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MISSOULA--

Five alumni whose varied careers have brought recognition to the University of Montana will be honored with the presentation of the Alumni Association's highest accolade, the Distinguished Service Award.

The presentation will be one of the highlights of the University's Homecoming, Oct. 20-21.

The awards will be given in front of the University's Main Hall at the traditional Singing on the Steps which begins at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, announced Hugh Edwards, executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

The five honorees are:

Robert C. Hendon, who received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University in 1931 and was graduated from the UM Law School in 1934. He served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 13 years as a special agent and officer in charge of various divisions, and as administrative assistant to J.Edgar Hoover. In 1947 he joined the Railway Express Agency in New York City. He left REA for a short time in 1950 to become an assistant to the president and director of personnel for the Mathieson Chemical Corporation in Baltimore. He rejoined REA and now is vice president in charge of industry affairs of the executive department and president of REA Seven-Arts Transvision. He also is president of the UM Foundation and will be master of ceremonies at the Montana Mansfield dinner, Oct. 14 in Helena.

Anne C. Kimball, who received a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1929 from the University. Dr. Kimball concentrates her efforts on toxoplasmosis, which is the study of a diseased condition resulting from the presence of parasites that act
primarily on the nervous system. In 1951 she spent a month in Geneva, Switzerland with
the World Health Organization before being sent to Burma for 18 months. In Burma she
did considerable study on toxoplasmosis. In 1963 she joined the Department of Medicine
at Cornell Medical College as an assistant professor. She lectures extensively about
toxoplasmosis at home and abroad. She also has done some research on poliomyelitis.
Dr. Kimball is the sister of the late Mary Kimball who received the Distinguished
Service Award in 1962.

Joseph E. McDowell, who received a law degree from the UM Law School in 1938.
He was an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and served four years in the
infantry during World War II. In 1950 he returned to Germany on the staff of John J.
McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany. Subsequently he was a partner in the law
firm of Cummings & Sellers, Washington, D. C. Since March, 1961 he has been president
of Servomation Corporation, New York City. He is a trustee of the UM Foundation and
a member of the Church-State Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Richard K. O'Malley, ex-1935, who attended the UM School of Journalism. He began
his newspaper career in 1932 with the Missoulian-Sentinel at Missoula. From 1937 to
1941 he worked for the Helena Independent Record. He was with the Great Falls Leader
from 1941 to 1942 before joining the Associated Press in Helena in 1942. Subsequently,
he spent several months with the Denver bureau. When the U.S. Third fleet began
bombarding the Japanese mainland, he filed the first eye-witness account from the
battleship Iowa. He was in Korea during the occupation and in the Tokyo bureau. After
returning to Denver Mr. O'Malley was transferred to the New York foreign desk in 1948.
He has been assigned to Berlin, Frankfurt, Moscow, London, Geneva and Cyprus. He was
made chief of the AP bureau in Paris in 1959, a post he held until this year when he
was appointed chief of the AP bureau in Frankfurt.

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Gordon Rognlien, who received a law degree from the University in 1930. Now a Kalispell attorney, Mr. Rognlien is a former student body president of the University. He was the county attorney for Kalispell from 1934 to 1943. He served on the Judge Advocate General's staff in San Francisco to 1946. In 1949 he and Marshall Murray set up a law partnership in Kalispell. He is now associated with the firm of Rognlien, Hash and O'Brien in Kalispell.

He is district governor of Rotary, past president of the Alumni Association, past president of the Montana Bar Association and past president and charter member of the UM Foundation.