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Ferdie J. Deering Receives Award

An editorial writer and agri-business columnist for the Oklahoma Publishing Co. has received the Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by Oklahoma State University.

Ferdie J. Deering, a 46-year OPUBCO employee, was named as one of two recipients of the prestigious award, which is given annually to those who display the high ideals of citizenship and service and those qualities of character which exemplify the life of the person in whose name this award is made."

The award is named for the Henry G. Bennett, OSU president from 1928 until his death in 1951.

Also receiving the award was T. Boone Pickens Jr., founder, president and chairman of the board of Mesa Pe-



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troleum Co. in Amarillo, Texas.

After graduation from East Central State University, Deering was appointed night editor of the Ada News. He was named in 1937 associate editor of the Farmer-Stockman magazine, a subsidiary of OPUBCO. In 1943, he became editor of the publication.