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A special feature of the Montana State University Writers' Conference, which runs from July 22-27 on the University campus, will be an informal discussion of present day Hollywood by Pulitzer Prize winner A. B. Guthrie Jr. of Great Falls, according to H. V. Larom, conference director. Guthrie, who wrote the script of Shane, is now on the 20th Century-Fox lot writing a scenario from his novel "These Thousand Hills," which was a best seller last year.

Speaking on Thursday night, July 25, Guthrie will tell of some of his experiences in preparing this script, as well as explain how Hollywood has changed in recent years. He will answer such questions as: How has television affected Hollywood; what chance do free-lance writers have to sell scripts to the movies, and how do you develop a novel from a treatment through to the final "shooting script"? Larom said.

Guthrie will also be in charge of the novel workshop at the conference, and will read manuscripts and hold personal interviews with all conferees interested in long fiction, Larom said.

Short stories will be discussed by Robert O. Bowen, who has published three novels and written a great deal of short fiction. Two of his short stories were selected by Martha Foley for the Best American Short Stories series. Non-fiction will be taught by Eugene Burdick, author of "The Ninth Wave," who has a current series of articles running in Holiday magazine, Larom said. Poetry will be discussed by Earle Birney of the University of British Columbia.
Already registration includes conferees coming from nine states, Larom reported, including Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, California, and Oregon, as well as Montana. However, registration is still open to Montanans, and complete details and application blanks may be had by writing Larom at Montana State University, Missoula.

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