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MISSOULA --

Forty-five teachers of high school English from 23 states are scheduled to attend a seven-week (June 19 - Aug. 4) Institute in English at the University of Montana this summer, according to Dr. Agnes Boner, director of the institute sponsored by the National Defense Education Act, U.S. Office of Education.

The institute, supported by a $53,000 grant from the NDE funds, is designed to upgrade English programs by increasing the teachers' grasp of subject matter and teaching methods.

Twenty-four Montana teachers are registered for the institute, seven from bordering states and fourteen from other states as far away as Maryland.

Directing the workshop section of the institute will be Shelby Bewley, superintendent of the Missoula County High Schools. Bewley is a former curriculum coordinator and English teacher.

Three graduate level, academic courses will be offered.

Dr. Warren Carrier, chairman of the Department of English at UM, and a well-known author of novels, poetry and textbooks, will teach a course in The Reading of Literature.

Dr. Merrel Clubb of UM, who has taught English in several foreign countries, will teach a course in Linguistics and the New Grammars. Dr. Boner stated that many of the teachers attending the institute graduated from college before 1958, when the new grammars were introduced to college curriculums. This course is designed to update their teaching.

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Dr. Joseph Meeker, former head of the Department of English at the University of Alaska, will teach an Advanced Composition course aimed at improving the writing of teachers. Dr. Boner said that as the teachers write the kinds of compositions they may assign to their students the teachers will be able to experience first-hand many of the problems faced by their own students.

A series of lectures, including those of Dr. William Slager, well-known linguist, and Dr. William Stafford, award-winning poet and teacher, has been scheduled. Cultural programs are being planned especially for institute participants.