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A native of Stevensville who has won signal honors in the field of business education will conduct a one-week course in "Methods of Teaching Bookkeeping" at Montana State University, June 23 - 27, Prof. Brenda F. Wilson of the MSU School of Business Administration announced Monday.

Dr. Hamden L. Forkner, professor of education and head of the Dept. of Business and Vocational Education at Columbia University, will teach the unit course in business education, which is one of two offered this summer by the University, Mrs. Wilson said. The other, "Methods of Teaching Shorthand and Transcription," will be given by Howard Newhouse, specialist for the Gregg Publishing Co., and will run from June 16 - 20.

The unit courses are part of the summer program offered jointly by the School of Business Administration and the School of Education at MSU. The program includes a course in "Problems of Teaching Typewriting," to be given by June 30 - July 11 by Dr. Fred Winger of Oregon State College, and a course in "Improvement of Instruction in Office Machines Practice," to be given June 30 - July 18 by Miss Alvihild Martinson of MSU.

Five-week courses in "Gregg Shorthand Theory for Teachers," "Elementary Accounting," and "Salesmanship" will be taught by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Martinson, and Dr. John S. Wright, respectively, June 16 - July 18.

Dr. Forkner is the 1957 recipient of The John Robert Gregg Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of business education. The award, consisting of a citation and a gift of $500, is presented each year by the Gregg Publishing Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Co. to the person selected for the honor by independent committees of business-education leaders.

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Dr. Forkner attended public schools in Montana and California and Heald's Business College in Stockton, Calif. After Army service in World War I, he returned to Heald's as head of the secretarial department. He also taught at Marysville, Calif., High School and served as acting principal of the Merritt School of Business, Oakland, Calif., where he developed the first post-high school business school in the country.

In 1925 he enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, and earned a B. A. degree. He also holds an M. A. in secondary education and a Ph. D. in school administration from the University of California.

Dr. Forkner became head of the Dept. of Business and Vocational Education at Columbia in 1937. He founded the Future Business Leaders of America, now sponsored by the United Business Education Assn. He is a past president of the National Council for Business Education, the National Assn. of Business Teacher Training Institutions, United Business Education Assn., and the United States chapter of the International Society of Business Education.

He is the author of business-education textbooks and of many articles in professional journals. He was co-author and editor of the first bulletin of the National Assn. of Secondary School Principals ever to deal exclusively with business education.

Further information about summer courses in business education can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Brenda Wilson, School of Business Administration, Montana State University, Missoula.