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MISSOULA--

A total of \$4,100 has been donated to the University of Montana in Missoula for establishment of the Hop Prescott Scholarship Fund. Interest from the perpetual fund will be used for scholarships for members of the UM track team.

Of the amount contributed to set up the fund, \$3,000 was bequeathed to UM by the late Ernest Marsh "Hop" Prescott, a UM basketball player from 1913-15, who was named to the Grizzly Basketball Hall of Fame. Also a member of the Grizzly track team, Prescott set the UM mark of 11-2½ in the pole vault in 1915, a record which stood until 1925. He died May 30, 1975, in Ventura, Calif., at the age of 80.

Besides the \$3,000 from the Prescott estate, an additional \$1,100 has been donated for the Hop Prescott Scholarship Fund in Prescott's memory by one of his sisters, Mrs. Marion Prescott Ritner, Long Beach, Calif.

Prescott, who graduated from Missoula County High School in 1913, received his bachelor of arts degree in English at UM in June 1918. He was awarded the master of arts degree in education at UM in August 1932.

After completing a stint in the Army in 1919, Prescott taught at Alberton High School, Alberton, Mont., and Superior High School, Superior, Mont.

He later served as head of the Business Department at Ventura College, Ventura, Calif. Prescott also was a teacher, basketball coach and head of the Business Department at Ventura High School for a number of years. Besides the scholarship fund for the UM track team, he also established a similar scholarship fund at Ventura College.

Prescott was a brother of Clarence R. Prescott Jr., 83, who still lives in the Prescott family home northeast of the University Center at UM.

A brother-in-law and sister of the Prescotts, Phillip X. and Doris Daniels, Denver, Colo., formerly of Anaconda, Mont., who are UM alumni, donated \$1,000 to the UM School of Law in 1960 in memory of the Prescotts' parents. The gift was first in a drive to obtain funds to furnish the new UM Law Building, which was constructed in 1962.

The father of the Prescotts, the late Clarence R. Prescott Sr., served as Missoula County Sheriff from 1901-02. He was a Missoula County commissioner from January 1955 to February 1956.

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