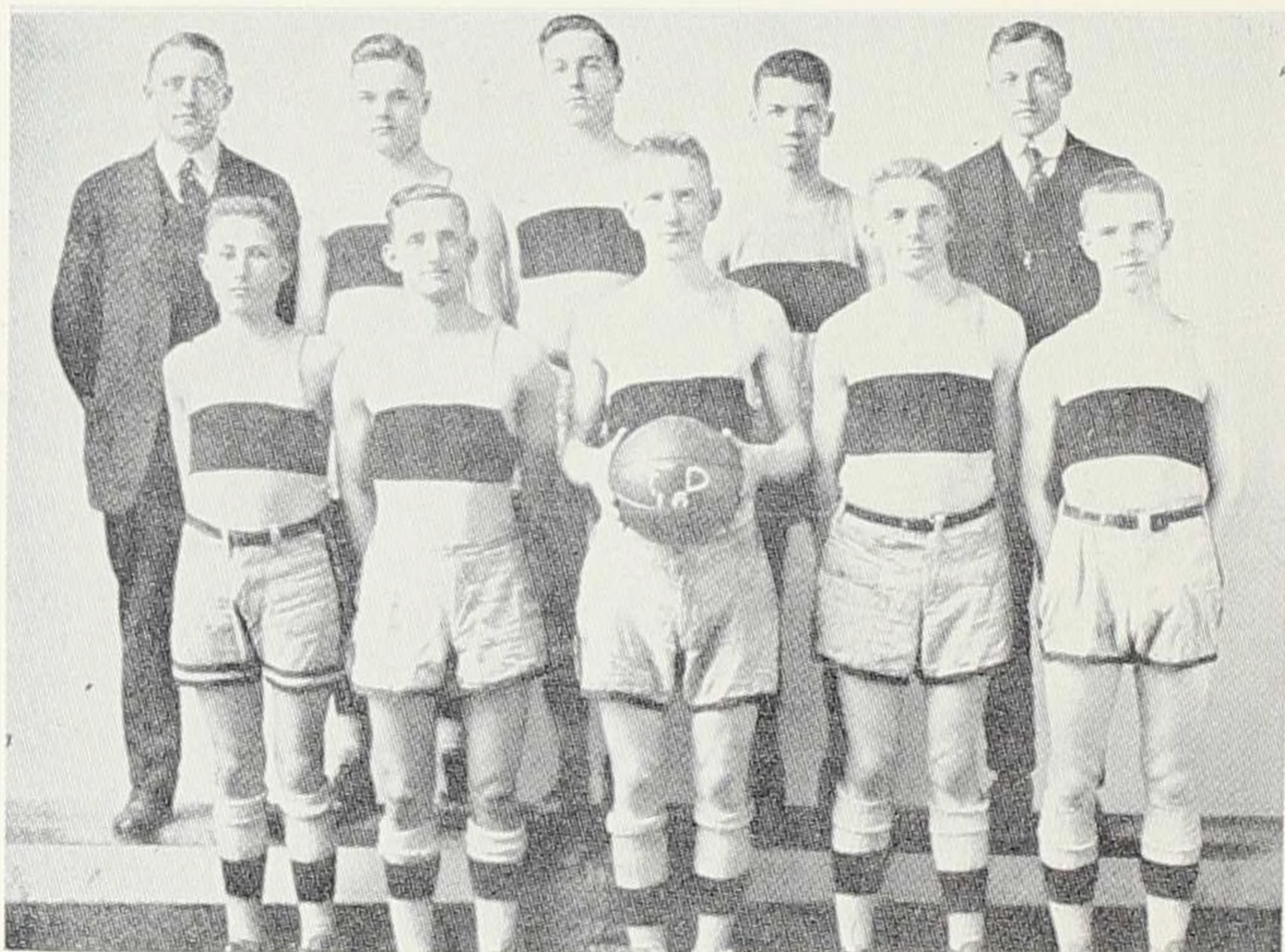


Mount Pleasant — 1918

A Word of Appreciation to Our Business Men: The business men of Mt. Pleasant are the loyal supporters of the High School. . . . This year, when we were in danger of ruin due to the fact that our athletic coach was called to the colors, they brought an experienced coach from Ottumwa to put our team in shape. When, through his assistance, we were again able to take the Southeastern Iowa championship; they sent our team to Iowa City to compete with the strongest schools in the state. . . . By reason of hard fighting and good team work and the support of the whole town, our team again brought home the honor of being the best basketball team in the state of Iowa.

CLASS OF 1918

THE NEAR VICTORS DESERVE OUR RESPECT

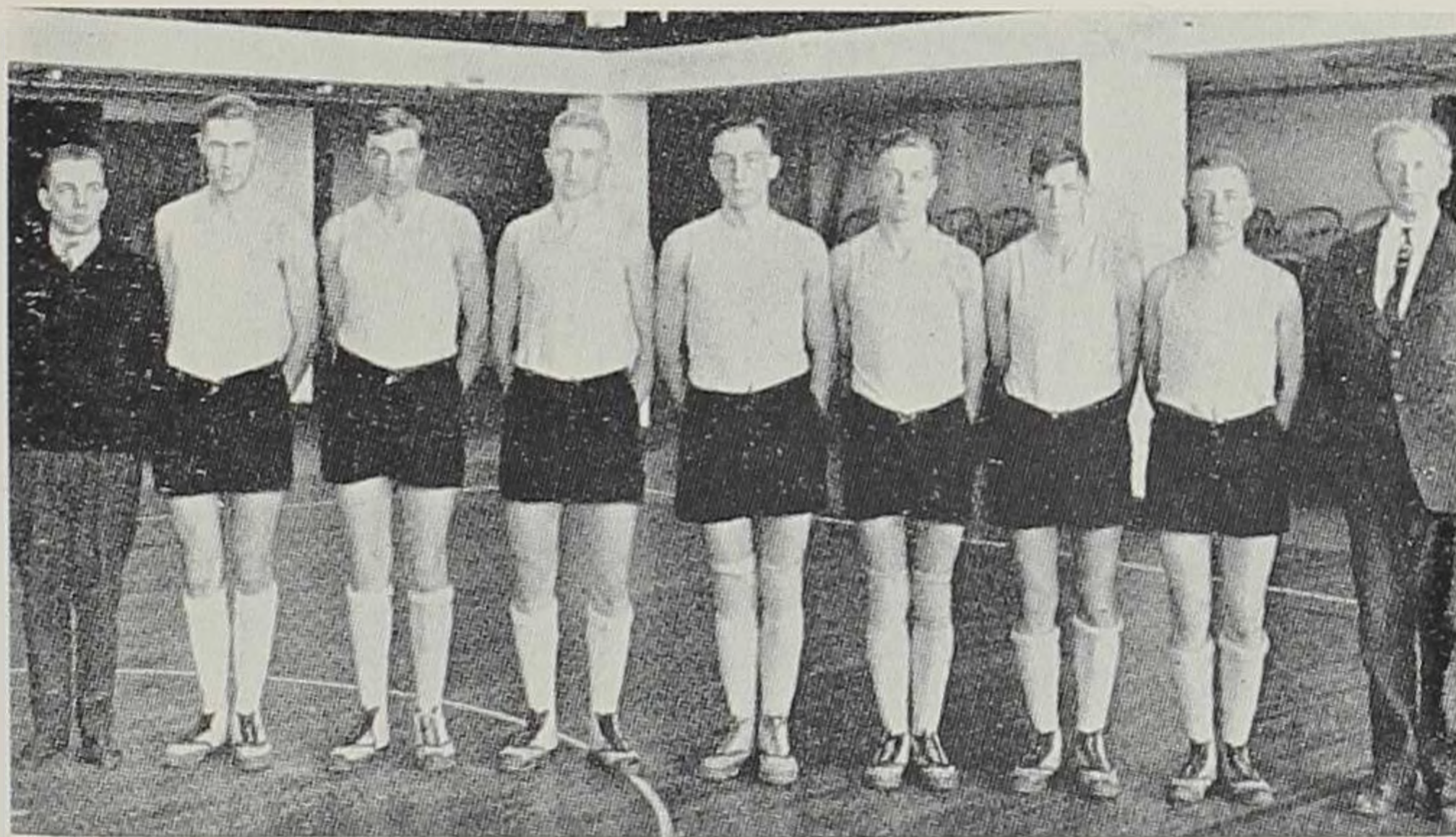


Fort Dodge lost to Cedar Rapids in 1916



Iowa City (1918 team) Was Second to Mt. Pleasant in 1917 and 1918

TEAMS FROM NORTHWEST IOWA

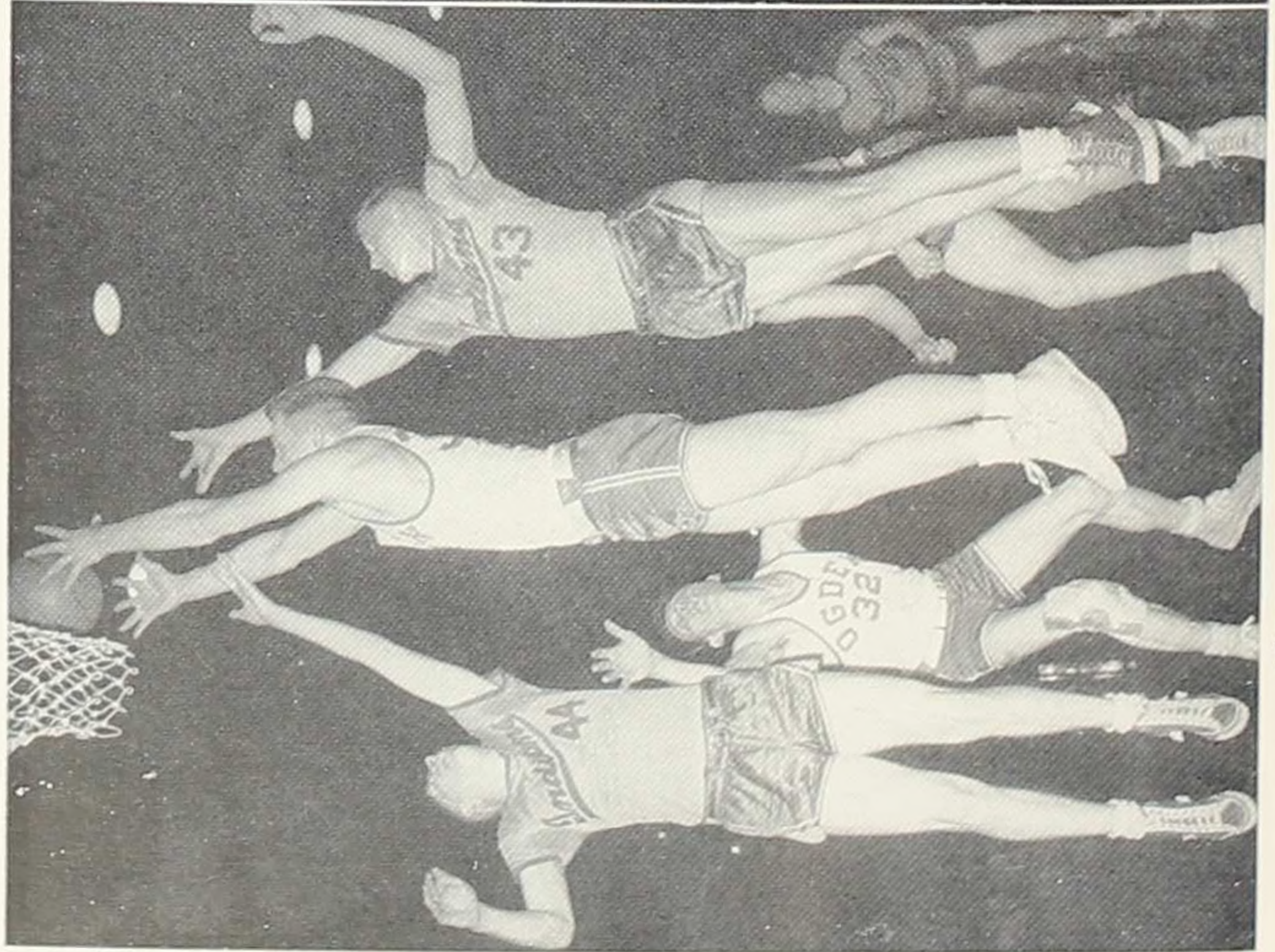


Spirit Lake High School — 1918

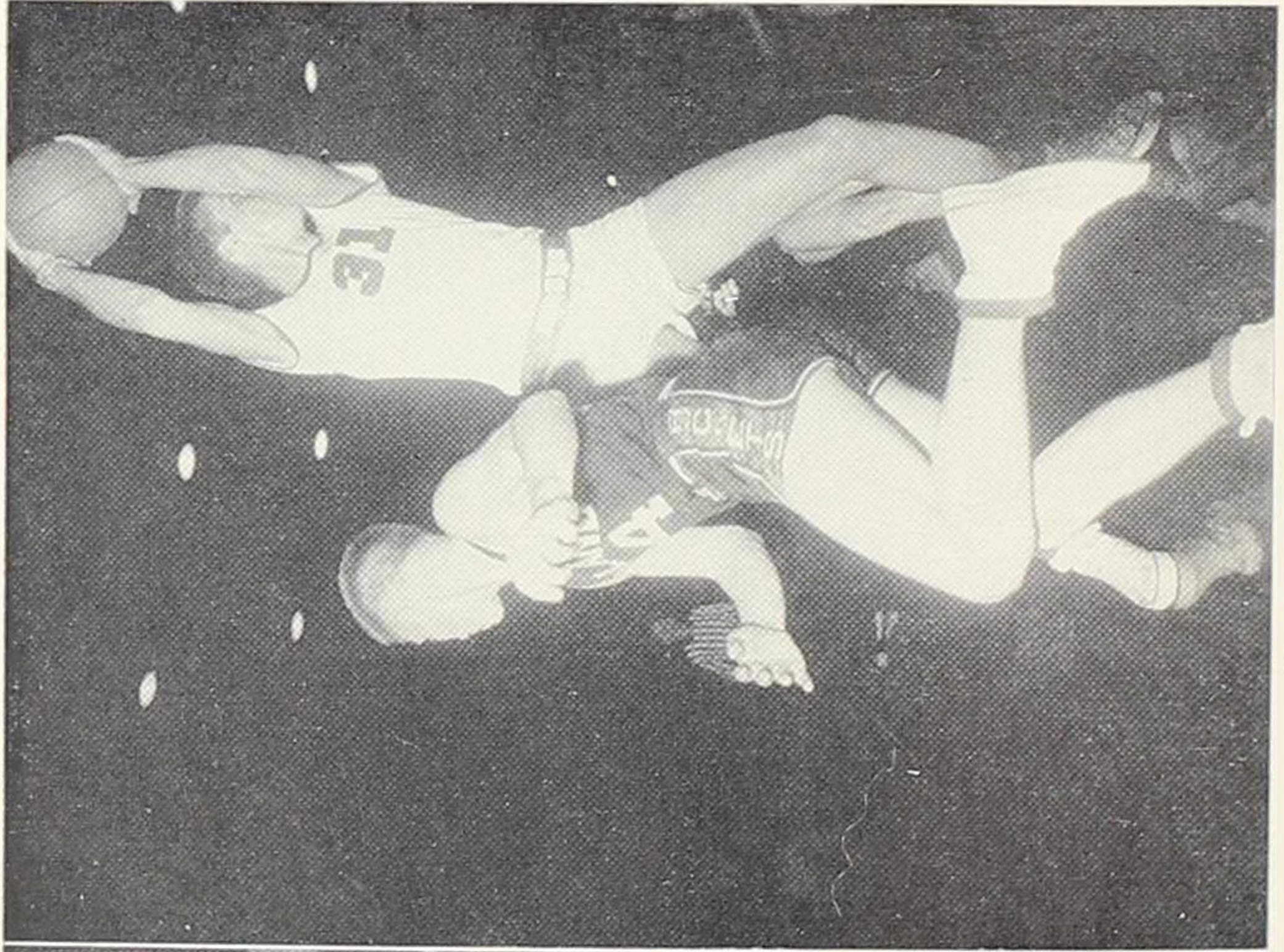


Cherokee High School — 1917

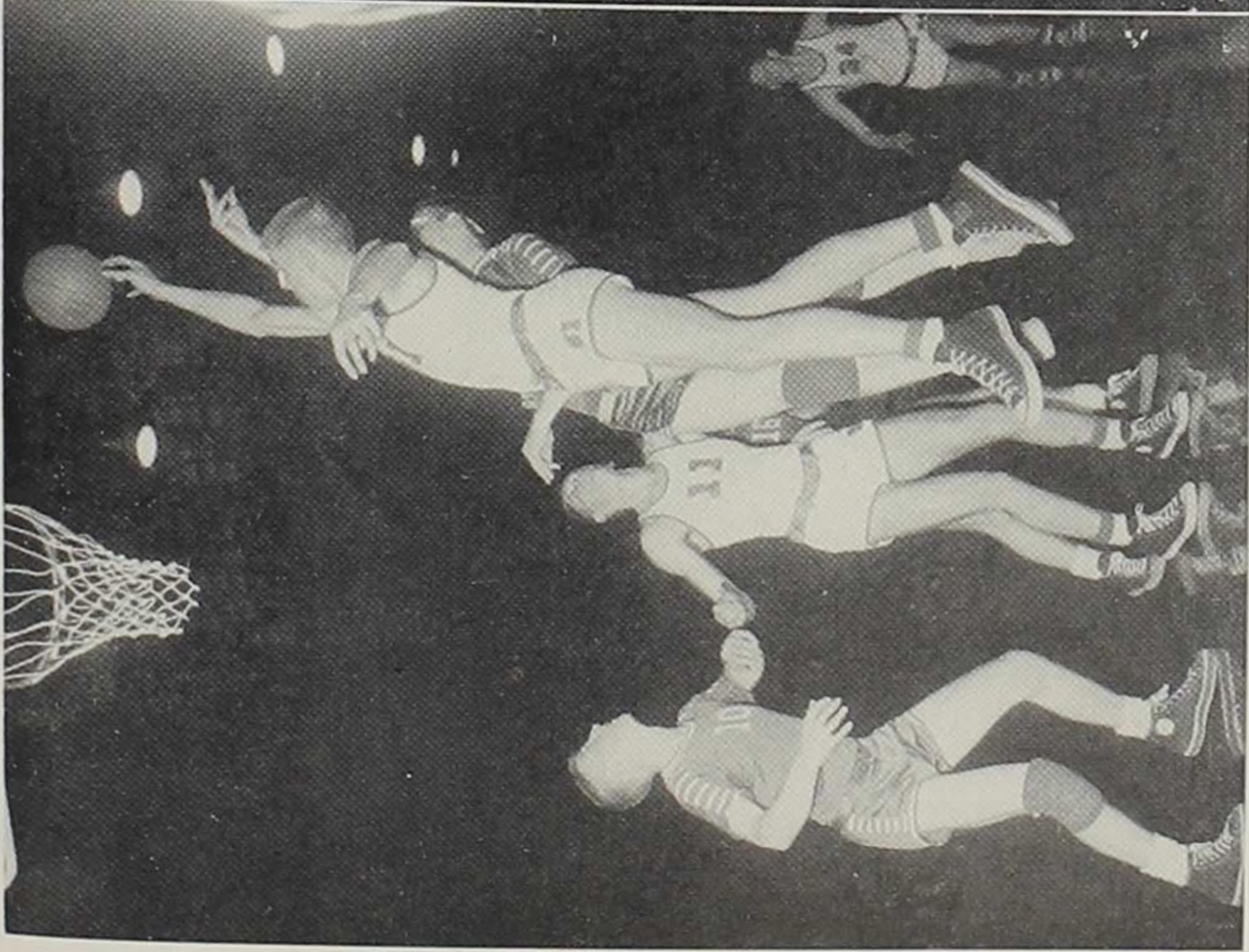
SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 1952 STATE TOURNAMENT



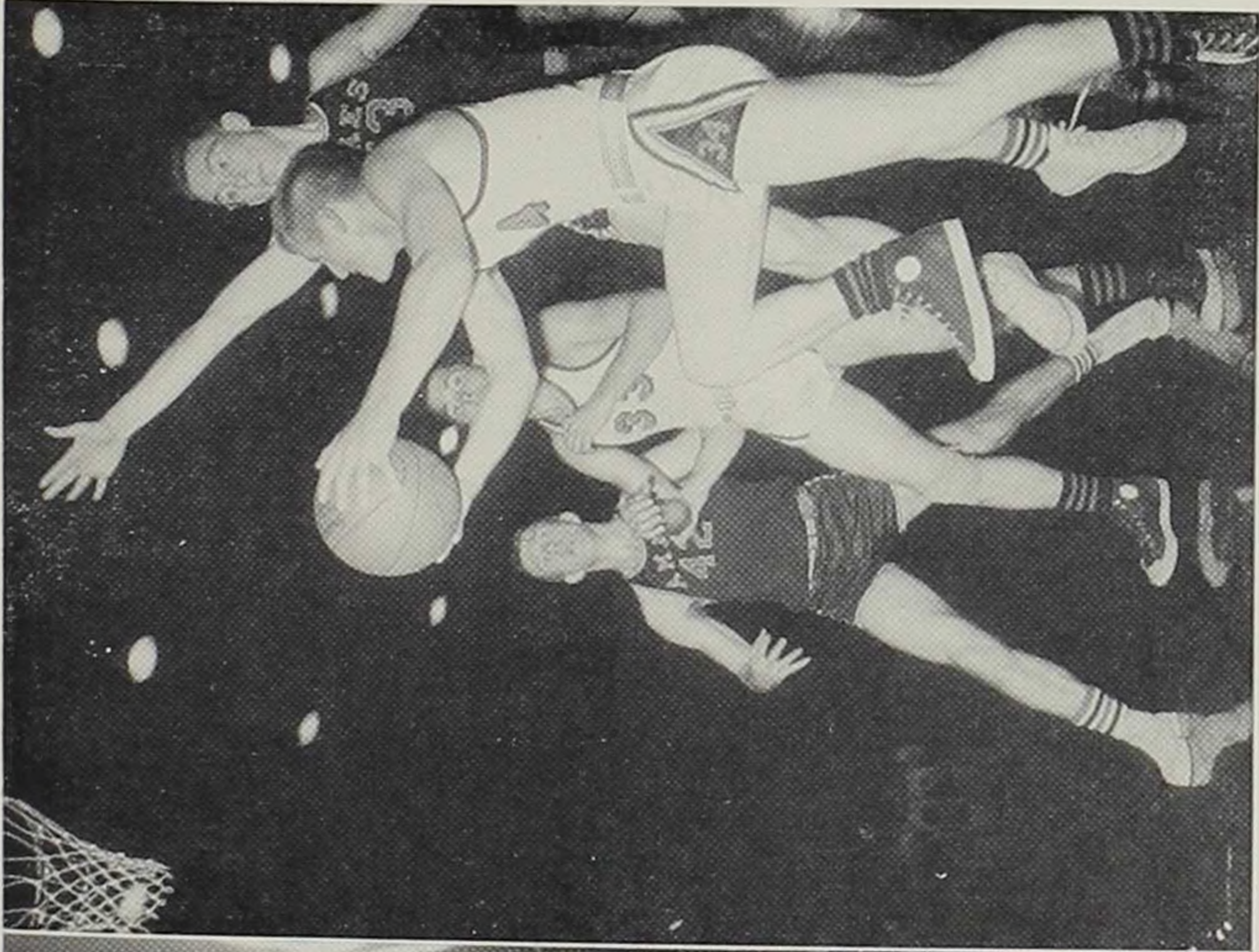
Marion 72, Ogden 42



Keokuk 55, Roland 43



Davenport 47, Danville 20

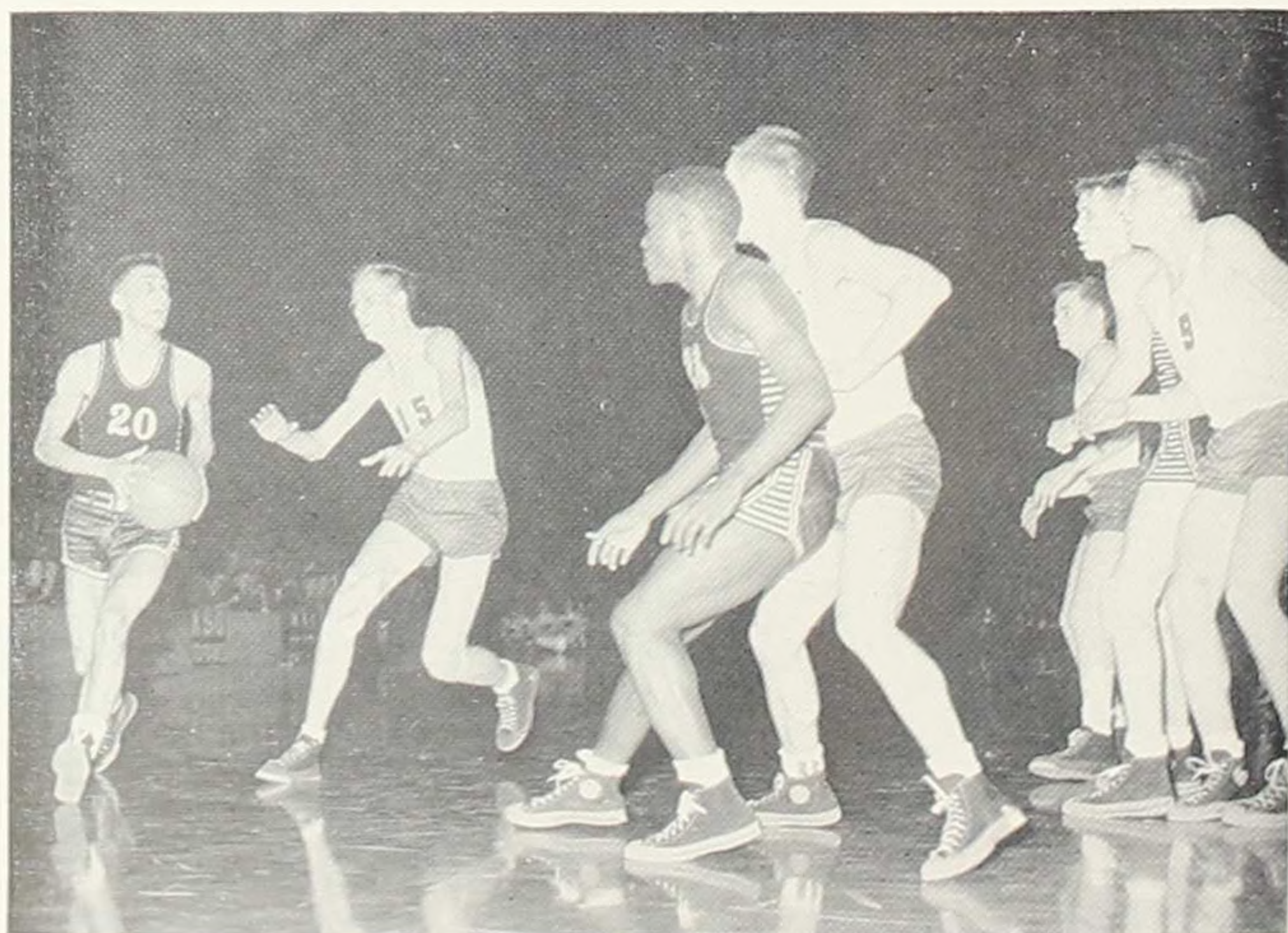


Ames 47, Cherokee 45 (semi-final)

EXPERT OFFICIATING . . .

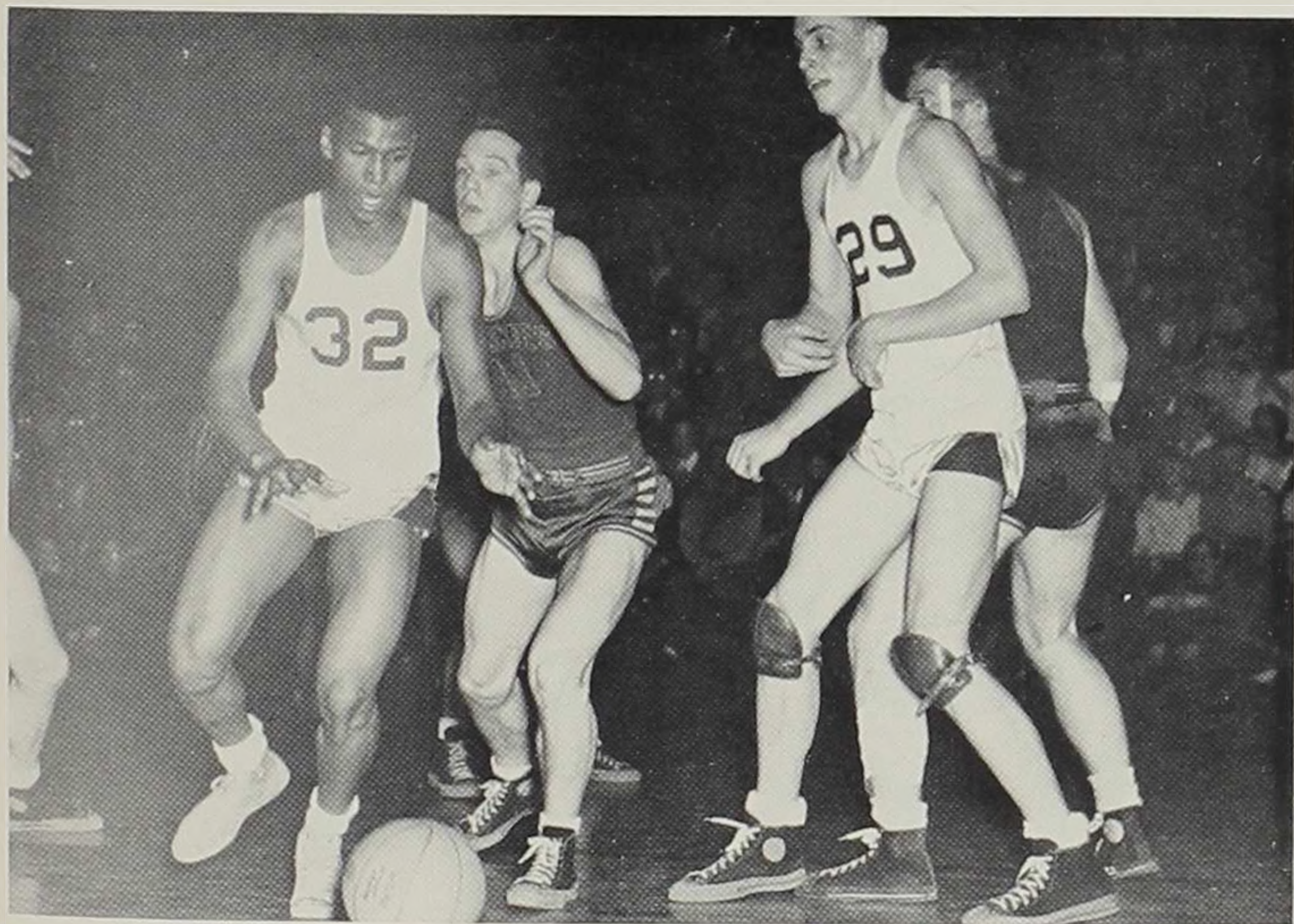


Referee Beckerman Calls a Foul

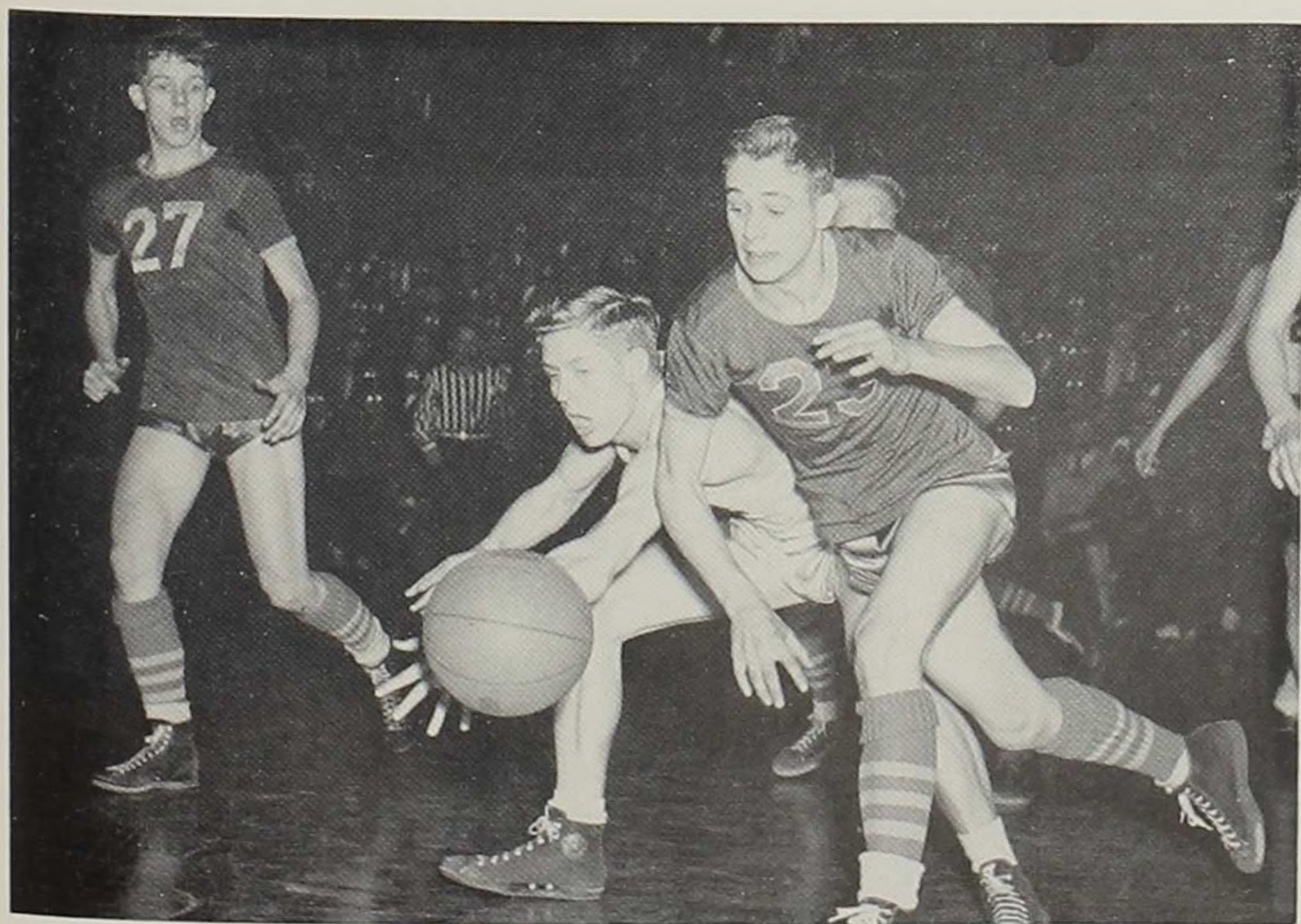


Close Quarters Under the Basket

. . . DAZZLING SPEED



Ottumwa *versus* Muscatine



Ottumwa *versus* Burlington

STUDIES IN CONTRAST



Happy Cheer Leaders — Their Team's Ahead

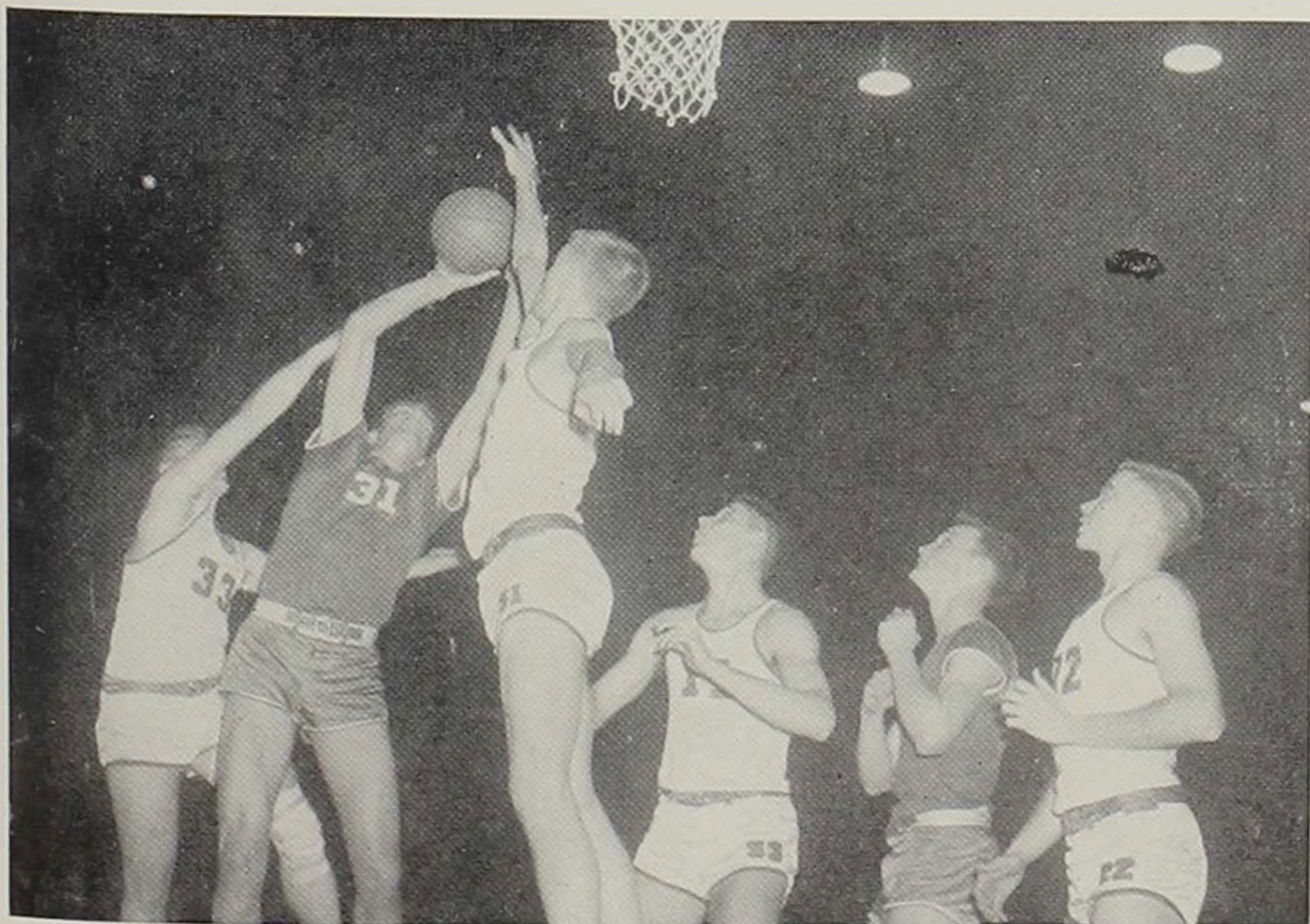


A Study in Faces — The Fans on Their Feet

THE PRESSURE IS ON — TWO MINUTES TO GO

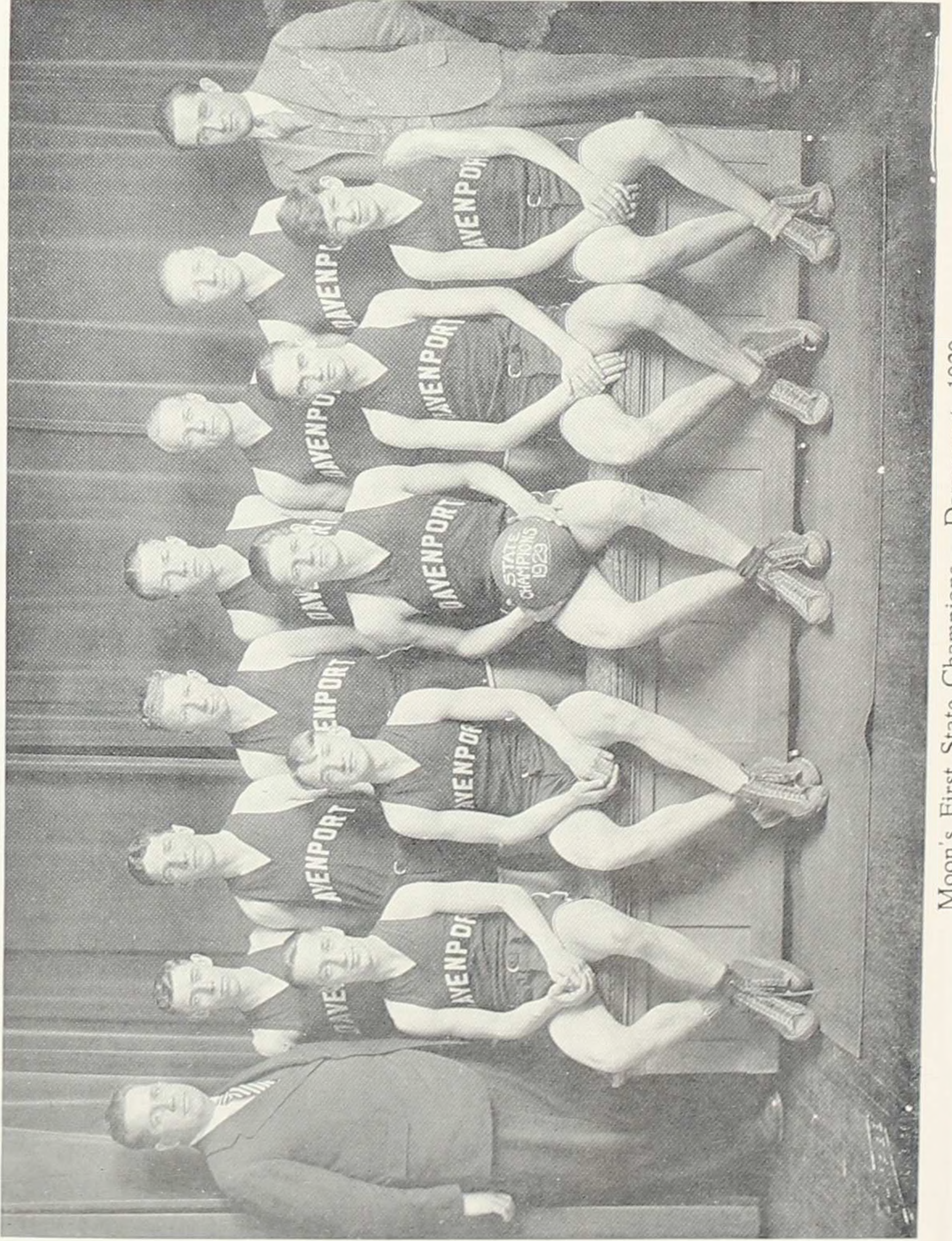


Something's Gone Wrong — The Coach Is Worried

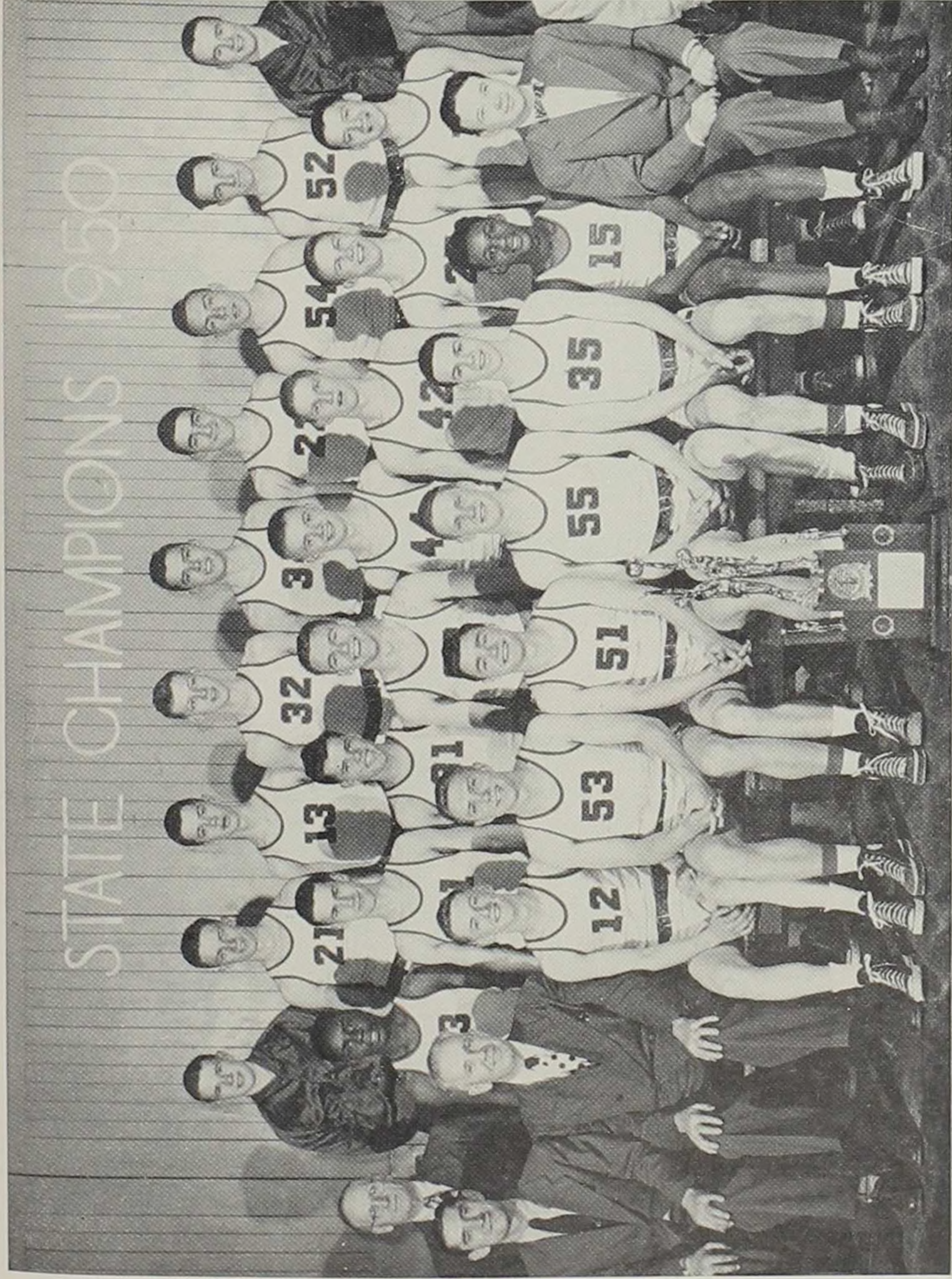


Keokuk v. Davenport — Logan and Widseth Contend

COACH PAUL MOON — MAKER OF CHAMPIONS

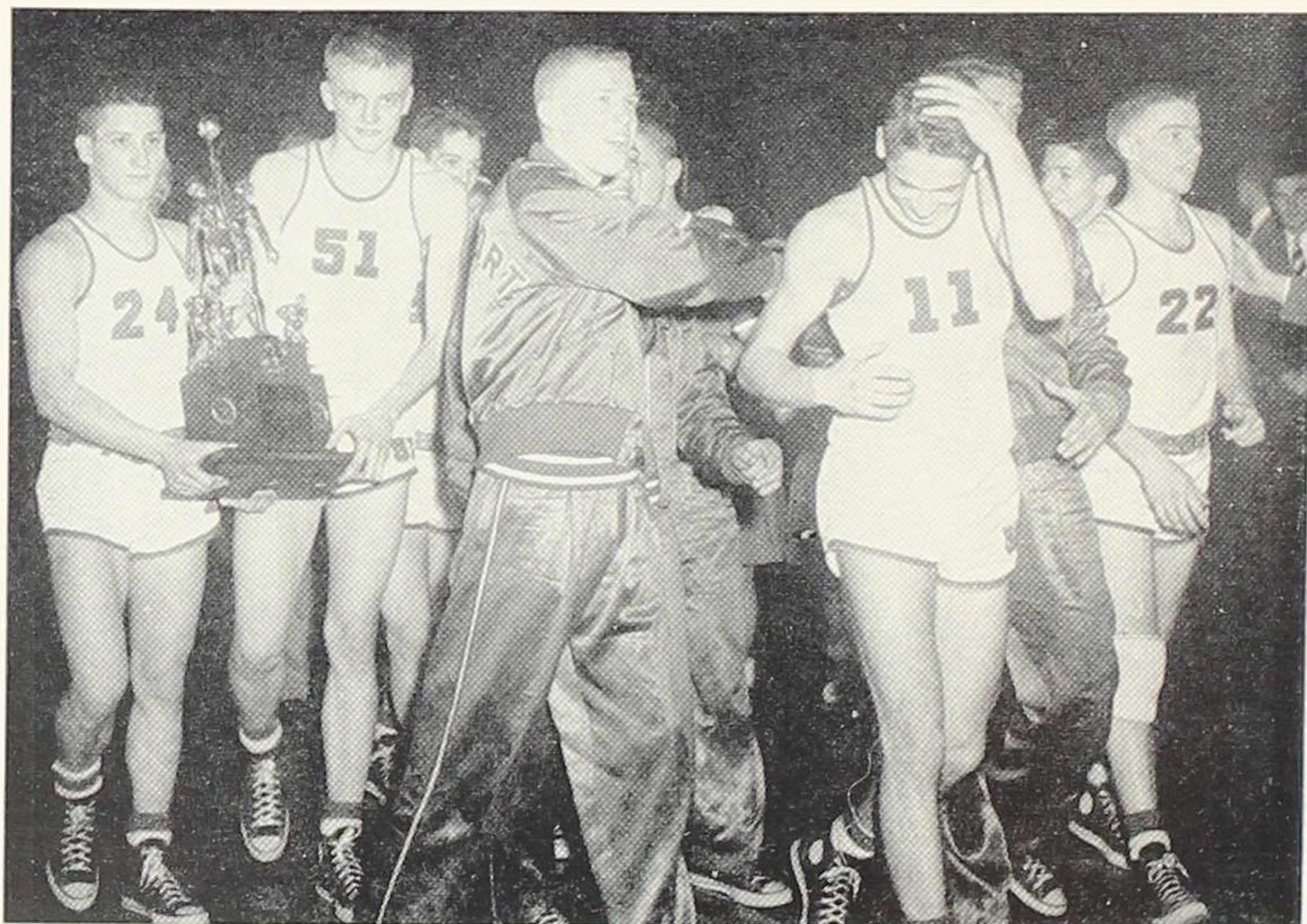


Moon's First State Champions — Davenport, 1929



Moon's Greatest Championship Team — Davenport, 1950

CARRYING OFF THE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES



Davenport Defeats Keokuk for Championship in 1952



Keokuk Carries Off Second Place Trophy in 1952

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The "sporting authorities" of Iowa City picked the following men for the mythical 1913 All-State team:

| <i>First Team</i> | | <i>Second Team</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Rhodes, Davenport | <i>Forward</i> | Hanssen, Davenport |
| Schafer, Ottumwa | <i>Forward</i> | Strong, Sioux City |
| Allen, Davenport | <i>Center</i> | Kline, Clinton |
| Tomson, Davenport | <i>Guard</i> | White, Cedar Rapids |
| Hollenbeck, Sioux City | <i>Guard</i> | Murphy, Sioux City |

1914 Tournament

The system of sectional tournaments was introduced in 1914. Both winner and runner-up entered the state meet from the preliminary games held at Des Moines, Ames, Grinnell, and Cedar Falls. Only 39 high school teams played in the preliminaries compared with 925 in 1953. The winning teams were Cedar Rapids, Clinton, College Springs, Corning, Davenport, Grinnell, Fort Dodge, and Sioux City.

Sioux City had been scheduled to play Fort Dodge in the first round, but the team failed to show up for the tournament, so Davenport played two games in one day, winning the first and losing the second. Davenport's victory over Grinnell allowed her to play in the consolation as seen by the following:

| <i>First Round</i> | | | | <i>Semi-Finals</i> | |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----|----------------------|---------------|
| Davenport | 20 | Grinnell | 9 | None — see 1st round | |
| Cedar Rapids | 22 | Davenport | 16 | | |
| Corning | 30 | College Spr. | 23 | | |
| Clinton | 24 | Fort Dodge | 17 | Clinton | 27 Corning 23 |

| <i>Consolation</i> | | <i>Championship</i> | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|----|--------------|----|---------|----|
| Davenport | 32 | Corning | 23 | Cedar Rapids | 28 | Clinton | 23 |

The Davenport-Cedar Rapids game in the first round caused the most excitement in 1914. Davenport had been expected to win by a close margin. According to the *Iowa City Citizen*: "Cedar Rapids high school was down in force and had a big bunch of rooters on the ground to exchange compliments with the bunch up from Davenport, and the two factions kept lively. The game was a fight from start to finish, thirteen fouls being called on Davenport, and five on Cedar Rapids." Cedar Rapids led 12 to 9 at the half and increased the score to 22-16 when the final gun sounded.

In the championship match Cedar Rapids beat Clinton 28-23, while Davenport humbled Corning 32-23, after trailing at the half 15-19.

In 1915 fully 68 high school teams entered the sectional tournaments, compared with 39 the previous year. The ever widening interest coupled with the development of stronger teams is attested by the 112 high schools that entered the sectionals in 1916. The following year 144 high schools competed in the sectionals.

1917 Tournament

The 1917 tournament was noteworthy for several reasons. In the first place, the eight teams emerged from the largest preliminary field. Secondly, because of the number of new teams to ap-

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pear for the first time — Mount Pleasant, Nashua, Indianola, Council Bluffs, and Iowa City. Thirdly, two of these new teams were destined to become champion and runner-up in both 1917 and 1918. Thus, Mount Pleasant defeated Iowa City twice in succession, a coincidence that has occurred only once in over forty years of tournament history.

The record of the eight teams competing in the 1917 high school tournament is worth recording:

| <i>First Round</i> | | | | <i>Semi-Finals</i> | | | |
|--------------------|----|----------------|----|---------------------|----|--------------|----|
| Mt. Pleasant | 12 | Nashua | 8 | Mt. Pleasant | 9 | Marshalltown | 4 |
| Marshalltown | 9 | Council Bluffs | 5 | Iowa City | 28 | Indianola | 10 |
| Iowa City | 12 | Sioux City | 11 | | | | |
| Indianola | 13 | Fort Dodge | 12 | | | | |
| <i>Consolation</i> | | | | <i>Championship</i> | | | |
| Marshalltown | 16 | Indianola | 12 | Mt. Pleasant | 28 | Iowa City | 22 |

1918 Tournament

In 1918 five new teams entered the state tournament — Dallas Center, Ellston, Goldfield, New Hampton, and Sioux Center. The record of this tournament left three tournament veterans in the top three positions:

| <i>First Round</i> | | | | <i>Semi-Finals</i> | | | |
|--------------------|----|---------------|----|---------------------|----|--------------|----|
| Mt. Pleasant | 30 | Dallas Center | 11 | Mt. Pleasant | 31 | Ellston | 12 |
| Ellston | 30 | Goldfield | 22 | Iowa City | 19 | Cedar Rapids | 9 |
| Iowa City | 29 | New Hampton | 9 | | | | |
| Cedar Rapids | 20 | Sioux Center | 16 | | | | |
| <i>Consolation</i> | | | | <i>Championship</i> | | | |
| Cedar Rapids | 37 | Ellston | 15 | Mt. Pleasant | 17 | Iowa City | 16 |

Since 1912 the state basketball tournaments

have been held in six different Iowa towns. Iowa City played host for the first five tournaments.

In 1917 the state tournament was held in Ames for the first time. Since that year tournaments have been held in Iowa City, Ames, Boone, Ottumwa, Des Moines, and Cedar Falls. Iowa City and Des Moines have been the most popular, playing tournament host 22 and 12 times respectively. For the eighth straight year thousands of Iowa basketball fans will jam the huge University of Iowa fieldhouse in 1954 to cheer on their favorite teams. Iowa City is truly a colorful mecca at tournament time.

WILLIAM J. PETERSEN