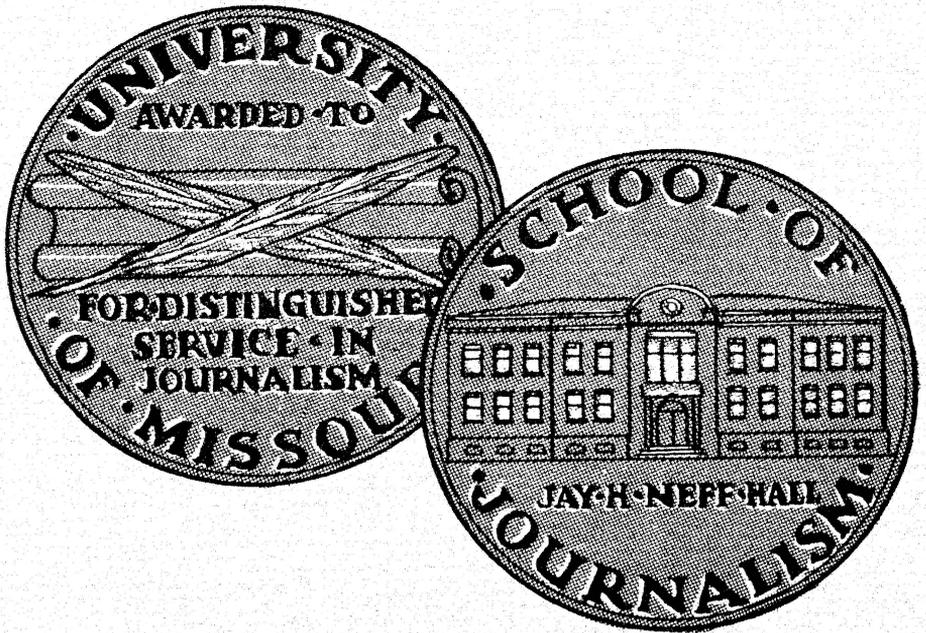


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The Presentation Ceremonies

The sixteenth annual presentation of the Missouri Honor Awards for Distinguished Service in Journalism occurred on Friday afternoon of the thirty-sixth annual Journalism Week, May 11, 1945.

Before a company of students, faculty, editors and publishers, and friends of the School of Journalism and the University of Missouri, assembled in the auditorium of Jay H. Neff Hall, awards were presented to the following medalists:

THE WASHINGTON POST, Washington, D. C.

THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS, London, England

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, New York, N. Y.

ROBERT J. CASEY

WILLIAM E. FREELAND

FOSTER B. HAILEY

Honor Awards for Distinguished Service in Journalism are not given for particular instances of journalistic brilliance. Rather, they are based upon records of performance over many years. Each year a special Committee of the Faculty submits a list of journalists, newspapers, and magazines to a confidential Advisory Council made up of leaders in various departments of journalism; the nominees presented by this Committee upon the advice of the Council are voted upon by the Faculty, and the elections certified to the Board of Curators of the University. Nominations for the 1946 awards may be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty at any time prior to February 1, 1946.

1945 MEDALIST GROUP *in front of the Journalism Arch. Left to right, Hailey, Casey, Thompson (for the London Daily Express), Mrs. Meyer (for the Washington Post), Dean Mott, Freeland, Allen (for Harper's Magazine).*

The Washington Post

Citation

THE WASHINGTON POST, in recognition of its interesting history of nearly seventy years, which reflects many facets of our national life; its original contributions to the investigation and study of contemporary American problems; and its clear presentation, in handsome format, of the news of the world, with proper interpretation and comment.

Response

By Mrs. Eugene Meyer

For her husband, Eugene Meyer, Editor and Publisher of the Washington Post.

It would have made Eugene Meyer very happy if he could have been here to accept this award in person, but he felt it to be his duty to attend the San Francisco Conference. I bring you his grateful recognition and that of the whole *Washington Post* staff of an honor that they appreciate the more because it comes at a time when the role of American newspaper men is more difficult and more responsible than at any other time in the history of our country. What could be more inspiring to the practicing journalist than to win at this very critical period in the nation's history, the commendation of disinterested leaders of the profession, whose high ideals have been carried by their students into a majority of American newspapers including our own. An eastern paper, moreover, cannot but feel a special pride in this award because the Missouri School of Journalism is situated in the very heart of our country and is the focus of a middle-western democratic, and peculiarly American tradition of independent journalism. I hope, moreover, that the bestowal of this award by your Dean and your Faculty, also has the support of the student body, for students have ever been more critical than their teachers, and therefore I should like to think that their decision has your approval.

For my husband there cannot but be a personal and peculiar satisfaction in winning the acclaim of so distinguished a School of Journalism because he entered the profession when most people think of retiring from active life. If his endeavors now meet with recognition, I think it is due to the fact that he bought *The Washington Post* twelve years ago, in the



Mrs. Eugene Meyer

same spirit of public service with which he had served the Federal government in various positions for the previous twenty years. Gradually he has sought to build in that newspaper a genuinely democratic institution. Like any democracy, it has a presiding officer, and as publisher and editor, his is the ultimate responsibility for any important decisions. But *The Washington Post* as it has evolved and as it will continue to evolve, is the result of a free, active and continuous interchange of divergent points of view between a group of able people who give their best effort and their highest loyalty to ideals that are in themselves not static but in a constant process of expansion and growth. The praise which Dean Mott has bestowed upon Mr. Meyer and the staff will be received by them as a reward belonging to no single person but to a guiding principle and purpose that represent something higher and more significant than the sum-total of their individual abilities.

This award will put the seal of approval on endeavors that can be maintained in a world such as ours only by constant rededication to the task. For the sustenance which Dean Mott's citation will bring to our hearts and minds, I thank you in the name of Eugene Meyer and every one of his fellow-workers on *The Washington Post*.



Entrance to the West Campus

Beautiful entrance way to the University of Missouri's West Campus and the Circle Driveway which borders on the Journalism lawn.



C. V. R. Thompson

The London Daily Express

Citation

THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS, in recognition of its leadership, throughout its history, in the dynamic display of news; its admirable example in the field of architecture and newspaper plants; its supremacy in circulation among all the daily newspapers of the world, despite the handicaps of production under war conditions; and its sympathetic relations with American journalism.

Response

By Mr. C. V. R. Thompson

Chief American Correspondent

I think that I can best respond to the honour the University of Missouri School of Journalism does today to the *London Daily Express* by reading to you a cable I have received from Mr. Arthur Christiansen, editor, of the *Daily Express*. He cables:

"The Editorial Staff of the *Daily Express* join with me in expressing our sincere thanks to the Dean of the Missouri University School of Journalism for honouring our newspaper.

"Throughout the years the *Daily Express* has endeavoured to build up its influence and importance by honest journalism.

"We have tried to publish the news truthfully and with objectivity.

"We have rigorously banned salacious aids to circulation.

"We have tried to be responsible and interesting in our presentation of the news.

"We have regarded dullness and pomposity as fundamental foes.

"We have confined the expression of editorial viewpoint to that section of the newspaper devoted to Opinion.

"We have never sought to colour the news to suit the views of the newspaper.

"We have striven above all to promote Anglo-American friendship by presenting a fair picture of our two peoples day by day.

"To-day we feel that success has crowned our efforts."

Harper's Magazine

Citation

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, in recognition of its career of ninety-five years as a leader in American literature and American thought; its unparalleled influence for many decades upon the reading of great masses of people; and a vitality and sincerity which has enabled it to change with a changing world and keep in the forefront of modern life and ideas.

Response

By Mr. Frederick L. Allen, Editor

I am proud to accept this medal on behalf of that energetic, loyal, argumentative, perpetually dissatisfied, and perpetually hopeful group of men and women, the Editors of *Harper's Magazine*. The work in which we are engaged is a business, in the sense that in order to exist it must be able to pay its bills. (Parenthetically I might add that it has successfully met this test for ninety-five years.) But it is more than a business; in fact, we editors spend very little time thinking about dollars and cents and a lot of time trying to produce what will satisfy us as an honest, independent, exciting, distinguished, and—in the widest sense—useful magazine. That's an uncomfortable sort of objective to have in mind, because you can never be quite sure you aren't kidding yourself when you imagine you're headed toward it. Sometimes we wake up in the middle of the night convinced that the job we are doing is timid, unoriginal, unexciting, and negligible. On all such occasions hereafter we shall be fortified by the knowledge that the foremost school of journalism in the United States once hung a medal round our necks. That is a real honor. We are grateful for it, and we shall try to live up to it—during, let us say, the next ninety-five years.



Frederick L. Allen

Robert J. Casey

The Chicago Daily News

Citation

ROBERT J. CASEY, in recognition of his long career as a brilliant reporter in virtually all the fields of news and features; his successful record of authorship of books of war correspondence, exploration, travel, and fiction; and his position as dean of American newspaper reporters.

Response

By Mr. Casey

I am very proud to be here this afternoon, to listen to the pleasant things mentioned in the citation and to receive this medal. The measure of any award must always be founded in the competence and judgment of those who give it and to one who has followed the workings of the Missouri School of Journalism as long as I have, those factors in this instance need no amplification.

I have met your graduates in the far corners of the world—from the days when they were running the English-language press of Japan virtually single handed to the war years in Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific. They knew their business as they could have learned it only from men who also knew their business.

I am flattered and deeply grateful.



Robert J. Casey

William E. Freeland

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, *Taney County Republican*, FORSYTHE, MISSOURI

Citation

WILLIAM E. FREELAND, in recognition of his long and successful life as editor and publisher of Missouri weekly newspapers; his devotion to the highest ideals of journalism and community welfare; his championship of the press in legislative halls; and the example which he has set for all who may follow him in integrity, wide intellectual interests, and outspoken adherence to principle.

Response

By Mr. Freeland

Appreciating the honor of this award and the kindly words of Dr. Mott, I am humbly mindful of the obligation it imposes. A burdened responsibility attends such recognition.

When winged words first took flight from the lips of man, thought became a captive to speed in the service of good or evil. With the coming of the written word, thought became established; it was no longer limited to the range of the living voice but remained to serve within the infinite sphere of Time.

It is the duty of the editor by understanding to make captive the common thought; through the printed word to establish it as an enduring servant. As the mountain gathers the unseen water vapor into life-giving rain, so the editor gathers the latent thought of his readers and by the printed word transforms it into creative force.

In the presence of you whose thought speaks to millions of readers. I am as a tiny candle in the Midday sun. But my burden is less heavy. Comrade from childhood with my readers my problem is simply to find words to express the common conscience of those it is my privilege to serve. You who speak to millions must toil through the labyrinth of confused and sometimes conflicting purposes to find a common ideal.

We who meet here today come from nations whose dominions touch all the oceans of the world; yet we have a common language and a common heritage of freedom and of justice. Our contest is emulation, not conflict. With mutual respect and esteem we strive in peace. Out of the clash of our opinions, sometimes fiercely contended for, progress is born.



William E. Freeland

But the challenge of this generation is to discover a common conscience abiding in the heart of the people of Laish and the children of Dan.

Twenty years of service with our Indians convinced me that buried somewhere in the heart of most races is a common ground. About a generation ago, Hano, an unlettered Hopi of the Walpi pueblo, revealed much of the heart of primitive man. His thoughts were essentially that of men of the Stone Age unchanged by contact with civilized culture. I translate into our idiom one of the thoughts of his race. He said:

“We sit in silence (reverence) around our altar because the One Who Sits Above and first made all this was alone (and hence silent). We believe that if we sit silent (reverent) and all join in wishing for something good and if there is no bad in the heart of any of us, that we will get it.”

I can think of no higher Christian concept of prayer than that expressed by this primitive man of the Stone Age. We must find a common World Conscience and keep within the hands of those devoted to freedom and to justice the power to make that Conscience respected. But mindful of the fate of Laish we dare not rely upon the Conscience of the World being self-enforcing nor will it endure if the children of Dan are trusted with the sword.



Shaded approaches to Jay H. Neff Hall and Walter Williams Hall, scene of Journalism Week activities. The buildings are connected by an arch surmounted by a tower



Foster B. Hailey

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The New York Times

FOSTER B. HAILEY, in recognition of his notable work in the editing and management of news reports for various newspapers and for the *Associated Press*; his outstanding achievement as war correspondent in the Pacific area; and his notable work in authorship and as editorial writer for the *New York Times*.

By Mr. Hailey

When Dean Mott wrote me last month that I had been selected by the Faculty and the Board of Curators as the recipients of one of the Journalism Honor Medals my first reaction was one of incredulity. When I had recovered I wrote him that if the Faculty and the Board of Curators were foolish enough to award it to me, then I was vain enough to accept it even though I thought it was a mistake. It came as more of a surprise because I was no howling success as a student. I didn't make Phi Beta Kappa while in school, or even Kappa Beta Phi, although I imagine I drank my share of corn.

However, even though I think a mistake has been made—don't we all make them—I am here to take advantage of it. No graduate of the School of Journalism ever had a more pleasant reason for revisiting the old campus after an absence of almost twenty years. In the spirit in which it was so graciously voted me, I accept it, humbly and gratefully.



Kappa Tau Alpha Research Award

To Mr. Thomas E. Dabney

SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, *Chieftain*

Kappa Tau Alpha, national journalistic fraternity, gave its first annual award of \$100 for printed research in Journalism to Thomas E. Dabney for his book, "One Hundred Great Years: A History of the New Orleans Times-Picayune." The presentation in behalf of the many chapters of Kappa Tau Alpha in schools of journalism was made by Dean Mott at the beginning of the Thursday afternoon session of Journalism Week.

The colorful New Mexico editor began his work on the history of the *Times-Picayune* while working as a reporter on a centennial issue of the New Orleans newspaper. He completed the book after becoming editor of the Socorro *Chieftain* three years ago.

Medalists of Other Years

IN 1930

THE NEW YORK TIMES
LA PRENSA, OF BUENOS AIRES
WARD A. NEFF, CORN BELT FARM DAILIES
PERCY S. BULLEN, LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH
E. W. STEPHENS, COLUMBIA (MO.) HERALD

IN 1931

THE BALTIMORE SUN
THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN
ROBERT P. SCRIPPS, SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS
HOUSTON HARTE, SAN ANGELO (TEX.) STANDARD TIMES
HENRY F. CHILDERS, TROY (MO.) FREE PRESS

IN 1932

THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
THE FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG
CASPER S. YOST, ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT
FRANK W. RUCKER, INDEPENDENCE (MO.) EXAMINER

IN 1933

THE KANSAS CITY STAR
THE JAPAN ADVERTISER
THE TIMES, OF LONDON
MALVINA LINDSAY, WASHINGTON (D. C.) POST
CHARLES G. ROSS, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
HARRY J. GRANT, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
J. P. TUCKER, PARKVILLE (MO.) GAZETTE

IN 1934

THE DES MOINES REGISTER AND TRIBUNE
THE MELBOURNE ARGUS, OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
THE CHURCHMAN, OF NEW YORK CITY
HERBERT W. WALKER, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION
ROBERT M. WHITE, MEXICO (MO.) LEDGER

MISSOURI HONOR AWARDS

IN 1935

THE DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS
THE MONTREAL STARJAMES WRIGHT BROWN, EDITOR & PUBLISHER, NEW YORK
HARRY E. TAYLOR, TRAER (IOWA) STAR-CLIPPER
WILLIAM SOUTHERN, JR., INDEPENDENCE (MO.) EXAMINER

IN 1936

THE NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE
THE TOKYO ASAHIFRANK W. TAYLOR, JR., ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES
EARLE PEARSON, ADVERTISING FEDERATION OF AMERICA
WILLIAM R. PAINTER, CARROLLTON (MO.) DEMOCRAT

IN 1937

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE
DIETRICK LAMADE, GRIT, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.
HARRY E. RASMUSSEN, AUSTIN (MINN.) DAILY HERALD
W. J. SEWALL, CARTHAGE (MO.) PRESS

IN 1938

THE NEW YORK SUN
THE TORONTO STAR
MARY MARGARET MCBRIDE, COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM
E. E. SWAIN, KIRKSVILLE (MO.) DAILY EXPRESS

IN 1939

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL
THE TIMES OF INDIA
RAYMOND P. BRANDT, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
JOSEPH GLENN BABB, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WALLACE CROSSLEY, WARRENSBURG (MO.) STAR-JOURNAL
H. J. BLANTON, MONROE COUNTY APPEAL

IN 1940

THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN
LYLE CAMPBELL WILSON, UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS
JAMES KELLY POOL, JEFFERSON CITY (MO.) CAPITAL-NEWS

IN 1941

THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
TA KUNG PAO, CHUNGKING, CHINA
THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI
LELAND STOWE, THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
FRANK H. KING, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
RALPH H. TURNER, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION
H. S. JEWELL, SPRINGFIELD (MO.) NEWSPAPERS, INC.

IN 1942

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER
HENRY T. EWALD, CAMPBELL-EWALD COMPANY, DETROIT
JOHN B. POWELL, CHINA WEEKLY REVIEW, SHANGHAI
PIERRE J. HUSS, INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
JOHN DONALD FERGUSON, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

IN 1943

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
EL UNIVERSAL, OF MEXICO CITY
EDWIN L. JAMES, NEW YORK TIMES
DAVID M. WARREN, PANHANDLE (TEXAS) HERALD
L. MITCHELL WHITE, MEXICO (MO.) LEDGER

IN 1944

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
A NOITE, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY
FREDERIC WILLIAM GOUDY
JOHN RIPPEY MORRIS
CHARLES NUTTER
CHARLES EDWIN WATKINS