

WASHINGTON STATE PRESS CLUB

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Your committee for the Washington State Press Club's Twelfth Annual Awards for Distinguished Writing in 1954 announces the following list of classifications.

METROPOLITAN DAILY NEWSPAPER DIVISION

(More than 50,000 circulation and to include the Wire Services)

FOR DISTINGUISHED REPORTING of news originating within the state and published in a daily newspaper of the state.

FOR DISTINGUISHED EDITORIAL WRITING, the test of excellence being clarity, worthy purpose, sound reasoning and probable effectiveness.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN FEATURE WRITING.

NON-METROPOLITAN DAILY NEWSPAPER DIVISION

(Less than 50,000 circulation)

FOR DISTINGUISHED REPORTING of news originating within the state and published in a daily newspaper of the state.

FOR DISTINGUISHED EDITORIAL WRITING, the test of excellence being clarity, worthy purpose, sound reasoning and probable effectiveness.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN FEATURE WRITING.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DIVISION

FOR DISTINGUISHED REPORTING of news originating within the state and published in a weekly newspaper of the state.

FOR DISTINGUISHED EDITORIAL WRITING, the test of excellence being clarity, worthy purpose, sound reasoning and probable effectiveness.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN FEATURE WRITING.

FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

(Metropolitan, Non-Metropolitan, Weekly)

FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE, a feature story or series of stories, the Judges Committee of the Washington State Press Club to be sole judges of what constitutes "excellence".

FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS WRITING, this classification to be construed as covering straight sports, sports features and sports columns for one major award.

FOR THE BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, to the column or story the judges deem most worthy. (Awarding of this special certificate is at the discretion of the judges.)

FOR THE BEST COLUMN on a regular basis, exclusive of sports.

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Following are the rules for the Washington State Press Club's Twelfth Annual Awards for Distinguished Writing in 1954. If there are any questions please forward them to the Press Club at 1916 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

CONTEST RULES

1. To be eligible for an award, an article must be the work of a staff member of a newspaper published in Washington State, or an original article by a resident staff member of the wire services, the story or assignment originating in the State of Washington and published in a Washington State newspaper. ("Resident staff member" to mean a resident of the State of Washington.)
2. Articles written by persons no longer connected with the newspaper or wire service are eligible, provided they were written and published at the time the writer was actively engaged on the newspaper or wire service.
3. All articles must have appeared in a regular edition or editions of a Washington State newspaper.
4. The term "staff member" shall be construed as including owners and publishers. This will also include regular staff and string correspondents.
5. In this Twelfth Annual Awards contest, only articles published between March 1, 1954 and March 1, 1955 are eligible.
6. Entries may be submitted at any time prior to the March 10, 1955 deadline.
7. No more than three entries may be submitted by any individual in any one classification.
8. A series of articles on the same or related topics shall be considered as a single entry, if the work of one writer and if the series was published in the specific period.
9. Normal editing and minor changes by persons other than the writer, in preparing the article for publication, shall be considered by the judges as usual newspaper practice and shall not invalidate any entry.
10. In the event of a story written by a Wire Service staffman from information or notes supplied by a reporter on an individual newspaper, a duplicate award will be given.
11. Entries may be submitted by the writer, by his editor, his publisher, or by any interested person.
12. Each entry must be pasted on plain paper of approximately 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inches. Articles of lengths requiring more than one sheet of paper must have each sheet numbered consecutively and bear the word "more" at the bottom of each sheet except the last. However, in the case of a full-page article or other lengthy articles accompanied by art layouts, where a more effective and convenient presentation may be made by leaving them in their original form, such articles may be pasted by the upper left hand corner to a sheet of plain paper and then folded for submission to the judges.

13. Each entry must bear the name of the writer of the articles, the classification in which it is entered, the newspaper or wire service with which he is connected, the date on which the article was printed in said newspaper, the number of the page upon which it appeared in the newspaper. Wherever advisable, a brief letter of explanation of the work. Where the exact information requested above cannot be supplied in detail, a note stating that its publication falls within the specified time should accompany the entry.

14. If the entry is submitted by a person other than the writer, the name and address of such a person also must appear, under the words "Submitted by".

15. The judges reserve the right to declare "no contest" in any classification or section thereof if they deem the entries below the standards set by the contest.

16. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the judges.

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