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Montana journalists to be honored in installation ceremonies of the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame

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The memory of four of Montana's greatest journalists will be honored in installation ceremonies of the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 25, in the School of Journalism at Montana State University.

The four men—J. H. Durston of Anaconda, Joseph D. Scanlan of Miles City, A. L. Stone of Missoula and O. S. Warden of Great Falls—were selected by their surviving colleagues at the annual convention of the Montana State Press Association at Many Glacier last August.

The Saturday morning program will begin with a breakfast in the Lodge, followed by brief ceremonies. Dean Nathan B. Blumberg of the School of Journalism will preside, and the keynote talk will be delivered by Burley Bowler, publisher of the Daniels County Leader at Scobey and president of the State Press Assn.

The names of the four men selected for the Hall of Fame will be formally presented by T. J. Hocking of Glasgow, G. M. Moss of the Whitefish Pilot, Dan Whetstone of the Cut Bank Pioneer Press and Prof. Olaf J. Bue of the School of Journalism. Relatives of the men being honored will be introduced.

Portraits and biographies of the newspapermen elected to the Hall of Fame will be displayed in a case on the second floor of the Journalism Building.

John H. Durston (1848-1929) was editor of the Anaconda Standard and later the Butte Daily Post from 1889 to 1913. He gained national recognition for the excellence of the Standard, which played a prominent role in Montana politics around the turn of the century. He was a professor at Syracuse University before entering the publishing field in Montana.
Joseph D. Scanlan (1876-1939) was publisher of the Miles City Daily Star for 28 years until his death. He was active in community work and political circles and served two terms as a member of the Republican National Committee. Scanlan was a key figure in establishing the Tongue River storage reservoir near Decker.

Arthur L. Stone (1865-1945) was the first dean of the Montana State University School of Journalism and held the position from its founding in 1914 until his retirement in 1942. Previously he worked on the Anaconda Standard and the Missoulian. Stone developed the School from a collection of borrowed army squad tents into one of the leading journalism schools in the nation.

O. S. Warden (1854-1951) was publisher of the Great Falls Tribune from 1905 until 1951. In addition to extensive publishing and radio interests in the Great Falls area, he was well known in Montana highway and conservation circles. He was Democratic National Committeeman for Montana for many years and held a number of state and national press positions.

The Hall of Fame nominating committee for next year is made up of Mel Ruder of the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls, Tom Stout of the Billings Gazette, J. R. Larcombe of Phillips County News in Malta, and Hocking, Moss, Whetstone and Blumberg.

No more than one person who has made an outstanding contribution to Montana journalism will be elected to the Hall of Fame each year from now on. To be eligible for consideration, the newsmen must have been dead for at least five years.

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