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MONTANA-NORTHWEST WRITERS' DAY

PART OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY WRITERS' CONFERENCE

As a special 10th anniversary event during the writers' conference which runs from July 21 through 26, Montana State University has designated Saturday, July 26, as Montana-Northwest Writers' Day. Two members of the staff, Pulitzer Prize winner A. B. Guthrie, Jr. of Montana and Arthie Binns of Washington will participate as well as other Montana writers not on the regular conference staff. They will discuss in talks and panel discussions the present and past of Northwest writing. Robert McCaig of Great Falls, Naomi Lane Babson of Bozeman, whose novel "The Young Fair Ladies" has just been published, Mildred Walker (Mrs. Ferdinand Schemm) formerly of Great Falls and author of "Southwest Corner", "Winter Wheat" and other novels will aid the regular staff in these discussions.

Saturday evening all conference members will attend the 10th Anniversary dinner at the MSU Lodge, where they will have a chance to meet and talk with Montana authors.

This year's regular staff includes, besides Guthrie and Binns, Albert Q. Maisel, well-known article writer for Reader's Digest; Bernard Malamud, author of "The Assistant" and "The Magic Barrel"; Leslie Fiedler, poet, critic and author of "An End to Innocence"; Robert O. Bowen, author of "The Weight of the Cross", "Bamboo, and "Sidestreet"; and H. V. Larom, an author of juveniles including "Mountain Pony" and "Ride Like an Indian!", who is the director of the conference.

Larom pointed out that all professional writers in Montana are cordially invited to attend Montana-Northwest Writers' Day. "I do not have a list of all the professionals in the state", he said, "but I do hope that many of them will get in
touch with me by July so that I can save a place for them."

The Conference was founded in 1949 by the late Joseph Kinsey Howard, author of "Montana High Wide and Handsome" and "Strange Empire". "We have tried to keep it in the tradition that he started 10 years ago", Larom said, "and with the help of many of Howard's author-friends, it has continued to grow and prosper. In the last few years, the conference has attracted people not only from Montana and surrounding states but from as far away as Maine, Canada, Florida, and New Mexico", Larom added, "so that it has become nationally known and recognized as a place where those who want to write can get stimulation and actual help with their manuscripts."

Anyone wishing to get further information, application blanks and a brochure can contact him at the University, Larom said.

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