

South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame

Founded in 1934

Plaques honoring each journalist are displayed in the lobby of the Anson and Ada May Yeager Hall on the South Dakota State University campus.



Alice B. Gossage (1861-1929), the first woman chosen for South Dakota's Newspaper Hall of Fame, was elected to this honor in 1934. For 47 years, Mrs. Gossage was the widely respected editor of the Rapid City Journal. She also found time for a variety of other activities. She once taught school, gave music lessons, founded a Sunshine Society for aiding the needy, formed a temperance society, taught Sunday school for 40 years and aided the South Dakota Press Association in its early days. She also worked on the Vermillion Republican and the Parker New Era.

George W. Kingsbury (1837-1925) for 40 years was editor of the Yankton Press and Dakotian, first daily newspaper in the Dakota Territory. Mr. Kingsbury, a 1935 selection for the Newspaper Hall of Fame, learned the printer's trade in Utica, N.Y., and worked in Kansas before coming to Dakota Territory in 1862. He purchased the newly founded Weekly Dakotian, sold it in 1869, and then launched the Yankton Press the next year. In 1875, the newspaper merged into the Daily Press and Dakotian, with Kingsbury at the helm. Frequently called the "Father of Dakota Journalism," he was also widely known for his five-volume "History of Dakota Territory."

George Schlosser (1857-1926), editor and publisher of various South Dakota publications, was a 1935 Newspaper Hall of Fame selection. At various times in his career, he was associated with the Blunt Advocate, the Dakota Ruralist, which he founded, the Aberdeen Daily News and the Publishers Printing Company. He consolidated the latter with the South Dakota Newspaper Union in Aberdeen and managed it as a combined publishing house, moving the business to Sioux Falls in 1896. After several years in commercial printing work, he purchased the Wessington Springs Republican in December 1917 and published it until his death.

Clate Tinan (1852-1931) was widely known for his conservation work in the state and as editor of the Kimball Graphic. In 1903, he published an article titled "The Vanishing Prairie Hen," which was widely quoted and acclaimed. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1935. Born in Ohio, Mr. Tinan got his start in journalism as a field sports specialist for The Chicago Field. He moved to Dakota Territory in 1883, purchasing the Kimball Enterprise, and renaming it the Graphic. Upon retiring as publisher of the Graphic, Mr. Tinan continued his conservation work as a fish and game commissioner in South Dakota. His famous column, "The Passing Show," was continued after his death.

Newman C. Nash (1843-1905) was a 1936 selection for the Newspaper Hall of Fame. Noted for his editorials in the Sioux Valley News at Canton, which he acquired in 1876, he was prominent during his career for his staunch stand on all public questions, and in particular for his life-long fight for prohibition. Born in Orleans County, N.Y., he lived in Wisconsin and then came to Dakota Territory where he homesteaded for five years before moving to Canton. Mr. Nash was state commander of the G.A.R., state master of the Odd Fellows Lodge and for many years was state secretary of the Soldiers' Home Board. He was also a charter member of the South Dakota Press Association.

Carter Sherwood (1862-1929), for many years publisher of the De Smet News, was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1936. Mr. Sherwood came to Dakota Territory as a homesteader in 1883, but sold his claim to enter a partnership in the De Smet Leader. In 1885, he bought out his partner and in 1890 he consolidated with the Kingsbury County News. He was sole owner of the newspaper after 1900 until 1925 when he took his son, Aubrey, into partnership with him. At the time of his death he had edited a newspaper in South Dakota longer than any other publisher in the state. He was active in community affairs, helping to establish the Building and Loan Association, a creamery and a musical supply firm.

Len V. Doty (1859-1927), one of the earliest members of the South Dakota Press Association, was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1937. Born in Darlington, Wisc., he learned both the harness makers' and printers' trades as a boy and worked for the newspaper for a time in his hometown. He went to Doland in 1887 and purchased the two newspapers then being published, the Times and the Record. During the 40 years he published the Times-Record, he became well-known for his loyalty to South Dakota and to causes he believed would further the interests of the state. Mr. Doty was always interested in press association activities and served as president of the organization.

C. E. Sanders (1878-1935) was one of seven brothers, all of whom became newspapermen. Elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1937, he at various times edited the Centerville Journal, the Brookings Register, the Garretson News, the Dell Rapids Tribune, and had worked on the news staff of the Kansas City Post and the Kansas City Journal. Mr. Sanders won distinction for his editorial writing. In 1931, he was awarded a gold make-up rule watch charm by South Dakota State College for his editorials. While he was editor of the Brookings Register, that newspaper received national honors for its editorials.

Robert E. Dowdell (1855-1931), elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1938, was one of the influential and colorful figures in early South Dakota newspaper history. Born in New York State, he came with his parents to Iowa, venturing into the Black Hills region in 1876. He sent accounts of the gold rush days around Deadwood to the Iowa Falls News. He spent most of his life, however, as publisher of the Artesian Advocate, later consolidated with the Commonwealth. He served as president of the National Editorial Association in 1910 and of the state association in 1907. He served several terms in the state legislature, was the first Sanborn County assessor and served on the state board of agriculture.

Charles F. Hackett, Sr. (1853-1926), editor of the Parker New Era for 48 years, was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1938. His boyhood days were spent in and near the ancestral home in Salem County, N.J., where he began his newspaper career at the age of 15. After working for various eastern publishers, he came to Yankton in 1876 as a reporter at the Herald. In 1878, he took over the Swan Lake Press, moving it to Parker as the New Era in 1879. At the time of his death, his newspaper showed one of the longest continuous records of publication of any newspaper in the area. Widely known for his writing, he was the author of "War of the Outbreak," published in the South Dakota history collections, Volume VIII.

Irwin D. Aldrich (1864-1937), editor of the Big Stone Headlight for 21 years, was named to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1939. He attended secondary school at Rochester, Minn., obtained a degree in pharmacy at South Dakota State College, did post-graduate work in botany and entomology at Cornell University, and maintained a lifelong interest in education. In 1895, he established The County Teacher, an educational publication. He also served for 16 years as secretary of the South Dakota Regents of Higher Education, doing much to further the cause of higher learning. Largely through his efforts, the School of Printing was established at State College.

Erie S. Danforth (1873-1928) was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1939. He learned the printing and newspaper trade from his uncle, whom he joined as partner in 1895 in publishing the Vermillion Daily Republican. During his lifetime, Mr. Danforth took an active interest in politics. In 1924, after retirement as publisher, he was appointed clerk of courts in Clay County, a position he held until his death. He was active in newspaper affairs and with the South Dakota Press Association, which he served as president of in 1922.

Lyman J. Bates (1865-1929), elected to the Hall of Fame in 1940, was editor of the Lake Preston Times for 46 years. Mr. Bates was born in Iowa and learned the printing trade on the Parkersburg Eclipse. He came to Dakota Territory in 1882, where he worked on the Huronite for a year, then purchased the Lake Preston Times. He was widely known for his leadership in community improvement projects. In the newspaper profession, he served as president of the South Dakota Press Association and was long one of its influential members. He was an active worker in Republican politics as well as in educational affairs.

Thomas B. Roberts (1861-1938) was operator of the State Publishing Company in Pierre and editor of the Pierre Daily Dakotan from 1910 until his death. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1940. Born in South Bend, Ind., he came to Dakota Territory in the early 1880s, became interested in territorial politics. As a publisher, first at Armour, he took an active part in affairs of the press association, serving as president 1896-97. His interest in politics resulted in his holding several offices. At one time he was secretary to Sen. A.B. Kittredge. He was instrumental in building press association membership, and in promoting and developing efficiency and new services in the early days of the association.

W. C. Allen (1869-1939), publisher of the Dakota Farmer, at various times was a stockholder, director, manager, and managing editor of that publication. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1941. Armed with only three months of formal grade school education, Mr. Allen, during his 36 years with the Dakota Farmer, became a recognized authority on agricultural matters. He was the Republican candidate for governor in 1934. As a young man he learned to “hustle ads,” gather subscriptions and write news items. His newspaper experiences included stints on the Groton Independent, the Minneapolis Tribune and the Aberdeen Daily News.

Paul Dutcher (1863-1934), founder of the Brookings Register and for many years a South Dakota publisher, was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1942. Mr. Dutcher learned the printing trade at the age of 15 from an older brother with whom he published the Waterloo, Wisc., Journal. He came to South Dakota in 1884, where he published the Raymond Gazette. Later, after a term with the Aberdeen Daily News, he helped found the Brookings Register. Always active in politics and Rotary International, he was also president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1923 and had a consuming interest in newspaper affairs. He was also an active Mason and Shriner.

Baron C. Dow (1876-1937), manager and owner of the Sioux Falls Daily Argus-Leader, was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1943. Mr. Dow attended Sioux Falls College and the University of South Dakota. His first newspaper experience was with the Sioux Falls Gazette and later with the Argus-Leader. Born in Vermont, he came to South Dakota with his parents as a boy, living first at Yankton and later at Pierre, before settling in Sioux Falls. He became manager of the Argus-Leader in 1910 and part owner in 1918. He was continually active in the affairs of the South Dakota Press Association.

D. C. DeVany (1880-1941), publisher of the Vermillion Plain Talk, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1946. Mr. DeVany owned a small paper at Odessa, Minn., in 1900. After owning and editing several newspapers in Minnesota and North Dakota, he purchased the Moberly Tribune in 1919. Under his management it achieved national recognition. In 1939, with his son Guy, he purchased the Vermillion Plain Talk, of which he was publisher at the time of his death. Mr. DeVany was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1936, and its legislative representative in 1939. His editorial column, “The Week’s Grist” was widely quoted.

J. F. Halladay (1860-1945), elected to the Hall of Fame in 1946, was born in Topeka, Kan., and came to South Dakota in 1882 where he found the Iroquois Chief, which he published for 57 years. Mr. Halladay was active in Republican politics, served as state auditor for two terms and was chairman of the state Board of Charities and Corrections for 20 years. For a quarter of a century he was secretary of the South Dakota Press Association, also serving a term as president, and was instrumental in making the association an effective organization. Because of the wide quotation given his editorials and his prominent part in newspaper circles, he often was referred to as the “Dean of South Dakota Publishers.”

Charles M. Day (1863-1945), who directed the destiny of the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader from young manhood, was one of the Midwest’s great newspapermen. He was president and editor of the Argus-Leader at the time of his death and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1947. Upon graduation from Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa, in 1886, he went to Sioux Falls as city editor of the Daily Argus. During his tenure on the Argus, he filled at one time or another nearly every position in the newsroom. Only three years after he wrote his first copy for the Daily Argus he became part owner of the newspaper. In 1890, the Weekly Leader was consolidated with the Argus to become the Daily Argus-Leader. Mr. Day was active in the affairs of the South Dakota Press Association and served as its president.

H. A. Sturges (1869-1944) was a South Dakota publisher for 48 years, editing the Beresford Republic from 1896 to 1925 and the Arlington Sun from 1925 until his death in 1944. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1948. He was born at LaValle, Wisc., and attended South Dakota State College in 1889-1890 and the University of South Dakota 1890-1891. Mr. Sturges actively participated in the affairs of the South Dakota Press Association and was a former president of the organization.

R. O. Schaber (1872-1948) was born in Ettlingen, Baden, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of 7. While still a boy, he became an apprentice on the Eden Echo (Eden later became Hudson). In

1901, he founded the Hudsonite, which he continued to publish for nearly half a century. Mr. Schaber was active in politics and was a state senator in 1919 and again in 1945. He was once president of the South Dakota Press Association. He was a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Schaber was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1949, just one year after his death.

John H. Craig (1883-1949) was long a leading figure in the South Dakota Press Association. He served a year as president and was its secretary for about 25 years. He published the Tripp Ledger for 42 years. Born in Kimmundy, Ill., Mr. Craig came to South Dakota at the age of 18, and shortly thereafter made Tripp his permanent home. He gave greatly of his time and energy to the betterment of his community, serving on the school board, the fair association board and the creamery association for many years. He was an active Mason. He died in 1949 and was elected to the Hall of Fame a year later.

James S. Smith (1880-1947), one of the pioneer publishers of the Black Hills, was editor and publisher of the Belle Fourche Bee at the time of his death. He was one of the organizers of the Black Hills Press Association, having served as its president, and was also president of the South Dakota Press Association. He served as treasurer of the Black Hills Roundup, was one of the leaders in the Belle Fourche irrigation project, and played an important part in the Associated Commercial Clubs of the Black Hills.

J. B. Townsley (1879-1950), editor of The Dakota Republican at Vermillion for 24 years, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1951. Mr. Townsley was born in Kansas, but his family moved to Iowa and later to South Dakota while he was still a boy. He graduated from the University of South Dakota and then taught school, but the printing trade called him, and in 1904 he bought the Leader at Larchwood, Iowa. He sold that newspaper in 1910 and purchased the Potter County News at Gettysburg. In 1921, he again sold and became associated with the Daily Journal at Aberdeen. He went into partnership in 1922 and purchased The Dakota Republican, editing it with his partner until consolidation with the Plain Talk in 1947.

W. W. Sanders (1867-1943) was publisher of the Dell Rapids Tribune at his death in 1943 and had the distinction of being one of the oldest newspapermen in South Dakota, both in year of service as an editor, and in age. Mr. Sanders began his newspaper career at the age of 15 on the Brownville, Neb., Democrat and went on to publish newspapers in Auburn and Nemaha until coming to South Dakota in 1909 to join his brother, C.E. Sanders, on the staff of the Garretson News. In 1925 he moved to Dell Rapids to take over the Tribune, which he had purchased in 1920. He was honorary president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1934 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1952.

Albert J. Adams (1894-1944) was born in Kent, Minn., started as a printer's apprentice at the age of 10 and at the age of 16 was admitted to the International typographical Union as a journeyman. He worked on newspapers in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth and Fargo. In 1917, he became business manager and mechanical superintendent of the Reporter & Farmer at Webster. In 1928 he purchased the Sisseton Courier and in 1929 bought the Sisseton Standard and merged it with the Courier. Mr. Adams was a leader in Republican and Masonic circles throughout his life. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1953.

W. R. Ronald (1879-1951) was publisher of the Daily Republic at Mitchell for 41 years and achieved the reputation of being a national leader in the promotion of agriculture. He served as a member of the National Farm Conference and was chairman of a sub-committee whose work resulted in the Agricultural Adjustment Act. He was active in Rotary and was an International Director in 1929-30. Mr. Ronald was born in Grand View, Iowa, graduated from Monmouth College in 1898, and worked on the Marion, Ind., Chronicle, becoming city editor. In 1901 he joined the Sioux City Tribune, later becoming its managing editor. He was editor of the Sioux Falls Press in 1908, and in 1909 he became owner of the Mitchell Printing Company. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

Edward L. Senn (1865-1951) was one of the pioneer publishers of western South Dakota. He at one time owned 35 newspapers as areas of western South Dakota were homesteaded from 1900 to 1910. These newspapers published the final proof notices of homesteaders and were called "final proof" newspapers, resulting in Senn's title as the "final proof king" of West River. He was a foe of the lawless element – the rustlers, thieves and gamblers – who thronged to the West River area in those days. In 1909, he bought

the Deadwood Daily Telegram and conducted a strenuous campaign against vice in that city. In 1925 he was appointed state prohibition administrator. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

John E. Hipple (1865-1939), the 1955 selection for the Hall of Fame, was born in Pennsylvania and learned the printing trade as a boy in Freeport, Ill. His family came to Dakota Territory in 1879 and settled in Armstrong (now Hutchinson) County near Parkston. Hipple founded the Dakota City Advance in 1886 at the age of 21. This paper is now the Parkston Advance. He served as state auditor from 1893 to 1896 and in 1898 organized the State Publishing Company at Pierre. In 1903 he formed the Hipple Printing Company and in 1905 bought the Daily and Weekly Capital Journal. He continued to publish both newspapers until his death and was also mayor of Pierre from 1925 to 1939.

Stephan A. Travis (1860-1947) reported every South Dakota legislative session from statehood until his death in October 1947. He was an Associated Press correspondent in Pierre from 1896 until 1917 when the bureau was established there. He was a special correspondent for many dailies, and during his later years supplied legislative and political letters to weeklies over South Dakota. He was born in Brazil, Ind., was educated in Indiana schools and print shops, and came to Dakota Territory in April 1883. He worked as a printer in Huron, Aberdeen and Pierre, then founded the Okobojo Times in May 1884, and ran it until April of 1892 when he moved to Pierre. He was connected with the Pierre Times and Daily Capital-Journal for many years. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1956.

Charles H. Hornbeck (1881-1941) was born in Racine, Wisc., but raised in Centerville, S.D. After 20 colorful years of traveling in the United States and Europe, he returned to Centerville and purchased the Journal in 1924, which he published until shortly before his death in 1941. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1957. In 1931, Mr. Hornbeck was elected president of the Tri-State Editorial Association, and just prior to his death was named honorary president of the South Dakota Press Association. Hornbeck was postmaster of Centerville and a member of the city council. He served in the state legislature and was a member of the State Highway Commission for four years.

Doane (Jonah Leroy) Robinson (1856-1946), South Dakota booster and historian, came to Watertown in 1883 to practice law, but entered journalism as editor of the Courier-News. He became publisher of the Gary Interstate from 1894-96 and then went to Yankton to publish the Gazette. He established the monthly South Dakotan in 1898 and moved to Sioux Falls. In 1901, he purchased the Aberdeen Democrat, later the Review-Democrat, which he sold in 1903. He was an early advocate of the Rushmore Memorial, of Missouri River dams, and of the recreation possibilities in the Black Hills. He helped develop the State Department of History and became its secretary. He wrote a column for the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, an Encyclopedia of South Dakota, and the History of South Dakota. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1958.

E. B. Yule (1872-1952), as editor of the Alexandria Herald from 1902 to 1931, was well known in South Dakota and the Midwest for his strong editorial writing. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1959. Mr. Yule began his career on the Lodi, Wisc., Valley News at the age of 12, and later was manager of the Lodi Enterprise before coming to South Dakota to buy the Herald. He was always a strong supporter of South Dakota and was one of the first editors in the state to launch a drive for better highways. He was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1916-17 and was one of the early promoters of the National Editorial Association. Friends say Yule installed the first Model 14 Linotype in a country weekly in the state.

Howard C. Anderson (1875-1952) was prominent in South Dakota newspaper work for more than 40 years, and was a 1960 selection for the Hall of Fame. Much of his work was done in Aberdeen where he was editor of the Square Deal, and later of the Aberdeen Morning American and the Aberdeen Evening News. For a brief period he published a weekly, the Northwest Journal. Moving to Pierre, Anderson was editor of the Republican Party's newspapers. At the time of his death, he was connected with the State Department of Agriculture in a public relations capacity. Mr. Anderson, who attended South Dakota State College, was president of the State Poetry Society and a frequent contributor to Pasque Petals, the state poetry magazine.

Will A. Wells (1862-1957) owned and operated newspapers in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and two in South Dakota – the Sisseton Courier and the Webster Journal. He established the Journal in 1927 and published it until 1947, when he retired at the age of 85. Undoubtedly one of South Dakota's better-known newspaper publishers, Mr. Wells attracted national attention for his rhyming headlines and for his column, which he called, "Applesauce." He was often quoted in national magazines, particularly in the Literary Digest. Mr. Wells, an active Mason and ardent Democrat, was selected for the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1961.

William S. Dolan (1886-1957), a 1962 Hall of Fame selection, devoted his entire career to the Grant County Review at Milbank. Originally from Hubbleton, Wisc., Mr. Dolan graduated from St. Thomas College and went to Milbank to begin his association with the Review. After working on the paper for four years, he purchased it and served as editor and publisher for 46 years. From 1927 to 1939, he was on the state Board of Regents. He was active in the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and received a citation from the organization for 15 years of service. Mr. Dolan was further noted in his community for writing a history of Grant County's role in World War I.

R. W. Hitchcock (1868-1961), whose newspaper career spanned more than 60 years, was publisher of the Hibbing, Minn., Daily Tribune from 1909 to 1961 and the Rapid City Daily Journal from 1931 to 1961. A native of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Mr. Hitchcock had a varied newspaper career in Minnesota and served in the Minnesota legislature for 16 years. In 1954, he was presented an award for meritorious achievement in public activities by the South Dakota School of Mines and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in 1958. Mr. Hitchcock was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1947-48. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962.

Royal A. Turner (1873-1960) was editor of the Brookings County Press from 1912-1947 and was recognized as a vigorous editorial writer and a master printer. He was a booster for all sports, especially baseball, and helped establish a number of amateur teams. After selling the Press, he traveled widely, working on newspapers in several states. He was a firm booster for higher education and a keen student of politics. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1963.

Charles H. J. Mitchell (1880-1961) was in the newspaper business for 70 years before he died. He was a past president of the Iowa and the South Dakota state press associations and was once a member of the Nebraska Press Association. He had owned or was a partner in newspapers in Storm Lake, Iowa, and in Sioux Falls, Yankton, Rapid City, Huron and elsewhere before going to Brookings in 1936. He was past district governor of Rotary International and received the first meritorious service award granted by the National Editorial Association. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1964.

Fred H. Monfore (1889-1961) spent 47 years in the newspaper business, with 41 of them on the staff of the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan. He played a leading role in the promotion of the Missouri River Basin development. He was an untiring promoter for all of the things which brought Yankton the All-American City designation. He was born in Springfield, S.D., graduated from Southern State Normal College, and worked on the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader. After serving in World War I, he joined the Associated Press as wire editor in Chicago and Springfield, Ill. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1965.

Lloyd B. Boorman (1896-1964) spent more than 40 years as editor and publisher of the Lemmon Leader. He previously worked on newspapers in Dickinson and Carrington, N.D. He was born in St. Paul and was educated in Minnesota. Throughout his life, he maintained a keen interest in sports and journalistic organizations and was an ardent worker for the Masons, Lyons and the Republican Party. He joined every effort to improve area business and living conditions and he spearheaded a movement to keep passenger service with the Milwaukee Railroad in South Dakota. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1966.

E. H. Lighter (1899-1964) was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1967. He joined the Rapid City Daily Journal in 1926 as advertising manager, became vice president in 1930 and general manager in 1961. He was a past president of the Black Hills and Badlands Association, the Greater South Dakota

Association, the South Dakota Press Association and also the Northwest Daily Press Association. He died on June 25, 1964.

Robert D. Lusk (1903-1963) was publisher of the Huron Daily Plainsman, a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, and worked all his life in the field of journalism. He worked in New York and Washington for the United Press, the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan, and the Plainsman. He was recognized for his newspaper promotion of agriculture and irrigation. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1967.

H. B. Tysel (1890-1964) was publisher of the Britton Journal from 1902 until 1950. Before moving to Britton, he worked on newspapers in various places in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota. He was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1935 and was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1967.

John B. Perkins (1884-1963) was publisher of the Highmore Herald for 42 years. Before coming to South Dakota, he had been an apprentice printer and had worked at his uncle's newspaper in Lake Park, Iowa. He was born in Sheldon, Iowa, on January 18, 1884, and with his parents moved to Highmore in 1907. He was president of the S.D. Press Association in 1939-40 and was a member of the S.D. Legislature that same year and also in 1941-42. He was one of the original active supporters of the S.D. Crippled Children's Association. He died March 29, 1963, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1968.

George M. Hunter (1890-1966) was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969. He had been publisher of the Madison Daily Leader since 1947, was past president of the South Dakota Press Association and had been honored by many institutions and organizations for his outstanding service to his community and the state. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Elks and a strong promoter of civic business enterprises in Madison.

Charles A. Mitchell (1910-1966) was co-publisher of the Brookings Register with his father from 1961 until he died Jan. 14, 1966. Before working at the Register, he worked at the Rapid City Daily Journal, the Huronite and the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, a former president of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, and was active in state and local organizations, including the American Legion. He was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1969.

John Trevillyan (1905-1968), former publisher of the Tyndall Tribune and Register, was personnel director and comptroller for the Department of Highways. In 1927 he bought the Tribune and sold it in 1960, at which time he became the campaign manager for Archie Gubrud and later Gov. Gubrud's executive secretary. He was a past president of the Press Association and was active in civic affairs. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969.

B. W. (Jeff) Condit (1890-1968) spent his life in the printing and publishing field and most of it was in North and South Dakota. He was born July 1, 1890, in Missouri, but he went to Clinton, Minn., with his family as a boy. He worked on newspapers in Clinton, Milbank, Sioux Falls, Wahpeton and Mayville before he moved to Clark, S.D., in 1945 where he became publisher of the Courier. He served as president of both North and South Dakota press associations and was active in local civic and state newspaper organizations. He died Aug. 11, 1968, and was named to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1970.

Casper "Cap" Nohner purchased the Lake Norden Enterprise in 1918 and combined that newspaper with Hamlin County Herald at Hayti in 1929. Although handicapped by the loss of a leg in 1963, he continued to published the newspaper until his death in 1966. He was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1930 and was a member of the S.D. Board of Corrections and Charities. He was named to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

John P. Sanders was co-owner of the Garretson News for more than 58 years. He published the Garretson newspaper until his death at age 81 in 1968. He was well known for his activities in the American Legion throughout the state. Sanders was a community leader for many years and a musical

director for 40 years. Officials throughout the state paid special tribute to him on his 80th birthday in 1967. He was named to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

Dean C. Trippler (1890-1969) was editor and publisher of the Canova Herald for nearly 60 years. He served his local school as clerk or as a school board member for 50 years. He was a charter member of the local Commercial Club and the Volunteer Fire Department and president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1921. He helped found the Canova Concert Band and was director of the Security State Bank. He served in the House of Representatives for three terms. He died in December 1969 at the age of 79. Until then he was the oldest living past president of SDPA. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

L. L. Coleman (1901-1971) was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972. He graduated from Doane College in Crete, Neb., and became publisher of the Holyoke Enterprise. He worked on the Denver Post briefly, then became advertising manager of the Belleville, Kan., Telescope. His column, "Through the Lens," began at the Telescope and followed him to Mobridge when he purchased the Mobridge Tribune in 1938. In addition to the Tribune, he developed the radio station in Mobridge. He was active in many civic endeavors and was president of the South Dakota Press Association. He sold the Mobridge Tribune in 1964. Mr. Coleman died Nov. 8, 1971.

Grace M. Adams (1896-1972), the second woman elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame, received this honor in 1973. Mrs. Adams took over active management of the Sisseton Courier following the death of her husband, A. J. Adams, in 1944. She continued as publisher until her death in 1972. Born in Bristol, Mrs. Adams lived her entire life in South Dakota. Her newspaper career started in Webster at the Reporter & Farmer. She was the first woman in South Dakota named for the South Dakota Press Association's Master Publisher Award, and is believed to be the first white woman named a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Indian Tribe.

Clifford D. Sanders (1912-1972) was born in Nemaha, Neb., and grew up in Garretson. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in civil engineering. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and then worked for the Soil Conservation Service for several years in various South Dakota communities. He purchased the Garretson News in 1953. In 1960, he began the Suburban News. He sold the News and the Sanders Printing Company in 1971. He served as mayor of Garretson and as president of SDNA.

Rachel A. Walradth and her husband began publishing the White Leader in 1925, hand-setting all the type for the newspaper until 1946 when a Linotype was brought in from the defunct Willow Lake News. Mrs. Walradth became almost a legend in her own, operating the Leader alone after her husband's death in 1953. She sold the newspaper in 1969 at age 90. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1974.

Harold W. Card (1896-1974) began his newspaper career as editor of the Tyndall Tribune, followed by a period with the Rapid City Journal where he served in advertising and then as city editor and managing editor. He purchased the Reporter & Farmer at Webster in 1928 and continued as publisher until his retirement in 1965. He was active in the South Dakota Press Association, serving as its president and as a member of the board. He died May 30, 1974, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1975.

Albert Angele "Bert" Applegate (1889-1976), teacher rather than newspaper publisher, was inducted into the Hall of Fame Sept. 2, 1976, by special vote of South Dakota newspaper publishers. Founder of the Hall of Fame, Mr. Applegate sought to recognize the state's outstanding newspaper editors by focusing on an earlier generation. Although he had a newspaper background, it was mainly as an educator that he exercised an impact on South Dakota journalism. He was Extension and Experiment Station editor and public relations and sports information director at South Dakota State College. In his travels around the state he became personally acquainted with newspaper editors and often served as an unpaid consultant. By the time he left South Dakota for Michigan in 1936, after 6 years as head of the Department of Printing and Journalism, many of his students were contributing to South Dakota journalism.

Edward B. Oddy (1891-1974), former owner and publisher of the Woonsocket News, died on May 31, 1974. A pioneer publisher, he was publisher of the Woonsocket News for 34 years, having bought it in 1914. He retired in 1948. During his time he consolidated the paper with three others – Alpena, Forestburg and Letcher. He was president of the South Dakota Press Association in 1927. After his retirement, he managed the Press Building at South Dakota State Fair for many years. He was active in civic, church and fraternal organizations. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1976.

James E. Hammer (1900-1974), longtime publisher of the Wolsey News, died on May 26, 1974, at the age of 74. Born in Illinois and educated in South Dakota, Mr. Hammer held degrees from SDSU and the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. He was owner and publisher of the Hitchcock News-Leader and then the Wolsey News for 45 years. He served on many community and local government boards and was active in the South Dakota Press Association.

Morris Henry Ingalls (1909-1969) began his career in the newspaper business on the Murdo Coyote, which was owned by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E .J. Beetham. He moved to White River in 1937 where he and his wife published the Mellette County News, continuing to help his sister publisher the Murdo newspaper for 12 years at which time he purchased the Murdo Coyote in 1955. He sold the White River newspaper in 1960. In 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls purchased the Jones County Tribune in Draper. The couple continued publishing both the Murdo and Draper newspapers until Mr. Ingalls' death in 1969. He was an active participant in many community affairs. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1978.

Andrew M. Johnson (1915-1974) grew up in Iowa and graduated from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. He became a reporter for the Canton Sioux Valley News in 1936 and a year later purchased an interest in that paper. In 1938 he became editor and manager and served in that capacity for nearly a quarter century. He was also part owner of a Tracy, Minn., weekly for a number of years. He was president of South Dakota Press Association in 1947, a longtime member of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and an active member of many other civic and fraternal organizations. Mr. Johnson died on May 26, 1974, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1979.

Mike Heinbaugh (1912-1977) was owner and publisher of the Spearfish Mail for 36 years. A native of Belle Fourche, he was a graduate of Black Hills State College and took post-graduate work at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He worked for the Belle Fourche Northwest Post. He was editor of the Spearfish Mail and purchased the paper in 1938. An active community leader, Heinbaugh was a former president of the South Dakota Press Association. He died on June 3, 1977, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1980.

Eldredge L. MacKay (1910-1976) was a native of Ontario, Canada. He worked on the Port Arthur News-Chronicle, owned by his father. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1936 and became a reporter for the Omaha World Herald. MacKay was night editor for the Fargo Forum before moving to Pollock where he published the Pollock Pioneer from 1956 until his death. The Pollock Pioneer was the first offset newspaper in South Dakota. He was active in community affairs and authored a book, The South Forty. MacKay died in 1976 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1981.

Camille Yuill (1898-1981) began her newspaper reporting career working for the Black Hills Weekly and the Deadwood Telegram in 1928. In 1944, she joined the staff of the Deadwood Pioneer Times and was employed there until her retirement in June 1967. She authored a daily column "The Backlog" for 36 years. She wrote a book, "Deadwood in the Black Hills," authored a commentary for a book of Badger Clark's poetry and completed a recipe book, which was published in 1981 when she was 83. Yuill was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982.

Les Helgeland (1919-1982) was born and grew up in Woonsocket, where he began his journalism career as an apprentice to E.B. Oddy at the Woonsocket News. He worked for the News until he entered the service during World War II. From 1945 until 1947 he owned and operated the Emery Enterprise. Poor eyesight forced him to sell the newspaper and he went to work as sports editor of the Mitchell Daily

Republic. In 1953 he left the Republic to become news editor of the Yankton Public Opinion. He was with the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan briefly in 1954, then returned to the Mitchell Daily Republic as political writer. In 1967 Les returned to Yankton as executive editor of the Press and Dakotan. He was well known for his column "Hi Neighbors" and his rapport with readers. He died July 27, 1982, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1983.

1984 Inductees

Fred C. Christopherson, born May 13, 1896, in Toronto, S.D., was editor-in-chief of the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader for 33 years. Mr. Christopherson was educated at Luther College and the University of South Dakota. He became a reporter on the Sioux Falls Press in 1917 and became editor and publisher of the Press. He was on the Kansas City Star staff for a year before becoming editorial page editor in 1928 for the Argus-Leader. Mrs. Christopherson was contributing editor from 1961 to 1972. Mr. Christopherson was known as the dean of South Dakota editorial writers. He was a leader in Sioux Falls and South Dakota civic affairs. Mr. Christopherson was chairman of the publishers' committee that developed the support and plans for building the Printing-Journalism building in 1951. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984, the first year living newspaper editors were eligible.

Aubrey Sherwood, born Nov. 7, 1894, in De Smet, S.D., edited and published the De Smet News for more than 50 years. Mr. Sherwood was educated at South Dakota State College and shortly thereafter joined his father, C.P. Sherwood, who had purchased the News in 1885. His father is also a member of the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. Two lasting contributions to South Dakota for which Mr. Sherwood is given credit are his encouragement of prairie painter Harvey Dunn to bring his collection of paintings to the state and the promotion of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House books and the literature she produced in the De Smet area. He was recognized for his contributions to the De Smet area at "Aub's Day," a community-wide event in 1973. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984, the first year living newspaper editors were eligible.

1985 Inductees

Fritz Clement took over the Java Herald in March 1922, after the death of his father. He came to South Dakota in 1903 at the age of 2, when his father hauled his equipment to Java by horse and wagon and founded the Java Herald. Clement purchased the Selby Record in 1945. Three years later the two newspapers were published in the Selby office and the family moved to Selby. Clement sold his newspaper in 1985. Clement served 14 years on the Java City Council and was mayor of Selby for 12 years. He was president of SDPA in 1950-51.

Ida Clement, a native of Java, entered the newspaper business when she married Fritz Clement in 1926. She became editor of the Java Herald at that time with her husband as publisher. In 1945, the Clements purchased the Selby Record. She was editor of the Record until her health failed in 1981. Ida was well known for writing and for her column "Dug up by the Office Cat." She had won first place in columns in the SDPA contest. She was listed in Who's Who of American Women and was the first woman nominated in the state for Sigma Delta Chi. She died Jan. 13, 1982. The Clements were the first husband and wife team to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985.

1986 Inductee

Edward Hofer, longtime publisher of the Lennox Independent, was inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1986. Hofer's career spanned 75 years. At 13 he was the first person in Bridgewater with the news of the sinking of the Titanic. As a paperboy he sold the Chicago Herald and the Ledger. They were delivered to Bridgewater by train two days after the ship went down. He ran around town yelling out the headlines and "sold a lot of papers," he said. The newspaper business fascinated him from then on. A year after that he was working at the Bridgewater Tribune, sticking type and helping to operate the press. Hofer attended the Mankato, Minn., Business College.

1987 Inductee

Fred H. Breukelman published The Corsica Globe for 48 years. He purchased in the fall of 1929. For 75 consecutive years he wrote a weekly newspaper column for the Globe. He was a recipient of the South Dakota Newspaper Association's Distinguished Service Award, 50 Year Service Award, the Past Presidents Award and the Master Publisher Award. He was instrumental in securing a new journalism building at South Dakota State University during his SDNA presidency in 1946-47.

1988 Inductees

Don Johannsen, publisher for 25 years of the Winner Advocate, believed that publishers and newspaper staff should be involved in community activities. During his time publishing the Advocate, he was a strong voice for the creation of a new cultural institution, businesses and jobs. He was active in a number of community organizations. Johannsen was a key proponent in the community drive for economic expansion and organized the South Central Development Corporation. He served on the board of directors of the South Dakota Press Association and was president in 1968-69. He was the official "bell ringer" at SDPA conventions for years. During his years as publisher he was dedicated to putting out a quality newspaper and covering every event and activity that occurred in the community. He retired in 1984.

Phyllis Dolan Justice is a longtime publisher of the Grant County Review at Milbank. Her father bought the Milbank newspaper in 1911. She attended college at the University of Minnesota, but came home often to help with the paper. She worked at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, was public relations director for National Catholic Community Services and during World War II she worked for the USO in Seattle and then New York as director of the USO Club. She returned to Milbank in 1946 and publishes the paper today with her husband, Clarence. She was the first woman president of the South Dakota Newspaper Association in 1982. She also received the Emma C. McKinney Award from the National Newspaper Association in 1985.

1989 Inductees

Robert Hipple was publisher of the Pierre Capital Journal for 50 years. His newspaper career started at age 6 as a delivery boy for the Daily Capital Journal, which was published by his father. Robert attended South Dakota State College in Brookings. World War I interrupted his education, but following his service duty he completed college at Yale. He began work at the Capital Journal as a wire editor in 1923 and became publisher when his father died in 1939.

Bert L. Moritz was a longtime publisher of the Clark County Courier. He became publisher and editor at Clark in 1947. At age 71 he was still active in the community and at the Courier. He won awards in the South Dakota Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest for his homespun column "Mor-Ritz from Clark County." Moritz also was selected as a Lusk Fellow in Journalism at South Dakota State University in 1989. He was president of SDNA in 1970-71 and received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Mayville State College in 1985.

George H. Phillips was head of the Department of Printing and Journalism at SDSU for 24 years and a major contributor to the education of many of the publishers and editors in the state. He graduated in journalism at SDSU in 1929 and worked for the Daily Republic in Mitchell and the Estherville (Iowa) Daily News. He taught at Emporia (Kan.) State Teachers College and the University of Wichita before coming to the SDSU journalism staff in 1949. During his years he developed strong master's programs in printing and in journalism. He was a leader in developing high school journalism. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Iowa.

1990 Inductee

William McDermott was a Huron native who attended Huron College and in 1941 graduated from Providence College in Rhode Island. He worked at the Daily Plainsman in Huron as ad manager until he left to work at the Merced (Calif.) Sun Star in 1946. He returned to South Dakota and in 1950 purchased the Highmore Herald and published it for 18 years. In 1965 he was chosen the first lay chairman of the

South Dakota Court Modernization Commission. In 1966 he began a two-year term as S.D. Highways Department publicity and tourism director. In 1968 he became general manager of the South Dakota Newspaper Association. He held that position until 1981.

1991 Inductee

Harold Jones began working with the weekly Redfield Press in 1949 when he and E.F. Hammond purchased the newspaper from Spink County Publishing. Jones became its sole owner in 1958. He sold the newspaper in 1980. Jones was president of SDNA in 1965-66. He received the Award of Excellence from Sigma Delta Chi in 1961. He also served as president of the chapter. During his time as publisher his newspaper won many SDNA awards. Jones is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Jones was actively involved in the Redfield community and in the school system, was president of the Chamber of Commerce and was a lay leader in the Methodist church.

1992 Inductee

Wendell Long published the Bennett County Booster II in Martin for more than 40 years. He also operated a large commercial printing business. He was a third generation newspaper publisher. His grandparents purchased the Aurora County Standard in White Lake in 1903. His mother published the first newspaper in Bennett County in 1911. Long began printing and newspaper work in 1934. After a tour of duty during WWII, he enrolled in the journalism program at SDSU. In 1950, after working for the Brookings Register and Pierre Capital Journal, he and his wife, Mary, started the Bennett County Booster II. He served five years on the board of directors of the National Newspaper Association and received SDNA's Distinguished Service Award in 1987.

1993 Inductee

Jack Dorman purchased the Hamlin County Republican newspaper at Castlewood in 1948. Prior to that, he worked in the commercial printing department of the Watertown Public Opinion and the McPherson County Herald in Leola. He graduated from Goodwin High School in 1936 and graduated from South Dakota State University in 1940. He then went to work for the Leola newspaper. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945, spending most of that time in Africa. When he returned to the United States, he took the job at Watertown. He began publishing the Republican with a linotype and letter press printing and brought the newspaper into the era of cold type when he switched to offset printing in 1968. His sons all worked in the print shop with him.

1994 Inductees

Verlyn Hofer, former publisher of the Lennox Independent, was inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1994. He attended SDSU and Augustana College and served in the U.S. Army in Europe. After his military service he returned to work on the family newspaper in Lennox. He worked with his father, Edward Hofer, and earned a half-interest in the publication in 1962. He assumed complete control of the paper in 1983 and then sold it in 1992. He operated a printing business called Show Print, which specialized in carnival and circus poster printing. Hofer was president of SDNA in 1987-88.

Anson Yeager began working for the Argus Leader in Sioux Falls in 1947 as a reporter. He advanced to associate editor and editorial page editor. In 1961 he became executive editor and held that position until retiring in 1984. He continued to write a Sunday column. Yeager attended South Dakota State University, but his education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943. He returned to college after his military service and graduated in printing and journalism, history and political science. He held honorary doctorates from SDSU and Dakota State University. In 1981 he received the Ralph Casey Award for distinguished service to the profession from the University of Minnesota School of Journalism. Both SDSU and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications named him a distinguished alumnus.

1995 Inductee

Keith Jensen served as general manager of the South Dakota Newspaper Association from 1981 to 1996. His newspaper career began in high school when he worked part-time for the Lake Preston Times. He majored in journalism at SDSU, graduating in 1956. While in college he served as Collegian editor. He then served in the U.S. Army for several years. He worked as a city editor for the Madison Daily Leader and city and sports editor for the Watertown Public Opinion. In 1961 he purchased the Peoria (Ariz.) Times. He was co-publisher of six award-winning publications and operated a central printing plant. He returned to South Dakota in 1969 and became managing editor of the Watertown Public Opinion. During that time he was elected president of the South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors. Two years later he became SDSU Alumni Association director. He continued in that position until 1980 when he managed Jim Abnor's U.S. Senate campaign. Jensen is a distinguished alumnus of both SDSU and the SDSU Journalism Department. He served as president of the National Newspaper Association Managers.

1996 Inductee

Bob Karolevitz has been both the chronicler of the South Dakota press and the American community press. His books, "With a Shirt Tail Full of Type" on South Dakota newspapers and "From Quill to Computer" on American community newspapers, are just two of the more than 30 books he has written. He was also a columnist, writing each week for South Dakota newspapers as "Writer at Large." Karolevitz grew up in Yankton working for the Yankton newspaper. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in printing and rural journalism. During his career he has served as a public information officer, advertising copywriter, public relations counsel, free-lance writer and author. He and his wife, Phyllis, purchased the Beresford Republic and Centerville Journal, which was edited by their daughter, Jill. He is a distinguished alumnus of the SDSU Journalism Department. He was also the longtime master of ceremonies at SDNA convention banquets.

1997 Inductees

Chuck Card was editor and publisher of the Britton Journal and Langford Journal for 47 years. He purchased both newspapers after graduating with a journalism degree from SDSU. He was president of SDNA in 1972. He is also past president of the South Dakota professional chapter of Sigma Delta Chi. Card is from a newspaper family. His father, Harold, published the Reporter & Farmer in Webster and was elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1975. His son, Doug, is now publisher of the Journal and Bugle.

Gene Chamberlin was editor and publisher of the Mobridge Tribune for 25 years. He then served as a newspaper consultant and was instrumental in a fundraising effort to remodel the journalism building at SDSU. He also taught management part-time for the department. He was president of SDNA in 1974. He and wife Margy moved to South Dakota in 1960 after working for Iowa newspapers. He managed and edited the Sioux Valley News in Canton until 1964 when he purchased the Mobridge Tribune. He also served on the national journalism school accrediting council. He was a national speaker and highly regarded newspaper consultant. He was state chair for the National Newspaper Association and created an internship program at the Tribune, which is ongoing today.

1998 Inductee

Gerald Sturges literally "grew up" in the newspaper business. The Sturges family lived in the basement of the Arlington Sun, underneath the press. He started working in the mailing department of the newspaper in 1930, hand-pegged type in 1934, operated a linotype in 1935 and in 1940 was given management of the "back shop." In 1944, he became editor-publisher of the Arlington Sun, which was eventually owned by his son, Robert, and grandson Tim. Gerald Sturges was a past president of SDNA, the Interstate Editorial Association and Sigma Delta Chi. He was active in community affairs including being a Master of the Masonic Lodge and Worthy Patron of Eastern Star.

1999 Inductee

Wendell Anderson published the Canistota Clipper, the Montrose Herald, the Humboldt Journal and the Hartford Area News. He retired in 1995 after 41 years in the newspaper business, when he and his wife, Betty, sold their newspapers to son Matt. Anderson began his career in Canistota, leasing the Clipper in 1955 and then purchasing it in 1964. He bought the Montrose Herald in 1969, and started the Humboldt Journal in 1979. He was president of the SDNA in 1992-93. He was active in community affairs, including 16 years as chief of the Canistota Volunteer Fire Department and 18 years as supervisor for the McCook County Conservation District. Anderson was longtime scorekeeper for the Canistota Hawks basketball team and organized pee-wee and midget baseball in the Cornbelt League.

2000 Inductees

Jack Adams was born and raised in the newspaper business. His parents, Albert and Grace Adams, purchased the newspaper in Sisseton in 1923. Both parents were elected to the Newspaper Hall of Fame. Jack Adams was in the Navy during WWII and graduated from SDSU in 1947 with a degree in journalism. He was in the National Guard during the Korean War. He returned to the Sisseton Courier and published it with his mother, Grace, and his wife, Marcella. He also owned a centralized web printing plant in Watertown for many years. He continued as editor and publisher of the Sisseton Courier until his retirement in 1993. Adams served as SDNA president in 1960-61. He was editor of the Peace Officers Magazine and was commissioner of the Game, Fish and Parks from 1967-1975. He is a distinguished alumnus of the SDSU Journalism Department.

Larry Ingalls grew up in the newspaper business alongside his parents, Morris and Mary Jane, who owned newspapers in White River, Murdo and Draper. His father is also in the Hall of Fame. A 1959 graduate of the printing management and journalism program at SDSU, Ingalls worked at the Mitchell Daily Republic, the newspaper in Valentine, Neb., and the Volga Tribune. He and his wife, Jan, published the Webster Reporter & Farmer for 33 years, retiring in 1988. He continued to write occasional stories for the Associated Press and the Reporter & Farmer. He was president of SDNA in 1977-78, was a frequent award winner in SDNA contests and was selected as a Lusk Fellow and Distinguished Alumnus of the SDSU Department of Journalism.

2001 Inductee

Under the management of **Merrill Hunter**, the Madison Daily Leader was the first newspaper in South Dakota to own and operate an offset web press. It also was the first to set type electronically. That ushered in the era of the central printing plant. Hunter moved with his family to South Dakota from Michigan in 1947 when they purchased the Daily Leader. He served as advertising manager, business manager and editor before becoming publisher following the death of his father in 1966. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in journalism and then served two tours with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a public information officer during the Korean War. He owned the Salem Special from 1969 to 1971 and was a longtime member of the South Dakota Newspaper Association and the Inland Press Association. During his long career Hunter wrote more than 6,000 editorials.

2002 Inductee

Richard W. Lee was head of the South Dakota State University Department of Journalism from 1978 until his retirement in 2002. During that period he built a distinguished record of instruction, management, scholarship and service. The journalism program was re-accredited four times during Lee's tenure. During his time at SDSU he was a champion of diversity and was one of the founding organizers of the annual Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop. He also taught at the University of Maryland and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, a master's from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a doctorate in mass communications from the University of Iowa. He is the third generation of a weekly publishing family in southern Illinois and was a weekly newspaper editor and summer replacement and part-timer on the copy desk at the Washington Star. He has won many state and national awards, including the Distinguished Achievement Award from SDNA and the 2002 Freedom Forum Administrator of the Year Award.

2004 Inductee

Merle E. Lofgren dedicated most of his life to South Dakota rural community newspapers. He started a newspaper in Isabel after that community's pioneer publisher died. "A community without a newspaper is a ship adrift, a person without speech," he wrote. Lofgren graduated from South Dakota State College with a bachelor's degree in printing and rural journalism. He was on the Collegian staff for four years, serving as editor in 1948. He was also chairman of the publications council. He bought the Corson County News at McIntosh and the Morrystown World at Morrystown, S.D., in 1949 and made them into one viable operation. In 1960 he bought the McLaughlin Messenger, which he later combined with the McIntosh and Morrystown newspapers. He helped the widow of the Selfridge, N.D., newspaper keep the newspaper going until it could be sold two years later. Lofgren served in the South Dakota Legislature for four years. He was a newspaper advocate and helped establish more realistic legal printing rates. He won several writing awards, particularly for weekly column and editorial writing. He authored several books including "A Printer's Story."

2007 Inductees

Wayne Bertrand began his newspaper career at age 13, working as a printer's devil at the Scotland Journal. He worked at various newspapers in South Dakota and Minnesota before he and his wife, Jo, purchased the Scotland Journal in 1967. Later, in a partnership with Marvin Blaha, they purchased the Tyndall Tribune and Springfield Times. They and 10 other south-central South Dakota publishers formed the Dakota Action Rocket, a common advertising supplement to numerous weekly newspapers. They also built a central printing plant in Armour. Bertrand served as president of South Dakota Newspaper Association in 1986-87. Bertrand retired in 1993 when he and his wife sold their interests in B&H Publishing and Rocket Printing.

Gordon Garnos was a newsman for the Watertown Public Opinion for nearly 40 years. During that time he was the police and court reporter, state editor and for the last 25 years was its editor. Garnos retired from that position in 2002. During his long career he received a number of state and national awards for his work including the 1981 Newsman of the Year Award for Community Service. He was president of South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors' Association in 1974 and was named a Lusk Fellow in Journalism at South Dakota State University in 1991. He was elected to the Watertown City Council in 2002 and was elected council president in 2007.

Tim Giago, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, founded the Lakota Times on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1981. Giago and his newspaper withstood firebombs, office windows shot out and multiple death threats. The newspaper was renamed Indian Country Today in 1992. Giago served as editor and publisher for 18 years, building in into the largest independent Indian newspaper before selling it in 1998. He started the Lakota Journal in 2000 and served as its editor and publisher. He started the Native Sun News in Rapid City in 2009, retiring in 2011. He was founder and first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship in Journalism to Harvard University in 1990. His weekly column, "Notes from Indian Country," appeared in newspapers across the country and on prominent news websites.

Ralph Nachtigal, a 1960 graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in agricultural journalism, began his 40-year career in newspaper journalism as sports editor at the Watertown Public Opinion in 1961. He worked in the sports department at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader from 1963 to 1965 before he and his wife Pat purchased The Platte Enterprise in 1965. He was publisher and editor before selling it in 1999. Nachtigal served two terms in the S.D. House of Representatives in the late 1970s and was president of SDNA in 1981-82. He served 12 years on the Platte Board of Education and as president of the Platte Health Care Center. Nachtigal continues to work for the Enterprise, reporting and writing his weekly column, "From the Bottom of the Barrel."

2011 Inductees

Dale Blegen graduated from South Dakota State University in 1972 with a journalism degree. He was a reporter at The Brookings Register, KSOO radio, the Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger & Inquirer, the Argus Leader and KESD-FM before purchasing the De Smet News in 1977. He completed a master's degree in journalism in 1979, writing a thesis on his De Smet News predecessor, Aubrey Sherwood. In 1984 he purchased the Lake Preston Times. He was president of SDNA in 1990-91. He serves on SDNA's First Amendment Committee and has won numerous awards through the years for editorial writing, for news writing and for feature writing. His newspaper has been a strong, clear editorial voice in the community, and his news coverage has been a model. He is active in the De Smet community, serving as president of the De Smet Chamber of Commerce, De Smet Kiwanis Club and the De Smet Development Corporation.

David Kranz is a native of Kranzburg, S.D., and a 1968 journalism graduate at SDSU. He began his career in Austin, Minn., as a city reporter and then city editor at the Austin Daily Herald. He moved to Mitchell in 1976 to be The Daily Republic's managing editor for seven years. In 1983 he began a 27-year career at the Argus Leader as executive city editor, managing editor, reporter and columnist. He retired in 2010. A winner of many state and national news reporting awards, Kranz earned respect and name recognition during his more than 40-year newspaper career that few journalists will ever enjoy. His legacy is built on political reporting, but his career spanned much broader territory. He could find the human thread in any given news event and sought out and showcased the diversity of the communities he covered.

Jo Hall was born in Aberdeen and lived in South Dakota most of her life. She began working for Mobridge's weekly advertising shopper, the Reminder, in about 1950 before it became part of the Mobridge Tribune. Later, she became the news editor at the Tribune. She held that position for 16 years until she was diagnosed with cancer. An illness that would have forced others to quit their job, Hall kept working and became editor of the Tribune's People Page in 1981. She won numerous writing and photography awards in contests sponsored by SDNA, The South Dakota Press Women and the National Federation of Press Women. She pioneered a story-telling style for obituary writing that has been acclaimed by community newspapers nationwide. Hall was active in various community and church activities in Mobridge through the years. She died March 5, 2011. She was 89.

2012 Inductee

Noel Hamiel, a Lyman County native and Northern State University graduate, began his newspaper career in 1972 at the Huron Plainsman as a sports writer. He also worked at the Brookings Register, the Argus Leader in Sioux Falls, The Morning Sun in Pittsburg, Kansas, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, the Cincinnati Post and The Daily Republic in Mitchell. He retired as publisher of The Daily Republic in 2007 after 35 years in the newspaper business. During his years as a journalist, Hamiel won numerous awards for editorial and column writing. He was president (twice) of the South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors group and served on the SDNA Board of Directors. He was named a Lusk Fellow at South Dakota State University in 2007 for outstanding service to journalism. He received the SDNA Distinguished Service Award in 2009. Hamiel served in the South Dakota Legislature from 2008 to 2010. He served as co-chairman of the Governor's Wage Study Task Force and as chairman of the South Dakota Board of Education.

2016 Inductees

Jim Moritz is a fourth generation weekly newspaper publisher. Jim grew up in his father's Clark County Courier's print shop, dusting the floors, sweeping up the lead filings from the Linotype and eventually running the letterpress and doing commercial job work. After he graduated from Clark High School in 1967, he enrolled at South Dakota State University at Brookings, majoring in print management and history. He enlisted in the Air Force during his junior year at SDSU. Honorably discharged in 1974, he returned to SDSU where he earned his degree in history. He returned to Clark to join the family business and marry C. Jody Moritz. In October 1977, Jim and Jody purchased the Faulk County Record in Faulkton. There they raised two sons, Garrick and Paul. Jim not only followed his father and grandfather in the family business, but into industry leadership. All three men served as presidents of SDNA and now all three are enshrined in our Hall of Fame. Jim was SDNA president in 1994-95. Jim and Jody sold the newspaper to a longtime employee in 2016.

Kathy Nelson has been publisher of the Timber Lake Topic since 1980 when she and her late husband Jim purchased the newspaper. She served as president of SDNA in 1995-96. Nelson has been a longtime advocate for her community and western South Dakota history and culture. She is president of the Timber Lake & Area Historical Society & Museum. Kathy was an English major at Northern State College who also took some journalism classes. During 10 years of teaching, she often served as the school's newspaper adviser. Kathy and Jim moved to Timber Lake in 1980, just in time for the community's 75th jubilee. Every weekly newspaper publisher gravitates toward a community interest. For Kathy and Jim, it was local history. Both were leaders of the Timber Lake and Area Historical Society and Museum. Kathy also turned her attentions to her industry peers, serving as president of SDNA in 1995-96. On Jan. 1, 2016, the flag of the Timber Lake Topic changed, adding that it was continuing the Isabel Dakotan. Kathy's partnership with Isabel Dakotan Publisher Bob Slocum was a long time in the making.

Tim Waltner began working at the Freeman Courier in 1973. He was publisher and editor from 1984 until Jan. 1, 2016, when he and his wife Mary sold the newspaper (along with the Hutchinson Herald at Menno) to their son Jeremy and daughter-in-law Stacey. Tim was president of SDNA in 1991-92 and again in 1993-94, only the second newspaper publisher to serve twice as president of SDNA. He was a founding member of the SDNA First Amendment Committee. He also served as president of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors in 2000. In 2012 Tim was honored with the Cervi Award from the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors. During his time as publisher and editor of the Courier, Tim became widely recognized and honored for his strong editorial page and editorial writing as well as devotion to local news coverage. He has conducted seminars across the country and in Canada on the importance of community newspapers as well as editorial writing.

Kenneth Way started working at the Watertown Public Opinion in 1911 at 4 years of age, delivering newspapers. His father owned the newspaper. In 1925 he became advertising manager and in 1942, upon the death of his father, he became publisher. He was the publisher of the Public Opinion until 1985, but remained active in daily newspaper operations until his death in 2006 at age 99. Ken shunned individual recognition, preferring to work behind the scenes to get things done for his beloved Watertown. With his father, he worked to rally the community behind a city takeover of utilities to ensure lower rates. It was a move that cost the newspaper one of its top advertisers, the privately owned electric company. Ken was part of a group of city leaders that helped put the "big bend" in I-29, bringing the interstate through Watertown rather

than letting it go 35 miles to the east along the Minnesota border. He was a philanthropist, a developer, a promoter of the arts and, above all, a newspaper man.

2017 Inductee

Larry Atkinson started in newspapering when he was 12 years old, delivering the Aberdeen American News and Grit Magazine in his hometown of Pollock. He graduated from SDSU in 1973 with a degree in journalism. After which he joined the Air Force. He received a master's degree from Ball State University in 1978. His discharge from the Air Force brought him back to Pollock, where Campbell County newspapers were struggling to survive. He helped combine them into the Prairie Pioneer. His efforts were being watched by Gene Chamberlin of the Mobridge Tribune. The Mobridge publisher liked what he saw and offered Larry a chance to buy in at the Tribune in the early 1980s. Larry leads by example, giving back in a big way to his community, his state and his profession. In Mobridge, Larry has been a member and a leader in efforts as diverse as rodeo, economic development, the arts, tourism, retail merchants and the community fund. At the state level he has been a leader in tourism, development and this newspaper association. He was a governor-appointed member of the South Dakota Tourism Board for 14 years. For many years Larry served as the state chairman for the National Newspaper Association. He is on the National Newspaper Foundation Board of Directors. Larry was president of SDNA in 1999-2000. He led the association's journalism diversity efforts that helped create the annual workshop at Crazy Horse Memorial for Native American students. Even more, Larry mentored students each year at the annual weeklong workshop. Larry also is publisher of the Potter County News at Gettysburg and the West River Eagle at Eagle Butte. Larry and his wife Roberta have three children and five grandsons.

2018 Inductees

Helen Clausen joined the Eagle Butte News in 1964 as a copy editor. She became managing editor in 1969 and continued in that position until her retirement in 1992. Helen became an award-winning community newspaper journalist who devoted her time and talents to serving the Eagle Butte community and the readers of the Eagle Butte News. She would go across prairie country to take photos of a buffalo herd, travel great distances to a basketball game so there would be photos and a story for the newspaper and would rely on her family to serve as a tasting jury for her cooking column. Helen was widely respected for her work as a community newspaper editor and was well known for her "Round Town with Helen" column. She died in 1998 from complications related to a heart illness.

Brian Hunhoff began working for the Yankton County Observer at age 18 in 1978. By 19, Brian was sports editor, ad manager, circulation director, columnist, photographer, junior partner and co-publisher. He worked 1985-1987 for the Yankton Press and Dakotan, but returned to the Observer as editor in 1988 and became sole owner in 1990. Brian was SDNA president in 1997-98. He is a member of the SDNA First Amendment Committee. Brian now serves as Yankton County Register of Deeds, but remains a weekly Observer contributor. He has won countless state and national journalism awards, including the Golden Quill for editorial writing in 1995 and 2014. Brian is the second South Dakota journalist (after Tim Waltner) to receive the Eugene Cervi Award for lifetime achievement from the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors. His columns about open government and freedom of information have been published in all 50 states in hundreds of newspapers. Brian was the first South Dakotan inducted in the "Heroes of the 50 States" Open Government Hall of Fame. He received the SDNA First Amendment Eagle Award in 2005. Brian and his wife Roxann have four children.

2020 Inductees

Charley and Norma Najacht, a husband and wife team with more than four decades of experience in weekly newspaper publishing, are the newest inductees into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. The Najachts began their newspapering career in 1972 at Hot Springs where Charley became publisher of the Hot Springs Star. That was followed by stints for the couple at a newspaper in Broken Bow, Neb., and Cameron, Mo., before they returned to South Dakota in 1999 to purchase the Custer County Chronicle and the Hill City Prevailier. They later purchased the Winner Advocate. Both Charley and Norma have been recognized by their peers for their incredible newspapering talents and accomplishments. Over the years each has won more than 100 awards in SDNA's annual contests for writing, commentary, photography and advertising.

2022 Inductees

Jon Hunter succeeded his father and grandfather as publisher of the Madison Daily Leader and now joins both as a third-generation member of the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. Jon was publisher of the Daily Leader for 31 years before selling the newspaper and printing business in 2021. During his tenure he was noted for being devoted to his employees and to the community. Jon grew the family business, with almost one fifth of all weekly newspapers in the state printed at his central plant. Jon was president of SDNA in 1996-97. He has been active in support of Dakota State University and the South Dakota Heritage Fund, and he served as chairman of the South Dakota Investment Council.

Mark Roby was raised in Watertown and one of his first jobs was helping his brothers deliver the Watertown Public Opinion. Mark went on to an impressive career in the corporate world before returning to Watertown in 2002 to be publisher of the Public Opinion. Mark was president of SDNA in 2008-09 when the association office was built in Brookings. Mark has been active in many ways in Watertown and northeastern South Dakota, including serving on the Prairie Lakes Healthcare System board of directors. He has been called upon to devote his expertise and experience statewide as well, including an appointment by the governor to the South Dakota Judicial Qualifications Commission.

2024 Inductees

Bruce and Susan Odson were longtime publishers of the Southern Union County Leader-Courier at Elk Point and the Dakota Dunes/North Sioux City Times. Their newspapers won more than 200 contest awards, including frequent awards for general excellence. Bruce served as SDNA president in 2005-2006. They worked hard to connect the growing southeastern corner of South Dakota with the state as a whole and showcase the importance of quality, local journalism. Bruce and Susan sold their newspapers in 2022, and Susan died one month later. Bruce is retired and lives in Vermillion.

Gayle A. Van Genderen and J.P. Studeny Jr. are publishers of The South Dakota Mail at Plankinton. J.P. worked in radio broadcasting before joining Gayle at the Mail in 1987, which then was owned by Gayle's parents, Bob and Adeline Van Genderen. Over the years, Gayle and J.P. have been among Plankinton's biggest advocates and have contributed greatly to public service and various civic endeavors in the community. They also are champions for all community newspapers, often devoting many hours to visiting with legislators and other public officials about the importance of local community newspapers and the public's right to know.

2025 Inductees

Debbie Hemmer worked at the Grant County Review in Milbank for more than 40 years. She started in 1980 as a part-time typesetter and it proved to be the first step in a long and rewarding journey in community newspapering. She worked for longtime publishers Phyllis and Clarence Justice. Debbie went on to become co-owner of the newspaper with Holli Seehafer before retiring from full-time work at the end of last year. She served on the SDNA Board and was association president in 2018-19. Debbie and her husband Warren now enjoy spending more time with their children and grandchildren and at their lake cabin.