

## School assignment countered

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Confusion over whether student assignment would constitute new Board policy or simply enforcement of existing policy was not resolved. District Supt. Matt Doherty said he was of the opinion that the free choice of Lexington students was a matter of custom rather than policy. Members of the audience contended that the free choice was a policy established by the Board at the time of consolidation.

Reading from a prepared statement, Peck said, "Free choice of school has been a policy. The promise of free choice of schools for the Lexington area has been broken."

He told the Board it was his "firm understanding" that at the time of consolidation, Lexington students would have an attendance choice.

Doherty responded to Peck by reviewing the minutes of Board meetings held at the time of consolidation in 1960.

"There's nothing in the minutes showing the district going on record to allow Lexington students to have a free choice," Doherty said. "It must have been an agreement between the principal or the superintendent and the patrons of the school at that time."

Regardless of whether or not the assignment issue was incorporated into Board policy, in 1960 School District Attorney Bob Abrams told the Board that the actions of

previous Boards regarding policy directives were not binding for the present Board.

One of the main objections voiced by those attending the meeting was that if assignment policies were put into effect, it would be difficult to avoid a situation where some children in a family would attend Heppner schools while others in the family would go to lone schools.

Other parents said they preferred to send their children to Heppner High School to take advantage of the expanded elective curriculum there, adding that they would not want to relocate their children if they were assigned to lone schools for the pre-high school years.

Peck also noted that many families in the Lexington area had established strong community ties in Heppner and therefore felt their children should be able to attend Heppner schools.

Board Chairman Pauline Winter said the Board was considering the alternatives that would be least disruptive to all involved.

"I think the Board should be given some time to study what has been presented," Winter said at the conclusion of Peck's presentation. "I'm a bit overwhelmed."

Other Board members commended Peck for his efforts and said they would like to look at the issue further.

## Brand owners must register before Dec. 31

Nearly half the 17,500 livestock brands in Oregon have not been rerecorded as required by a law passed by the 1977 Oregon Legislature.

The new law shortened the time a brand remains recorded from five years to two years and requires the rerecording of all livestock brands before December 31. The law supersedes the old law which did not require rerecording until December 31, 1979.

All brands not recorded before the end of the year will be treated as new brands and

the fee for recording of new brands is \$25 per location of brand. The fee for rerecording on or before December 31 is \$10 per location. Location refers to where the animal is branded, as the hip, side or shoulder. If an animal is branded in more than one of these locations, each location is treated as a separate brand and a fee is charged for each.

If a brand is used on both cattle and horses, it also is treated as two brands and fees are charged for each.

Approximately 800 notices to rerecord have been returned to the Livestock Division as undeliverable mail. Anyone who has not received a notice is asked to call the Livestock Division in Salem collect. The number is 378-3779.



## Conservation President honored

LOA AND DICK McElligott, past president of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, accept a presentation from Ernie Josi, new president of the Association, at the annual meeting held in Baker. McElligott has served as Association president for the past three years and has provided leadership in state legislative efforts. The cattle and wheat farmer from Lone is also a district director of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District.

## Butch Williams visiting

Lt. J.G. Norman Wayne "Butch" Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams, Lexington, came home from Yorktown, Va. to spend two weeks in Lexington with his parents. Butch arrived on Dec. 19 and will fly back to his post about Jan. 5.

Lt. Williams attended schools in this county and was

graduated by Echo High School in 1965. He holds B.S. degrees from EOSC and from PSU. His masters degree in history is from PSU.

Butch is presently working toward a doctorate in educational administration at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg.

He has been in Yorktown for

two years. His assignment is the writing of textbooks on marine and environmental protection.

Both his parents, Frances and Clifford Williams, are long-time county teachers who retired at the close of the last school year.

## Posse gets present for Christmas

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Fetsch. Winters said the money will be added to the Posse's savings fund which is approaching the \$1,500 mark. The fund includes proceeds from various Posse activities such as an annual dance, parking duties at the rodeo and prize money from various parades.

Winters said the Posse's next major project will be to purchase more equipment to upgrade the radio communications station located in the Sheriff's office and the Posse's renovated Bronco. The group

has also recently acquired a surplus van from Emergency Services in Salem to be used in Posse operations.

The growth and importance of the Posse has become even more visible during the fall hunting seasons when the group undertook five official operations—more than any

previous year. The Posse roster now lists 50 members which is the maximum allowable under the present bylaws.

"With five searches this hunting season, we've definitely shown the need for this type of organization," Fetsch said. And Mike Miller and family will be glad to back that statement up.

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