Montana State University receives grant from the Atomic Energy Commission

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Montana State University is one of 12 schools in the United States that has received a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission to support a Summer Institute in Radiation Biology for high-school science teachers in 1958.

Dr. Gordon B. Castle, director of the MSU Biological Station on Flathead Lake, site of the forthcoming institute, was notified of MSU's selection by Dr. C. W. Shilling, deputy director of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the AEC.

This is the second institute for high-school science teachers to be scheduled for the summer of 1958 at the Biological Station. In November, the University received a $36,100-grant from the National Science Foundation for a Summer Institute in Biology. The two institutes will run concurrently, Dr. Castle said.

The Institute in Radiation Biology is sponsored jointly by the AEC and the National Science Foundation. The 15 teachers who will be admitted to the institute will receive stipends of up to $75 a week as well as dependency allowances and limited travel funds from the foundation, Dr. Castle said.

The AEC will supply funds for support of operational and equipment costs and furnish demonstration kits to each participant in the institute. At the completion of the course, the teachers will take the valuable kits back to their own schools to use in demonstrating radiation biology to their students.

Dr. Castle received word of the grant after he returned to Missoula this week from Washington, D.C., where he conferred with the sponsors of (more)
the radiation institute. He also met with Dr. Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, and other scientists to formulate plans for organizing and operating the Summer Institute in Biology sponsored by the foundation.

"It is the hope of the Atomic Energy Commission that through this program many high school students will be encouraged to choose science as a career," Dr. Shilling said in his letter to Dr. Castle. "To accomplish this we feel that bringing high school teachers up to date in one of the newest and most exciting fields of research, radiation biology, will engender enthusiasm in them, and through them, in their students."