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200 former Montanans will attend U of Montana banquet in Phoenix

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MISSOULA, Mont.---

More than 200 Montanans now living in Arizona will join citizens of 22 other states and Canada at a University of Montana banquet in Phoenix Friday honoring five distinguished Americans.

University of Montana President Robert T. Pantzer will award the five with the Order of the Grizzly, a presidential citation initiated in 1965 to honor persons whose accomplishments reflect credit on the University and the State of Montana.

Jane Black of KTAR-TV (NBC) in Phoenix, and former Montana resident, will emcee the awards program. Mrs. Black, a member of the KTAR news staff, is the producer of two KTAR shows, "Today in Arizona" and "Indispensables."

"Indispensables," which Mrs. Black originated, has won five state awards in the past three years, and three national awards.

Mrs. Black will tape an interview of UM President Robert T. Pantzer and Myrna Loy, an actress, for the "Today in Arizona" show to be presented at 8 a.m. on KTAR, Channel 12, on Monday, Feb. 16.

Mrs. Black has interviewed such notables as Jack Benny, Roger Miller, Hugh Downs, Art Buchwald, David Brinkley, Dean Rusk and Dick Van Dyke.

Before moving to Phoenix in 1966, Mrs. Black was a Great Falls, Mont., resident for 16 years. She was with KRTV in Great Falls for three years.

Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of Arizona State University and former University of Montana president, will be among some 200 persons attending the banquet from the Phoenix area. Dr. Newburn replaced former Acting President Gordon Castle, who is now academic vice president at Arizona State, and served the University of Montana as president from 1959 to 1963.
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While at the University, Dr. Newburn was a director of the Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and a Montana delegate to the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Castle was chairman of the University of Montana Department of Zoology and dean of the Graduate School before becoming acting president.

Thomas A. McCarthy Jr., Glendale attorney, is handling Arizona arrangements for the banquet at the Camelback Inn in Phoenix. He was graduated from the University of Montana in 1959 with a degree in business administration.

The Order of the Grizzly will be awarded to five distinguished Americans, including a diplomat, a judge, an actress and two corporation presidents.

Selected to receive the honor are: the Honorable Spruille Braden, Chevy Chase, Md., who has had a distinguished diplomatic career as ambassador and special overseas presidential representative, who was born in Elkhorn, Mont.; the Honorable William B. Jones, Washington, D.C., U.S. District Judge who practiced law in Helena, Mont., from 1931 to 1937; Miss Loy, New York City, an actress who recently appeared in the stage production of "Barefoot in the Park" and the film "April Fools," who was born in the Crow Creek Valley, Mont.; Gage Lund, Piedmont, Calif., retired president of Standard Oil of California, who attended Montana State College, and Jack M. Pope, San Jose, Calif., president of Food Machinery Corp., who was born in Helena.

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University of Montana personnel who will attend the banquet with President Pantzer are Thomas J. Collins, director of the University Foundation, and John L. Delano, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Montanans-at-large in Arizona who will attend the banquet include:
Apache Junction--Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Larcombe; Glendale--Capt. and Mrs. Brad Bruggeman, and Thomas J. McCarthy Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Frank / Paradise Valley--Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. McCarthy.
Phoenix--Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Devney, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flood, Oscar E. Forswall, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gleed, Mark H. Good, Mrs. Edna Groves, Robert C. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland, Mrs. Corland L. James, Berney F. Kitt, Arthur Kuilman, Mr. and Mrs. Herb McLaughlin, Mrs. Peder Moe, Robert R. Romek, Mr. and Mrs. J. Castle Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Zeidler.

Scottsdale--Mrs. Harlan B. Black, Francis B. Campbell Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hagyard, Mrs. John R. Kahl, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Landstrum, Dr. and Mrs. George Morrison, Robert Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. George Wamsley Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holloway.

Sun City--Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Coulter, George Redhair and Charles R. Wood; Tucson--Mrs. John Crowder and John A. Frankovich; Tempe -- Dr. Harry K. Newburn.