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## UM WILL AWARD HONORARY DOCTORATE TO 1921 GRAD

The University of Montana will award an honorary doctorate to Dr. Jessie M. Bierman, an alumnus of the school, at commencement ceremonies Sunday (June 11).

The selection of Dr. Bierman, an authority on maternal and child health, was announced by UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

A native of Kalispell, Dr. Bierman was graduated from UM in 1921 and completed work for an M.D. degree in 1926 at the University of Chicago.

She practiced medicine in San Francisco for nine years and was in instructor in Pediatrics at the University of California School of Medicine.

From 1936 to 1938 Dr. Bierman was Director of Maternal and Child Health for the State of Montana. She has worked for the U.S. Children's Bureau, Department of Public Health; the World Health Organization; the U.S. Army and various government missions. She has been in demand as a consultant for many organizations and persons.

Dr. Bierman retired in 1963 from the faculty at the University of California at Berkley. She had served 16 years as Professor of Child Health and Pediatrics in the UC School of Public Health and a lecturer in pediatrics in the School of Medicine.

Since 1963, she has been a Professor Emeritus but she continues to direct the UC Maternal and Child Health Research Unit. She is directing a \$300,000 research project for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

"Her list of honors, research studies and publications is lengthy and impressive," President Pantzer said. "Her dedication to humanity, her warm and generous character and her world-wide reputation mark her as a person in whom all Montanans can take pride," he added.