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Naomi Lane Babson, Montana novelist and short story writer, will be a member of the staff of the 1960 Writers Conference at Montana State University May 25 through 28, Jack Barsness, conference director, announced.

The latest of Miss Babson's six novels is "The Young Fair Maidens," published by Harcourt, Brace in 1958. Much of her work has been reprinted in England and Australia and translated in European countries, including France, where her first book, "The Yankee Bodleys," won the Prix Femina Americaine. Her short stories and novelettes have appeared in Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, and other popular magazines.

Miss Babson was reared in New England and educated at Radcliffe College. For several years she lived in China, the setting for many of her stories. She has also used a Montana background for short stories and for a novel, "I am Lidian."

The writer lives in Bozeman, where her husband, Paul Grieder, is chairman of the Montana State College English Department. She has served on the MSU Writers Conference staff in previous years.

Other members of the 1960 conference staff are Nelson Bentley of Seattle, Dan Cushman of Great Falls, Leslie A. Fiedler of Missoula, James F. Stevens of Seattle, and Dale White of Glendive.

Information about registration for the conference may be had by writing to Jack Barsness, Director; Writers Conference; Montana State University, Missoula.

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