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Mrs. Dorothy Rochon Powers, feature writer and columnist for the Spokane Spokesman-Review and winner of many professional and civic awards, has been named Dean Stone Visiting Professor in Journalism for the winter term at Montana State University, President H. K. Newburn announced.

Mrs. Powers will teach three writing and editing courses and deliver special lectures in other courses, according to Dean Nathan B. Blumberg of the School of Journalism.

Mrs. Powers was graduated with honors from the MSU School of Journalism in 1943. She has been a member of the Spokesman-Review staff since that time, with the exception of a year with newspapers in Tennessee.

In 1959 Mrs. Powers was the first woman to receive the Ernie Pyle Memorial Award of $1,000 for outstanding reporting. The judges' comment on the presentation was: "Mrs. Powers has the heart, the soul and the insight of a woman Ernie Pyle. Her reporting and writing have had a tremendous impact on her community."

Mrs. Powers was the 1958 winner of the National Headliners Award for general excellence in feature writing, presented in Atlantic City, N. J., by the National Headliners Club. She was named "National Headliner" by Theta Sigma Phi, national fraternity for women in journalism, for excellence in newspaper writing and her "courageous and creative approach to reporting."

She won first place awards in both column writing and feature story divisions in the Washington Press and Photo Awards Competition in 1959 and 1960. She also has won numerous first place awards in the feature writing and columns divisions of the Inland Empire Press-Radio-Television Awards.

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Other honors include the Montana State University Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1960 and the Washington Mental Health Bell Award for "outstanding service in the fight against mental illness" in 1959. She was named the "Woman of Achievement" in Spokane by the Spokane Business and Professional Women in 1959 and is a past president of the Spokane Zonta Club for executive women in the professions.

She was the first woman to be elected president of the Spokane Press Club in its 22-year history.

In addition, Mrs. Powers has been the Matrix Table honor speaker at MSU, University of Illinois, University of Indiana, Washington State University, Syracuse University, and the professional chapter of Theta Sigma Phi in Kansas City, Mo. She has lectured to journalism students at the University of Texas and Syracuse University.

She was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U. S. House of Representatives in 1960.

Mrs. Powers will be the fifth Dean Stone Visiting Lecturer in Journalism. The lecture series honors the memory of A. L. Stone, founder and first dean of the MSU School of Journalism. Others were Alan Barth, editorial writer for the Washington Post, 1957; Houstoun (sic) Waring, editor of the weekly Littleton (Colo.) Independent, 1958; Lauren Soth, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor of the editorial pages of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, 1959, and Vic Reinemer, now executive secretary for Sen. Lee Metcalf, 1960.

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