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NOTED AUTHOR PEARL BUCK  
WILL MAKE UM APPEARANCE

The first American woman ever to win the Nobel Prize for Literature will appear on the University of Montana campus Thursday (December 1).

Pearl S. Buck won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938 for the novel later published entitled "The Chines Novel." She also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1931 for "The Good Earth." Her appearance is sponsored by the Associated Students Program Council in cooperation with the UM Public Exercises Committee and the School of Fine Arts.

She has published a score of novels which have brought her worldly acclaim. Some of her greats include "The Good Earth," "East Wind, West Wind," "The Chinese Novel," "The Living Reed," and finally her 70th book appeared in the summer of 1966 entitled "For Spacious Skies."

Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro, West Virginia, while her parents were home after 12 years of missionary work in interior China. After five months of stateside, they returned to China, and Pearl's childhood was spent in the historic city of Chinkiang.

Mrs. Buck's first story-telling influences were impressed upon her by her old Chinese nurse. Her mother also contributed to her literary background by insisting Pearl write something every week.

When she was 15 she went to boarding school in Shanghai and at 17 years she returned to America to Randolph Macon College, where she won two literary prizes.

She taught psychology at the college briefly before returning to China. Pearl married John Lossing Buck and lived in north China where her memories became

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the basis for "The Good Earth."

In 1925 she returned to America and studied for her master's degree at Cornell. While at Cornell she won the Laura Messenger Prize for her dissertation on English Essayists.

Mrs. Buck is also a great humanitarian. In 1949 she founded Welcome House, Inc., an adoption agency which finds permanent homes for children of mixed Asian-American blood.

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation was established in January, 1964, devoted to the health, education and welfare of children of Asian birth with American fathers and Asian mothers, who remain in their native land.