Montana State University writers' conference program finalized

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Final arrangements for the 1956 Montana State University writers' conference program, which will run from July 16 through July 21, were announced today by H. V. Larom, conference director. The conference will open July 16 at 2 p.m. in room 104 of the Liberal Arts Building.

A featured part of the program this year, according to Larom, will be a condensed course on article writing by Dorothy M. Johnson, Montana author and secretary of the Montana Press Assn. Her coverage of this subject will include: How to sell before writing, article ideas, experiences of article writers, magazine articles and newspaper features, types of articles, research and reporting, interviewing, and ways to handle an idea.

Miss Johnson's lectures will be valuable not only to those who wish to make a profession of writing, Larom said, but they are also aimed at those who write part time and those who write publicity for community projects or who find writing for the public an asset in their regular work.

Other members of the conference staff include the novelist, Walter Van Tilburg Clark; the Canadian poet, A. J. M. Smith; Louis Vaczek, novelist; Gladys Bond, specialist in writing for children; and Frank Brink, specialist in television and motion pictures.

Registration is still open to all Montanans, Larom said. Anyone interested can get in touch with him at MSU, he added.

The complete program follows:
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, July 16:
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration at MSU Lodge desk.
2:00 p.m. (Liberal Arts Building, 104)
  Opening Remarks: H.V. Larom, Conference Director; Dr. Nan Carpenter, Chairman of the English Department.
  Talk: "Article Subjects and Markets." Dorothy M. Johnson
8:15 p.m. Speaker: Walter Van Tilburg Clark (Music School Auditorium)

Tuesday, July 17:
9:30 a.m. (Liberal Arts, 104)
  Gladys Bond, Henry Larom: "Writing Juvenile Fiction"
10:40 a.m. Discussion: Some aspects of the novel - Louis Vaczek, Walter Van Tilburg Clark, A.J.M. Smith
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Private Conferences by appointment.
8:15 p.m. (Music School auditorium) Speaker: A.J.M. Smith

Wednesday, July 18:
9:30 a.m. (Liberal Arts, 104) Dorothy Johnson: "Getting Material and Writing the Article!"
10:40 a.m. Discussion: "Education and Writing for Children," Gladys Bond, Henry Larom, Dr. Agnes Boner, Richard Darling
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Private Conferences by appointment.
8:15 p.m. (Music School auditorium) "Television Techniques" - Frank Brink. Illustrated by kinescopes from Station KING-TV, Seattle.

Thursday, July 19:
9:30 a.m. (Liberal Arts, 104)
10:40 a.m. "Poetry Techniques" - A.J.M. Smith
2:00 p.m. Private Conferences by appointment.
7:30 p.m. (Music School auditorium) Speaker: Louis Vaczek
8:30 p.m. (Simpkins Little Theatre) Performance by the MSU Opera Workshop

Friday, July 20:
9:30 a.m. (Liberal Arts, 104)
  "Problems in Historical Research" - Walter Prescott Webb, Dorothy Johnson
10:30 a.m. "The Mystery Story" - Louis Vaczek (Peter Hardin)
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Final conferences by appointment.
6:00 p.m. (MSU Lodge) Annual Writers' Conference Dinner - Speaker: Professor Walter Prescott Webb
Note: Those wishing to bring friends to the dinner must buy tickets by noon Wednesday, July 18. Tickets on sale at Lodge desk.

Saturday, July 21:
9:30 a.m. Discussion on writing for television - Frank Brink and members of the staff of KGVO-TV
11:00 p.m. Final summary - closing session.