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The University of Montana dedicatory ceremony for Jesse Hall--the first high rise residence on the Missoula campus--Sunday (May 21) in the 11th floor lounge will feature a talk by Frank Clapp ex'39, son of a former University president.

According to Dr. Maurine Clow, associate dean of students and coordinator of the event, the University and freshmen coeds who reside in Jesse have invited all interested persons to the dedication "on top of Missoula" at 2:30 p.m. and open house 2-5 p.m.

The $1.9 million building is being dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard H. Jesse. He came to the Missoula unit in 1912 as professor and chairman of chemistry and served in that capacity until 1954, when he retired. Dr. Jesse passed away the year following his retirement.

During his University service, Dr. Jesse filled many faculty and administrative positions, including dean of men, 1918-27, dean of the faculty, 1929-45, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences 1936-45, acting vice president 1943, vice president 1945-54 and acting president 1950-51.

Dr. Jesse earned his A.B. degree from the University of Missouri in 1902, his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard Graduate School in 1907 and 1909 respectively. Prior to coming to Missoula, he taught three years at the University of Illinois.

Frank Clapp, the dedication speaker, is supervisor of general agencies of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clapp. Mr. Clapp served as president of the University of Montana, 1921-35. President Robert T. Pantzer will be master of ceremonies.
Special guests at the dedication will include members of the Jesse family. Mrs. Lucille Leyda Jesse came to the University as an instructor in physical education in 1918. She became an assistant professor the following year and taught until her marriage to Mr. Jesse in 1921. Mrs. Jesse taught intermittently until she was again listed on the full-time faculty in English in the 1940's. She retired from teaching after World War II and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Jesse will be accompanied by her sons, Richard H. Jesse, a medical doctor in Houston, Texas, and William L. Jesse of Washington D.C., a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps; and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Margaret Jesse Fanning of Spokane and family.

The architectual design work on the 11-story high rise building was done by Taylor, Schwartz and Kirkpatrick of Kalispell. Prime contractors were general--McLaughlin, Billings; mechanical--C.W. Schmidt, Missoula; and electrical--Rainbow Electric, Great Falls.

The special features of Jesse include an "L" shaped building to reduce long corridors, three elevators to move the 402 residents rapidly, separate fire escape stairways, laundry facilities in the basement where individual ski and athletic storage lockers also are provided, and separate typing, pressing and study lounges on each floor.