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### \$17,000 GIFT MADE TO UM FOUNDATION

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The University of Montana Foundation recently received a gift of a home and lot in Lewistown, Montana, according to Thomas J. Collins, Foundation director. Value of the gift, given to UM by Mrs. Jean Howard of San Francisco, California, is estimated at approximately \$17,000.

Mrs. Howard, a 1938/<sup>UM</sup>graduate in music, has asked that the income from the property be used to establish a permanent endowment known as the Fergus-Romundstad Ranch Memorial Fund, honoring the memory of her late parents.

Income from the fund will be used for loans to UM students under terms directed by Foundation officers.

The UM Foundation was established in 1950 as an organization through which funds donated to the University could be used for research and scholarships.

Mrs. Howard's parents, Odin J. and Ellen (Fergus) Romundstad, were pioneer residents of Central Montana. They owned a large ranch in the county of Fergus, which was named after Mrs. Romundstad's uncle, James Fergus. They later bought the house in Lewistown which became the legal property of the UM Foundation July 1.

Mrs. Howard now works as a secretary. She has one son, Robert Molina of San Francisco.

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