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Former University of Montana professor Albert A. Applegate retires as Michigan's "Mr. Journalism"

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A former teacher and graduate student in journalism at the University of Montana will retire from teaching at the end of the school year with recognition as Michigan's "Mr. Journalism."

Albert A. Applegate, 78, better known as "Bert" by fellow journalists and friends, has been associated with Hillsdale College in Michigan since 1961. He was chairman of the journalism department, 1936-55, at Michigan State University.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1914, and after graduate studies and newspaper work in the West, he moved in 1921 to UM for four years of teaching and completion of his master's in journalism. Between Montana and Michigan State, he headed journalism and printing at South Dakota State College for six years.

The Michigan Press Association presented a plaque to Bert in "appreciation for 31 years of service and assistance to Michigan newspapers" as a highlight of its 99th convention in East Lansing last year.

Jack Ryan, UM '26 alumni associate director remembers Applegate as a teacher who always believed in nailing it down. "Everyone came out of his classes knowing what he taught."

This is only one in a line of retirements for Bert. He retired in 1954, at the age of 65, and again in 1955 from Michigan State. A year later he retired from Berry College in Georgia and now he is retiring from Hillsdale, but his Michigan friends estimate it will not be his last retirement.