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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

A banker, a writer and a business executive will be honored by fellow alumni of Montana State University at the Homecoming Roundup Program in the University Theater Friday at 8:15 p.m., according to Lloyd L. Callison of Gardiner, president of the MSU Alumni Association.

Named to receive the annual MSU Alumni Distinguished Service Award are Frederick Greenwood, Portland, Ore.; Dorothy M. Johnson, Missoula, and J.E. Corette, Butte.

The association established the award last year to recognize graduates or former students "who, by their distinguished service to the University, the State or the Nation, have brought honor to Montana State University and to themselves." An anonymous committee appointed by the president of the association and the president of the University selects the award winners from nominations made by alumni, Callison explained.

Greenwood, a 1909 graduate of the University, was an executive officer of the Portland, Ore., branch of the Bank of California from 1936 until his retirement in 1954. He began his career in 1910 with the Old National Bank, Spokane, Wash. In 1917 he accepted a position with the Spokane branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and became manager in 1920. He resigned in 1925 to join the Bank of California.

The retired banker was born in La Crosse, Wis., and later moved with his family to Anaconda, where his father managed the Daly Bank and Trust Co. He took a bachelor's degree at Montana and earned a graduate degree from the Amos Tuck School of Administration and Finance at Dartmouth College.

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Greenwood is active in civic and cultural affairs in Portland, where he has served on the boards of the Portland Symphony Society, Junior Achievement, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce and the Good Samaritan Hospital. He is a past president of the Oregon Bankers Association and a former member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association.

Miss Johnson combines successful careers as writer, public speaker, journalism teacher and secretary-manager of the Montana State Press Association. After her graduation from MSU, she spent several years as an editor in New York City. In 1950 she returned to Whitefish, where she grew up, to work on the Whitefish Pilot. She moved to Missoula in 1953 to take on a dual assignment as a member of the MSU journalism faculty and secretary-manager of the press association.

A motion picture version of her story, "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," is being made by John Ford Productions, with John Wayne and Jimmie Stewart heading the cast. The film made from her short novel, "The Hanging Tree," starring Gary Cooper, had its premiere showing in Missoula, in 1959.

Miss Johnson's books and magazine stories and articles have won her many accolades. Both Whitefish and Missoula have proclaimed a "Dorothy Johnson Day." She was one of four community leaders honored at the 1959 Theta Sigma Phi Matrix Table in Missoula.

Corette, president of the Montana Power Co., attended MSU and went on to earn a law degree at the University of Virginia. He was associated with the Missoula law firm of Murphy and Whitlock from 1930 until 1934, when he became a partner in the Butte firm of Corette, Smith and Dean.

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Corette served the Montana Power Co. as counsel from 1934 to 1944 and as assistant general manager from 1944 to 1952. He was named a director of the company in 1948 and president and general manager in 1952. He is president of Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Co., and director of Pacific Gas Transmission Co.

In 1957, and again in 1958, he was a United States delegate at Geneva Switzerland, to the Committee on Electric Power, a subsidiary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. He is a member of the Business Advisory Council for the Department of Commerce, a director of the First Bank Stock Corporation of Minneapolis, a past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and a director of the Edison Electric Institute. He has been a trustee of the MSU Endowment Foundation since its inception.

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