Edgar L. Morphet, school finance expert, will direct Montana State University seminar

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The man who wrote the book - and whose spade work contributed to Montana's system of school financing - will direct a Montana State University seminar in public school finance June 12 through 15, MSU officials announced.

Dr. Edgar L. Morphet, professor of education at the University of California, Berkeley, who will direct the seminar, is co-author of two textbooks used in educational administration courses at the University. He participated in the study in the 1940's of Montana school finances which led to the foundation program.

The seminar is the first of four to be offered by the MSU School of Education this summer, according to Profs. Vernon O. Sletten and Aaron W. Harper, coordinators of the seminar program.

Seminars are also scheduled June 18-22 in the administrative process, directed by Roald F. Campbell, professor of education, University of Chicago; July 9-13 in school-community relations, by Edward G. Olsen, director of education for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and July 16-20 in new dimensions in education, by J. Lloyd Trump, associate secretary of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Dr. Morphet was finance consultant for the White House Conference on Education in 1955. He was director of administration and finance for the Florida Department of Education from 1936 to 1947 and executive secretary of the Southern States Work Conference on Educational Problems from 1940 to 49. He has been associated with the Alabama Department of Education and the U. S. Office of Education, and he served for a year as executive secretary of the Florida Citizens' Committee on Education. He has been a consultant on school finance to Kentucky, Wyoming, Ohio, Alabama, and Indiana, as well as Montana.
The school finance expert is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi and other professional societies. He has taught school administration courses at Berkeley since 1949. He holds M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University.

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