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## HELMS HALL BOARD WILL ESTABLISH PRESS HALL OF FAME, HONORING SPORTS JOURNALIST 'GREATS' OF THE PAST.

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### \*Ten Noted Sports Journalists Will Be Honored In Initial Elections

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**T**HE MEMBERS OF THE HELMS HALL BOARD -- AL SANTORO, GEORGE T. DAVIS, NED CRONIN, PAUL ZIFFERMAN, SID ZIPP AND RUBE SAMUELSEN -- WILL TACKLE WHAT WILL HAVE BEEN THEIR MOST DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE BOARD. . . . MEN TALK MEET AT HELMS HALL ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, TO TAKE ACTION ON "THE TEN FOREMOST SPORTS JOURNALISTS OF ALL TIME."

The ten top sports journalists who are named will be elected to the Helms Hall Press Hall of Fame, as a starter. Not more than four will be elected to the Press Hall of Fame, annually, thereafter.

Photographs of those chosen for Press Hall of Fame laurels will be posted in the Hall of Fame panel at Helms Hall, and each will have his name engraved upon the Press Hall of Fame trophy which has been created by Paul H. Helms, Founder and Sponsor of Helms Athletic Foundation. The trophy will be lodged permanently in Helms Hall.

Although many more will be recommended for honors, inasmuch as the nomination list has not been closed, and will not be until December 12th, a list of the famous sports journalists who have been recommended, to date, follows:

Hy Baggerly	Harry Keck	Harry G. Salsinger
Ed F. Bang	O. B. Keeler	Irving E. Sanborn
George Bertz	Sidney Keener	Paul H. Shannon
Royal Brougham	Mark Kelly	John B. Sheridan
Warren Brown	Hugh F. Keough	Cy Sherman
Ed Burns	John Kieran	Chester L. Smith
John Carmichael	Tom Laird	Harry B. Smith
Henry Chadwick	F. C. Lane	Red Smith
Will Connolly	Ernest Lanigan	Alfred H. Spink
Bill Corum	George T. Lanigan	J. G. Taylor Spink
R. A. Bob Cronin	Harold W. Lanigan	Wm. MacDonald Spink
Joseph M. Cummings	R. W. Lardner	Wilfred Smith
Bill Cunningham	Bill Leiser	J. Roy Stockton
Arthur Daley	Frederick G. Lieb	Sec Taylor
Ed Danforth	C. E. McBride	George Varnell
Daniel M. Daniel	W. C. McGeehan	Mark Irving Vaughan
Charles (Chilly) Doyle	Bert McGrane	Joe Vila
Dick Farrington	Henry T. McLemore	H.M. "Beanie" Walker
Leo Fischer	Tom Meany	Glen L. Waller
Otto Floto	Frank G. Menke	Davis J. Walsh
John B. Foster	James (Sid) Mercer	Arch Ward
Ed Frayne	Hal Middlesworth	Al Warden
Hugh S. Fullerton	Zipp Newman	Casper Whitney
Edward J. Gieger	Frank (Buck) O'Niell	Harry A. Williams
Alan Gould	Dan Parker	Joe Williams
James E. Gould	Ed Pollock	J. Ed Wray
Frank Graham	Jimmy Powers	Alfred H. Wright
Harry Grayson	George E. Phair	George C. Carons
L. H. Gregory	Francis J. Powers	Jack Ryder
James Isaminger	Grantland Rice	Allison Danzig
Raymond Johnson	Francis C. Richter	Stanley Woodward
Charles Johnson	Damon Runyon	Robert Edgren
Hype Igoe	W. W. Naughton	Charles E. Van Loan

Note: The sports journalists who will be chosen for Hall of Fame honors will be judged on their literary ability, service record, and special contribution to sports.

Southern California sports journalists, now active, who might qualify for honors, not listed above, will not be considered in the initial elections. (December 13, 1950)

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## HELM'S ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

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FOURTEEN NAMED TO HELM'S HALL PRESS  
(SPORTS JOURNALISTS) HALL OF FAME. . IN  
INITIAL ELECTIONS -- HONORING THOSE  
WHO EXCELLED PRIOR TO 1900.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1952

**T**HE HELM'S HALL BOARD HAS TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TO CREATE A PRESS HALL OF FAME. . . to honor America's foremost sports journalists.

The initial Press Hall of Fame elections were completed today, (Tuesday, January 22, 1952) recognizing fourteen noted sports journalists who excelled prior to 1900. In subsequent elections, to be held later this year, the Helms Hall Board -- whose members are Ned Crowin, George T. Davis, Al Santoro, Rube Samuelson, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, Grantland Rice, W. R. Bill Schroeder, and Paul H. Helms, Chairman -- will recognize sports journalists whose careers reached heights from 1900 through 1919, and from 1920 to date.

THOSE NAMED BY THE HELM'S HALL BOARD, IN THE INITIAL ELECTIONS, EXCELLING PRIOR TO 1900, WERE:

GEORGE ADE  
OLIVER PERRY CAYLOR  
HENRY CHADWICK  
MICHAEL J. KELLY  
HUGH E. KEOUGH  
LOUIS MEACHAM  
WILLIAM W. NAUGHTON

A. B. (JUNE) RANKIN  
WILLIAM RANKIN  
DAVID L. REID  
ALFRED H. SPINK  
WILLIAM MAC DONALD SPINK  
CASPAR WHITNEY  
ALFRED H. WRIGHT

Those named for Helms Hall Press Hall of Fame laurels will have their names engraved upon the Press Hall of Fame trophy, lodged in Helms Hall, and the photograph of each will be posted in the Press Club, at Helms Hall.

As others are named to the Press Hall of Fame, later this year, and in the years to come, their names, and photographs will be developed accordingly.

Interesting is the fact that thirteen famed sports journalists were singled out for Hall of Fame recognition, by the Helms Hall Board's screening committee. Then, at the December 1951 meeting of the Board, attended by Grantland Rice -- who was, at this time, elected an Honorary Member of the Board, Mr. Rice proposed the name of George Ade. The Helms Hall Board recognized Mr. Rice's proposal, and added George Ade's name to the Hall of Fame list, increasing the initial Press Hall of Fame roster to fourteen.

Following the development of other Press Hall of Fame selections this year, completing a span of from approximately 1860 to date, the Helms Hall Board will probably elect two additional sports journalists to the Hall of Fame panel each year thereafter.

THE INITIAL PRESS (SPORTS JOURNALISTS) HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS -- honoring those who excelled prior to 1900:

GEORGE ADE

Born at Kentland, Indiana, February 9, 1866. Died May 16, 1944. Attended Purdue University. Graduated 1887. Affiliated with Lafayette, Indiana publication, 1887-1890. Wrote for the Chicago Record 1890-1900. Covered many sporting events, and was regarded an ace in his field. Following his newspaper career, Ade wrote a number of books, and was highly successful as a playwright -- the "College Widow" being one of his best known. Ade was a Trustee of Purdue for 8 years, and was prominent in politics. He played an important part in the erection of Purdue's stadium -- Ross-Ade Stadium.

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## HELMS HALL BOARD ELECTS FIVE NOTED SPORTS JOURNALISTS TO PRESS HALL OF FAME

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1957

The Helms Hall Board, of Los Angeles, instituted the Press (Sports Journalists) Hall of Fame in 1952. At that time, fourteen distinguished sports journalists of the early era of sports in the United States, were elected to the Hall of Fame, including:

George Ade	Louis Meacham	William Rankin
Oliver Perry Caylor	William W. Naughton	Alfred H. Spink
Henry Chadwick	A.B. June Rankin	Wm. Macdonald Spink
Michael J. Kelly	David L. Reid	Casper Whitney
Hugh E. Keough		Alfred H. Wright

The illustrious Grantland Rice was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954.

At meeting of the Helms Hall Board, this month, five noted sports journalists, whose careers have extended over periods of 35 years or more, were elected to the Press (Sports Journalists) Hall of Fame. They are:

EDWARD FRIEND DANFORTH (Lexington, Ky. Leader, 1914-1915; Lexington Herald, 1915-1916; Atlanta, Ga., Georgian, 1916-1929, 1931-1939; Atlanta Constitution, 1929-1931), Atlanta Journal, 1940-1957). His column: "An Ear To The Ground".

C. E. "Mr. Mac" MC BRIDE (Kansas City Star, 1907-1950) Still a contributor to the Kansas City Star. His column: "Sporting Comment".

ALFREDO SANTORO (Oakland Post, and Post-Enquirer, 1920-1938; L.A. Examiner, 1938-1956). His column: "To The Point".

GARNER WILLIS "Sec" TAYLOR (Des Moines Register and Tribune, 1914-1957 -- still active). His column: "Sittin' In". Career began in 1905, at Wichita, Kansas.

JOHN E. "Eddie" WRAY (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1900-1946). Still contributes to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. His column: "Wray's Column".

Edward Friend Danforth, C. E. McBride, Alfredo Santoro, Garner Willis "Sec" Taylor, and John E. "Eddie" Wray will become recipients of Helms Hall Press Hall of Fame awards, and each will have his name engraved upon of the Press Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall.

It is the plan of the Helms Hall Board to add to the Press Hall of Fame roster later this year, as well as in future years. Nearly one-hundred noted sports journalists who have served in their chosen field for periods of thirty years or more have been recommended to the Helms Hall Board, and it is expected that many of them will be elected to the Press Hall of Fame this year, as well as in years to follow.

Biographical sketches of all of those chosen for Press Hall of Fame recognition are filed in the Helms Athletic Foundation library at Helms Hall.

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PRESS HALL OF FAME (Sports Journalists Hall of Fame)

Original Elections - 1952

- George Ade
- Oliver P. Taylor
- Henry Chadwick
- Michael J. Kelly
- Hugh E. Keough
- Louis Meacham
- William W. Naughton
- A. B. Rankin
- William Rankin
- David L. Read
- Alfred H. Spink
- Wm. Mac D. Spink
- Alfred H. Wright
- Casper Whitney

Subsequent

- Edward F. Danforth
- C. E. McBride
- Alfredo Santoro
- G. W. 'Sec' Taylor
- John 'Eddie' Wray

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