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Mrs. Almeda E. Mann, Columbus teacher, Saturday became the 14th Montana publications adviser to receive a Gold Key from the Montana State University School of Journalism. The award recognizing outstanding high-school journalism teachers is presented annually at the final session of the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association fall meeting.

More than 300 high-school journalists and advisers from about 40 schools attended the meeting, which opened Friday and closed at noon Saturday, according to E. B. Dugan, MSU journalism professor and MIEA adviser. The convention was the 12th in the association's 36-year history, he said.

Mrs. Mann is adviser to the Columbus Hi-Lite, school newspaper, and the Reflector, yearbook. Her publications have always received superior or all-state ratings in MIEA competition, and the Hi-Lite has won first place for four years in the annual Montana Tuberculosis Association contest, Dugan said. One of her students, Judy Roach, was a winner of the title of outstanding girl journalist in schools with under 500 students, he noted.

The Gold Key adviser served as president of MIEA in 1958-59, when the rotating office was assigned to Columbus. She is also active in Montana Education Association affairs.

Mrs. Mann has taught in Columbus for 15 years, from 1937 to 1944 and from 1953 to the present. She also taught in Dixon for three years. She is a graduate of Grant High School, Portland, Ore., and of Intermountain College, Helena, and has done graduate work at MSU.

Other Gold Key winners since the start of the program in 1948 are Faye Kirkpatrick, Helena; John Linn, Missoula; Irving Andreasen, Medicine Lake; Sarah McNelis, Butte; Alice Follansbee, Simms; Donald R. Boslaugh, Eureka; Lois Elda Larson, Laurel; E. B. McCurdy, Charlo; Lloyd L. DeWitt, Colstrip; Joseph Maitin, Ennis; Noel Furlong, Kalispell; Sister M. Giswalda, Hays, and Mrs. J. A. Tidyman, Valier.

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