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The University of Montana Foundation recently received a gift of a home and
lot in Lewistown, Montana, according to Thomas J. Collins, Foundation director. Value
of the gift, given to UM by Mrs. Jean Howard of San Francisco, California, is estimated
at approximately $17,000.

Mrs. Howard, a 1938/graduate in music, has asked that the income from the property
be used to establish a permanent endowment known as the Fergus-Romundstad Ranch Memorial
Fund, honoring the memory of her late parents.

Income from the fund will be used for loans to UM students under terms directed
by Foundation officers.

The UM Foundation was established in 1950 as an organization through which funds
donated to the University could be used for research and scholarships.

Mrs. Howard's parents, Odin J. and Ellen (Fergus) Romundstad, were pioneer residents
of Central Montana. They owned a large ranch in the county of Fergus, which was named
after Mrs. Romundstad's uncle, James Fergus. They later bought the house in Lewistown
which became the legal property of the UM Foundation July 1.

Mrs. Howard now works as a secretary. She has one son, Robert Molina of San
Francisco.

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