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The 17th annual Farmer-Labor Institute will consider current economic issues when it meets at Montana State University Friday through Sunday. Institute chairman James S. Umber of Helena, president of the Montana State AFL-CIO, said the program will include sessions on workmen's compensation, resource development, public financing and a better farm program.

Ted Silvey of the AFL-CIO staff, Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker at the institute banquet Saturday evening, Umber said.

The opening session, Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the Liberal Arts building, will feature a discussion on "Crime and Correction." Panelists will be the Rev. Joseph Mackin of Carroll College; Dr. Gordon Browder, chairman of the MSU Sociology Department; Mrs. Maxine Scott of the Montana Council on Corrections, and Randall Swanberg, Great Falls.

Saturday's program will open with a discussion on "Vocational Rehabilitation," headed by Glenn Lockwood of Montana Vocational Rehabilitation. Also slated Saturday morning are a discussion on "Improving Workmen's Compensation" by Robert Weller, executive secretary of the Montana District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, and Dale McGarvey, Flathead county legislator, and a discussion on "Adjustments in Unemployment Insurance," with panelists Albert F. Root of the Montana Unemployment Commission, Ernest Salvas of the Mine-Mill board, and Dr. George Heliker, chairman of the MSU Economics Department.

Saturday afternoon Miles Romney, editor of Western News, Hamilton, will speak on "Expanding the Economy by Wise Resource Development," and R. S. Gilfillan, editor of Farmers Union Herald, St. Paul, Minn., will lead a discussion on "The Need for a Better Federal Farm Program."

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Scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday is a panel on "Challenges in Public Financing in Montana," with panelists P. J. Gilfeather, John Cavan and Eugene Tidball, all members of the Montana Legislative Council.

Following the panel discussion, Miss Lucile Speer, MSU documents librarian, will give a summary and evaluation of the institute.

Members of the institute committee, headed by Umber, are Leonard Kenfield, president of the Montana Farmers Union; Ralph Cook, secretary of the Montana Farmers Union; Miss Mary McNelis of the Montana Federation of Teachers and Root of the Montana State AFL-CIO.