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James A. McCain and Louis A. Fischl to receive honorary degrees from Montana State University

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Montana State University will confer honorary doctorates upon a former president of the University and an alumnus of the School of Pharmacy at commencement exercises June 8, MSU President Robert Johns announced.

James A. McCain, MSU president during the postwar adjustment years from 1945 to 1950, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Louis A. Fischl, first graduate of the School of Pharmacy after it was located on the present campus, will receive an honorary doctor of science.

Dr. McCain, president of Kansas State University since 1950, has made significant contributions to education as an administrator and a consultant, Dr. Johns noted. He received the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship in 1957 for seven months' study of university administration and operation in Europe. He served on the Committee on Faculty Fellowships of the Fund for the Advancement of Education in 1953-54, on the Ford Foundation Committee appointed in 1959 to survey college housing requirements for the next decade, on the Eisenhower Library Commission, on the Peace Corps Advisory Council, and as trustee of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships in 1960.

Dr. McCain came to the MSU presidency in 1945 after wartime service in the Navy and resigned in 1950, leaving a record of fiscal soundness, academic growth, development of the public service concept, and cordial relations with faculty and students, Dr. Johns said.

The eminent educator holds a B. A. from Wofford College, an M. A. from Duke University and an Ed. D. from Stanford. He is the author of books and articles on education and a member of a number of professional societies.
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Fischl, whose honorary doctorate coincides with the 50th anniversary of the School of Pharmacy and of his receipt of the Ph. C. degree, carried on a retail and wholesale drug business in Montana from 1914 to 1925. He has been in the retail pharmacy business in the California bay area since then.

His many honors include a plaque for service in pharmacy from the University of California College of Pharmacy Alumni in 1958, the Lacoff national award in 1959 for substantial contributions to the advancement of the profession of pharmacy, the Squibb "Oscar" award in 1957, the third awarded in the United States, for outstanding service in pharmacy. He is an honorary citizen of New Orleans and of the State of Texas and an honorary Oklahoma colonel.

Fischl has been active in the American Pharmaceutical Association, serving as president in 1958 and as chairman of the APA Council in 1962-63.

The distinguished MSU alumnus is married to the former Grace K. Dorr of Glasgow. Their daughter, Lois Jane Cherry, is a registered pharmacist, and their son, Louis J. Fischl Jr., is a professor of business at San Jose State College.

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