Hal Stearns to address University of Montana Friends of the Library

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Hal Stearns, editor and publisher of the Harlowtown Times and the Ryegate Chronicle, will be the National Library Week speaker, April 14 on the University campus according to Edward M. Pope, Vice President of the UM Friends of the Library. Stearns will speak on "Books and My Historical Heritage."

Stearns served as editor of the Havre Daily News and President of the Montana State Press Association. He was a Navy Lieutenant Commander in World War II. He serves as a member of the UM President's Council of 50 and the MSU President's Advisory Council. Stearns is chairman of the Montana Personnel Commission. He is an active member of the Lewis and Clark Commission. One of the Commission's interests was the road between Missoula and Idaho. Stearns is also a distinguished amateur Montana historian.

He and his wife are both UM graduates. Stearns graduated in '36 in journalism, she in '37 in English. They have seven children living. Mrs. Stearns will accompany him to Missoula.

The dinner meeting at 8 p.m. in the Territorial rooms is open to the public. Tickets are $3. Reservations must be made before April 11 with Mrs. Verna Plakke, zoology secretary at 243-5123. Adjoining rooms will also be opened so that persons who do not wish to attend the dinner may listen to the speech.

The dinner is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the UM Public Exercises Committee.