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Duane W. Bowler, managing editor of the Billings Gazette, has been named toastmaster for the Dean Stone Night banquet May 5 at Montana State University.

He will preside over a program highlighted by an address by John B. Oakes, editor of the New York Times editorial page. Another feature will be awards to outstanding students in the MSU School of Journalism, Dean Nathan B. Blumberg said.

Dean Stone Night is an annual event sponsored by the School of Journalism to honor the memory of A. L. Stone, the school's founder and first dean.

A former student of Dean Stone, Bowler is a 1939 journalism graduate and a veteran of more than 20 years with Montana newspapers. He has been managing editor of the Billings Gazette since 1960.

Bowler's professional experience includes service on the news staff of radio station KGVO in Missoula; the Daniels County Leader in Scobey, published by his father, Burley Bowler; the former Montana Record Herald in Helena, and the Helena Independent Record.

While in Helena he was manager of the Public Health League of Montana for 15 years and edited its publication, Montana Health.

Toastmasters at previous Dean Stone Night banquets include Fred J. Martin, editor of the Park County News in Livingston; Miles Romney, editor and publisher of the Western News in Hamilton; John F. M. Travis, publisher of the Havre Daily News; Dr. Earll Miller, professor emeritus of history at MSU, and Harold G. Stearns, publisher of the Harlowton Times and Eastern Montana Clarion.