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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Professional and amateur scientists from throughout the state will gather Friday and Saturday at the Montana School of Mines, Butte, for the 24th annual meetings of the Montana Academy of Sciences, according to Dr. LeRoy H. Harvey of Montana State University, executive secretary of the academy.

The Montana Psychological Association, the Montana Wildlife Society, and the Montana Mathematics and Science Teachers Association will meet jointly with the academy, Dr. Harvey said. The academy is comprised of about 150 scientists, principally from high school and college faculties and government agencies, he noted.

Dr. Theodore Delevoryas of the Department of Biology of Yale University will speak Friday at 8 p. m. in the Museum Hall. His lecture on "Paleobotany and Evolution" is open to the public without charge.

Some 80 scholarly papers will be presented by personnel from 10 state institutions, Dr. Harvey said. These papers will be given at meetings slated throughout Friday and in the morning of Saturday in the Petroleum-Physics and Main buildings on the campus.

Meetings of special interest to the general public, according to Dr. Harvey, are a session, chaired by Dr. Leslie Fiedler of MSU, on the state's population, legislative, legal, economic and educational problems and a group of historical papers which includes some on Montana and one on the antagonism between Russia and China in the 19th century and earlier.

Sessions are also planned on microbiology, mathematics-statistics, and teaching of science. The last will feature reports on their research projects by high school students who have won the academy's research award. Also on the program is a section in biological sciences, which will include papers on ecology of grazing land and hybridization between spruce species.

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