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Thirty high school science teachers from throughout the United States, including eight from Montana, have been selected to attend special institutes at the Montana State University Biological Station on Flathead Lake this summer, according to Dr. Gordon B. Castle, acting president of the University and director of the Biological Station.

Because Dr. Castle’s duties as acting president will keep him on the campus in Missoula, Dr. L. H. Harvey has been designated acting director of the Biological Station for the summer.

Half of the teachers will attend the Institute in Biology, which is supported by a $36,100 National Science Foundation grant to the University. The other half will participate in the Institute in Radiation Biology, sponsored jointly by the foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission. The eight-week institutes will open June 23.

Teachers admitted to the institutes will receive stipends of up to $75 a week, plus additional allowances for dependents and travel, from the NSF. The AEC will supply funds for operational and equipment costs for the radiation institute. Teachers were accepted for the institutes on the basis of at least three years of successful teaching experience and comprehensive background in science.

A primary objective of the biological institute is to give high school teachers some training in the field of ecology (a study of the interrelationships of organisms and their environments) and show them how ecology can be used in the teaching of biology. The second institute will bring high school teachers up to date in one of the newest fields of research, radiation biology.

Dr. Frederick E. Smith of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be visiting.
professor at the Institute in Biology; and Dr. John V. Slater of the University of Arizona, Tucson, will be visiting professor at the Institute in Radiation Biology. Dr. Smith, who holds a Ph. D. from Yale University, has made a special study in ecology. Dr. Slater, who was an AEC fellow at the University of Michigan where he earned his Ph. D., has done research at the Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.
