

AP Announces Awards For Best 1951 Coverage

Associated Press publishers of Kansas held their spring meeting at Abilene on May 11 and 12, with some 30 registered. Hal Boyle, AP special writer, spoke at a luncheon meeting, telling of incidents when he was growing up in Kansas City.

Awards were announced for news writers on member papers, for 1951. The winners:

Best all-around news coverage, \$50 prize—Winner, Jim Cornish, Garden City Telegram. Honorable mention: Marshall Gardiner, Leavenworth Times, and Bob Roter, Goodland Daily News.

Best spot news coverage, \$25 prize—Winner, Pat Taylor, Hays Daily News. Honorable mention: James L. Robinson, Topeka Capital, and Bill Colvin, formerly with Parsons Sun and now with Manhattan Mercury-Chronicle.

Judging Committee

Best feature regardless of length, \$25 prize—Winner, Bill Mayer, Lawrence Journal-World. Honorable mention: John Stewart Smith of Manhattan Mercury-Chronicle, and John Berkebile, Wellington Daily News.

The judging was done by members of the Missouri Continuing Study Committee.

The judges decided that Cornish rated the all-around coverage prize because of the alert protection he supplied throughout the year. His work covered a wide variety of news, including storms, sports, and features. He twice submitted winning entries in the short feature of the month contest.

Taylor was singled out for the best spot coverage award for his work in covering a flash flood which hit Hays in May, 1951, taking six lives and causing heavy property damage.

Colvin was mentioned for his fast coverage of a B-29 crash at Parsons in which one man was killed and 14 parachuted to safety. Robinson was cited for his prompt protection on the death of former Senator Capper.

Feature Contest

Mayer was named the winner of the features contest for his story about sailors aboard an aircraft carrier in Korean waters, sending cards and presents to a small Lawrence boy who was burned critically when his clothing caught fire from a trash fire.

Smith won honorable mention in this division for his feature on what happened to Manhattan in the big flood



Start Plans for Mechanical Conference

Although the annual Kansas Newspaper Mechanical Conference won't be held until September 13 and 14, in Wichita, plans are already under way to make it an outstanding event, with program and displays designed to interest every printer in Kansas.

In the planning session held April 27 at the Hotel Jayhawk in Topeka speakers were tentatively chosen, registration arrangements considered and subjects

for round table discussions selected.

Doing the planning in the above picture are, seated left to right: O. B. Willard of the Parsons Sun, Howard Wilson of the Jetmore Republican, the president, W. A. "Bill" Blackburn of the Herington Advertiser-Times, the secretary-treasurer, Larry Miller of the Kansas Press Association, and Vern Williams of Topeka Newspaper Printing Company. Standing is Will Morton of the Burr Oak Herald.

Ask Federal Action on Newsprint Prices

The following statement was made to the press in Washington, D. C., by George C. Biggers, publisher of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution and president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and by Cranston Williams, general manager of that association:

It is the historic position of the American Newspaper Publishers Association that it does not go to the Federal Government to solve the problems of producing newspapers. However, since the principal source of our most costly material (newsprint) has come under the jurisdiction of a foreign government—in this case, Canada—we may be forced to ask the government in Washington to act.

We are not prepared at this moment to say what form of action might be proposed.

We do know that this increase of \$10 a ton will have serious repercussions throughout the newspaper business—newspapers large and small will have their production costs increased to such an extent that there will be further mergers and failures.

This increase means that advertising and circulation rates will have to be increased since they are our sole source of revenue. We are approaching the point of diminishing returns on both of these sources.

The economy of the United States was built on volume and the theory that we can be priced into fewer newspaper pages at higher rates for advertiser and reader alike will soon result in irreparable damage to the newspaper business of this country and eventually to Canada.

of 1951, and Berkebile for a story on a fisherman's cast causing a short circuit that caused every block signal on a 107-mile Santa Fe division to turn red, bringing trains to a halt.

No wonder Shakespeare wrote so many plays, says the Florence Bulletin. He didn't have to answer the telephone.

Washington County Editors Elect

Cleo Wurtz, publisher of the Greenleaf Sentinel, was elected president of the Washington County Press Club at a meeting held in Greenleaf. Leo E. Dieker, publisher of the Hanover News, was elected secretary-treasurer.