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John A. Gilluly to be added to the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame during Homecoming

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Installation of John A. (Gill) Gilluly as the 11th member of the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame will be one of the highlights of the University of Montana Homecoming Saturday.

The ceremony will be part of a reunion breakfast in the University Lodge at 9 a.m. for graduates and friends of the School of Journalism.

Gilluly, who died in 1936, was elected to the Hall of Fame by members of the Montana Press Association at their annual meeting in August. He was honored especially for his ability to improve the quality of a number of newspapers he published during his 36 years in Montana journalism. He also served as president of the state press association in 1916.

He published the Columbus News, the Dawson County Review at Glendive, the Forsyth Times-Journal, the Fergus County Argus at Lewistown and several professional publications for retail merchants and bankers. He also was associated with the Billings Evening Journal and the Missoula Missoulian.

Special guests at Saturday’s ceremony will be two sons, Sam, publications and governmental manager of the Montana Chamber of Commerce in Helena and Harry, of El Paso, Tex., and two grandsons, Richard, editor of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismark, N.D., and Robert, editor of the Daily Ravalli Republican, Hamilton. Another grandson, Jack, a staff member of the Madison (S.D.) Daily Leader, will be unable to attend.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilluly, both are 1930 School of Journalism graduates and two of their sons, Robert and Jack, are 1957 and 1962 journalism graduates.

Mel Ruder, editor of the Hungry Horse News at Columbia Falls, Pulitzer Prize winner and member of the press association and Hall of Fame Committee, and Dean Nathan Blumberg of the School of Journalism will be in charge of the breakfast and installation.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and is jointly sponsored by the press association and the journalism school. A committee of six press association members and the dean of the journalism school recommend to the association one person for inclusion in the Hall of Fame each year.