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DION TO CHAIR UM BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

James H. Dion, vice chairman of the board and executive trust officer of the Union Bank and Trust Company of Helena, is the new chairman of the Advisory Council to the University of Montana School of Business Administration, according to Dr. James L. Athearn, dean of the school.

Dion replaces Alex Sample, Jr., who served as chairman of the council for the past year. Sample is chairman of the board and president of the Conrad National Bank of Kalispell.

The Advisory Council is composed of outstanding Montana businessmen who meet biannually with the faculty of the UM business school. Among the council's objectives are the developing and improving of professional education in business administration and providing a forum at which University faculty members and Montana industry representatives can exchange ideas.

Dion holds a BA degree in business administration from the University in Missoula and was graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive, his native city.

He joined the staff of the Union Bank and Trust Company in 1937 following his graduation from the University and was elected assistant trust officer in 1941.

He returned to the Helena bank after three years of army officer duty in the Pacific and entered the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University, graduating in 1949, and the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Promotion School in New York.

Dion has served a three year term on the executive committee of the Division of the American Bankers Association and for several years as chairman of the trust committee of the Montana Bankers Association.

His current three-year term on the Business Advisory Council will be completed in 1967.