James Martin Thrasher named dean of the Montana State University School of Education

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dr. James Martin Thrasher, superintendent of schools at Pasco, Wash., has been appointed dean of the Montana State University School of Education, MSU President Robert Johns announced. The appointment will become effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Thrasher will replace Dr. Linus Carleton, who has been dean of the School of Education since 1954. Dr. Carleton is retiring from his post "to fulfill a long-time desire" to return to teaching.

Dr. Thrasher holds B.A., B.Ed. and M.Ed. degrees from Washington State College in Pullman. He received his Ed.D. degree from Colorado State College, Greeley, in 1960 with a major in school administration.

His education was interrupted during World War II while he served in the Air Force as a commander on heavy bombardment type aircraft.

Dr. Thrasher began his teaching career in 1947 as history teacher, athletic coach and acting high school principal in Twisp, Wash. He has served as high school principal in Raymond, Wash., and Somerset, Tex., and superintendent of schools in Pateros, Cashmere and Pasco, Wash.
From 1958 to 1961 he served as a consultant in school planning on the Washington State Board of Education.

He has been a guest lecturer at Washington State University and Oregon State University school workshops and is presently teaching at the Montana State College Summer Quarter in Bozeman.

Dr. Thrasher is a life member of the National Education Association. He also is a member of the Washington Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Council for Schoolhouse Construction and Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity of men in education.

His community activities include the Pasco (Wash.) Kiwanis Club and the board of directors of the Lower Columbia Y.M.C.A.

Dr. Thrasher is married and has four children.