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Five Montana State University Distinguished Service Alumni Awards will be conferred at a Homecoming convocation in the University Theater at 8 p. m. Friday, according to Earl L. Dahlstrom of Moore, president of the MSU Alumni Association.

Named to receive the annual award are Ronald S. Kain, Washington, D. C.; Mary Kimball, Minneapolis, Minn.; Walter H. McLeod, Missoula; E. G. Poindexter, Stepney, Conn., and Heman (sic) G. Stark, Sacramento, Calif.

Kain, a 1922 journalism graduate, is director of the International Survey of the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He served overseas with the Office of War Information during World War II. After the war, as press officer with the Allied Military Mission to the Netherlands, he organized the first press operation of the U. S. Information Service after the U. S. Embassy was re-established. In 1949 he joined the State Department as a foreign affairs researcher, and in 1961 he took his present post with HEW.

The journalist has worked on Montana and New York newspapers, and from 1929 to 1944 he was an editor for Dodd, Mead and Co. and for Funk and Wagnalls Co. He is the author of "Europe: Versailles to Warsaw" and is currently working on a book on the Indonesian revolution. He has contributed articles to Foreign Affairs, Yale Review, National Geographic and other publications.

He holds a master's degree from Columbia University and is a member of several organizations, including the Cosmos Club in Washington. He is married to the former Olive McKay, an MSU alumna. His brothers, Tom of Great Falls and Sam of Helena, also attended MSU.

Miss Kimball, associate director of the Pillsbury Co.'s Home Service Center, was born in Butte. She attended Missoula County High School and MSU, receiving a B. A. in home economics from the latter in 1928.

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After graduation she taught at Plentywood for two years and at Great Falls High School for nine years. From 1939 to 1943 she was a home service adviser for the Montana Power Co. in Great Falls, and in 1944 she became a food technician at the University of Minnesota. She began her career with the Pillsbury Co. in 1945 and was appointed to her present position in 1961.

Miss Kimball received the Navy's highest civilian award for her work on a Navy cookbook task force. She was the speaker at the Missoula Theta Sigma Phi Matrix Honor Table in 1957.

McLeod, a member of the MSU class of 1910, is chairman of the boards of directors of the Montana Mercantile Co., the Kalispell Mercantile Co. and the Florence Hotel Co. This summer he began a progressive retirement from active participation in his business interests by resigning as president of these firms.

He is a former director of the Hammond Lumber Co., San Francisco, Calif.; the Northern Pacific Railway Co., St. Paul, Minn.; the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.; the Montana Power Co., and the Montana Taxpayers Association.

McLeod, an active supporter of civic betterment projects, is a member of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and other service organizations. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award and the Alpha Kappa Psi outstanding businessman award.

Poindexter, a native of Dillon, attended the University in 1918-19 and went on to earn a B. S. degree at Columbia University. He is president or board chairman of several industrial, food products and real estate holding companies. In recent months he has been active in land development in the Caribbean Islands.

His broad interests have led him to find time from his business responsibilities for public service, writing and art collecting. He served for two years as a (more)
"dollar-a-year" man with the War Production Board and the War Food Administration. He has published in the Saturday Evening Post, Reader's Digest, Barron's and other magazines and has built an enviable collection of contemporary American art.

Stark, a 1922 graduate of Stevensville High School, majored in journalism and sociology at the University, where he starred in track events. For many years he and Mrs. Stark, the former Marie Louise Heyfron of Missoula, have spent their summers at their home at Flathead Lake.

Stark is director of the California Youth Authority and chairman of the Governor's Council Committee on Rehabilitation. In July he was elected to a second term as chairman of the Council on Crime and Delinquency. He has served as chairman of the White House Conference on Delinquency, as vice chairman of the California Board of Corrections, as a member of a commission headed by Gen. Lucius Clay to study youth problems in Berlin, and as a special adviser to Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy on plans for a President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency.

His administrative talents and his pioneering work in techniques of delinquency prevention have won him many honors, including the Dan E. Koshland Award as the outstanding executive in a California social work agency, a Big Brother award, and a citation from Gov. Edmund G. Brown for the development of a new system of state budgeting for the California Youth Authority.

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