

Award Winners

TWO DISTINGUISHED Alumni Awards were given at Homecoming this year. They went to Mrs. Agnes Wright Spring, BA '13, and Senator J. J. Hickey, LLB '34.

This was the first year more than one award was made, and plans are now under way to make as many as four awards in succeeding years.

Mrs. Spring and Senator Hickey, each of whom is truly distinguished in his or her own field, received the awards immediately following the annual Homecoming Sing, but they were special guests at all major events of Homecoming, including the dinner given by President G. D. Humphrey in honor of 50-year graduates, the football game, and the Alumni Reception.

Mrs. Spring has won her distinction in the field of history and writing. She is the author of 14 historical books, a play, some 600 feature articles, and a great deal of western fiction. Her most recent book, "Horse Wrangler," was written in cooperation with Floyd C. Bard and published in 1960.

She was state librarian of Wyoming and State historian, ex officio, from 1918-21. She was also woman's editor of the Wyoming Stockman-Farmer from 1913-41. She became affiliated with the Colorado Historical Society in 1951 and in 1954 was appointed State Historian for Colorado.

Mrs. Spring is a member of the Denver Women's Press Club, the Colorado Women's Press association, the Mississippi Valley Historical society, and the Pioneer Men and Women of Colorado, an organization made up of descendants of people who came to the state prior to 1864. She is a life member of the Wyoming Pioneer association.

Senator Hickey won his award for his long period of public service in Wyoming. A native of Rawlins, Senator Hickey was appointed to the U. S. Senate in 1960, following a two-year term as governor of Wyoming. He was state Democratic chairman in 1954.

After receiving his law degree from UW in 1934, Senator Hickey began his law practice in Rawlins. He was named city treasurer in 1935 and in 1938 he was elected Carbon County attorney.

During his 42 months of service in the army during World War II, Senator Hickey rose from the rank of private to captain. He served in the European Theatre.

In 1946 Senator Hickey again was elected Carbon County attorney. He was appointed U. S. Attorney for Wyoming in 1949. In 1952 he resigned this post to join the law firm of Ellery, Gray and Hickey in Cheyenne.

Senator Hickey and his wife, the former Winifred Espy, have two sons, Paul and John.



Mrs. Agnes Wright Spring recalled some of her student experiences for the Sing audience after she was named Distinguished Alumna.



Senator J. J. Hickey accepted the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Mrs. John Callahan, outgoing Alumni Association president.