

# 9 State Journalists Inducted Into Hall

Nine journalists, including four who have had prominent roles at *The Oklahoman*, were inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame on Friday afternoon at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Prominent journalists have been inducted each year since 1971 into the hall, which is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Oklahoma Press Association.

Edward L. Gaylord, publisher of *The Oklahoman*, was among those recognized for their outstanding contributions to Oklahoma journalism.

Also recognized were Joan E. Gilmore, the late Ferdie J. Deering, the late F.E. "Wally" Wallis, Eric Allen, Jane Bryant, Stan Hoig, Omer N. Schnoebelen and Margaret Taylor.

Gaylord heads media and entertainment businesses that circle the globe, including The Oklahoma Publishing Co., which publishes *The Oklahoman* and Gaylord Entertainment.

However, he has said he considers his

role as publisher of *The Oklahoman* his lifetime work and most important business.

The newspaper is celebrating its centennial this year.

In naming Gaylord to the Hall of Fame, hall officials cited the newspaper's continual striving to remain at the forefront of advances in publishing technology and Gaylord's many civic and charitable activities.

Gilmore worked for *The Oklahoman* from 1952 until 1980 as a reporter, women's editor and metropolitan editor. She owns her own public relations agency and writes a weekly column for the *Journal Record*.

Deering spent 48 years with The Oklahoma Publishing Co., including 30 years as editor of the *Farmer-Stockman*.

He also worked at the *Ada Evening News* and the *Denison Herald* in Texas. Upon his death in 1993, Deering was lauded for his contributions to Oklahoma agriculture.

Before his death in 1981, Wallis was a sports writer for *The Oklahoman* and *Times*

for 27 years. He won national honors for his golf writing. He served as president of Golf Writers Association of America and of the Oklahoma City Press Club. Wallis also worked on papers in Sapulpa, Poteau and Inola, Kan.

Allen, who died in 1986, wrote 30 books, mostly Western fiction. Allen wrote feature articles for many newspapers and magazines in Oklahoma and throughout the country. He worked at publications in Sallisaw, Muldrow, Alva, Enid, Lawton and Fort Smith, Ark.

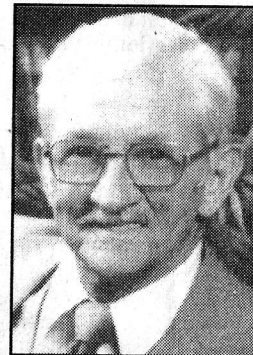
Bryant has worked as managing editor of the *Norman Transcript* for 27 of her 39 years on the staff. Twice she has led the Oklahoma Associated Press Editors Association.

Hoig has written more than a dozen books on Western history. He is a professor emeritus of journalism at the University of Central Oklahoma where he taught for 23 years.

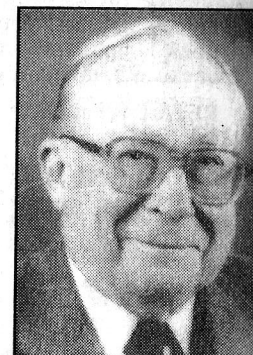
Schnoebelen took over the *Mooreland Leader* in 1946 when his father retired from the paper. The Okla-



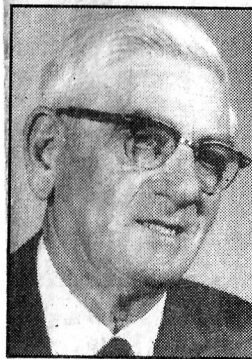
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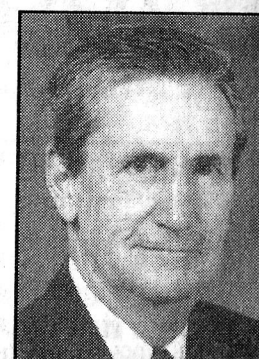
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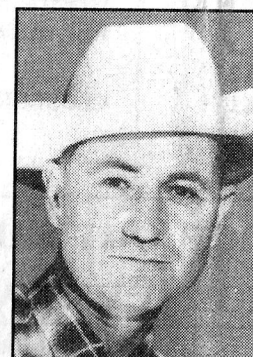
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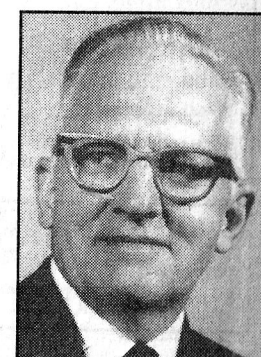
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homa Press Association named him to its Half Century Club in 1991.

Taylor was the first and only woman president of the Oklahoma Press Association, a position she held in 1990 and 1991. She be-

gan her news work in 1953 when she and her husband leased the *Hinton Record*.

The honorees are selected by members of the Oklahoma Press Association and the UCO and Oklahoma Professional Chapters

of the Society of Professional Journalists.

A certificate stating the accomplishments of the honoree is displayed in the Hall of Fame Room at UCO and the State Capital Publishing Museum in Guthrie.