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The Montana Rhodes Scholarship committee will meet Wednesday on the Montana State University campus, Missoula, to select candidates to appear before the Northwest district committee in Portland, Ore., on Saturday, according to Dr. J. Earll Miller of MSU, committee secretary.

The district committee will award Rhodes Scholarships, covering two years' study at Oxford University, England, to four of the candidates from the eighth district. The district includes Montana, Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

Five candidates will be screened by the Montana committee Wednesday, Prof. Miller said. The committee may select two men to compete in the district finals, but it is not obliged to name any candidate unless he meets the selection standards, he explained.

Montanans contending for a chance to go before the district committee are Duane Adams, Winnett; Gary Beiswanger, Billings; John Shrauger, Kalispell; Rufus Grant Smith, Dillon, and Lester Thurow, Anaconda. Adams, Beiswanger, and Shrauger were selected to represent MSU by a faculty committee. Smith is a student at Princeton University, and Thurow attends Williams College.

Howard A. Johnson of Butte, former chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court, is chairman of the Montana selection committee. Other members are Dr. H. G. Merriam, professor emeritus of English at MSU; Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, dean of the MSU School of Journalism; Paul S. Gillespie, president of the Western Montana National Bank, Missoula; Dr. Paul Grieder, professor of English at Montana State College, Bozeman, and Dr. Miller. All were themselves Rhodes Scholars.

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