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COMMISSIONER EMMONS TO VISIT OKLAHOMA INDIAN AREAS SEPTEMBER 5-11

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons will leave Washington, D. C., September 5, for a trip to the major Indian areas of Oklahoma. He is acting under broad instructions from President Eisenhower.

The trip is the first installment of an itinerary which will take Commissioner Emmons into the home territory of as many Indian tribes as possible in the next few months. He will bring to each of the tribes a personal message from the President who has asked the Commissioner to meet with the tribal groups locally and learn first hand about their present relations with the Federal Government and their hopes for the future.

On September 6, Commissioner Emmons will meet with members of the Oklahoma Cherokee Tribe at Tahlequah in an observance of Cherokee National Day. The following day he will attend the annual Choctaw-Chickasaw meeting in the council house at Tuskahoma.

On September 8, he will meet with the Inter-Tribal Council at Muskogee in the morning and with the Creeks at Okmulgee in the afternoon.

On the 9th, he is to attend a meeting with the Oklahoma Seminoles at Seminole in the morning and will spend the afternoon at Shawnee in session with members of the Shawnee, Sac and Fox, Pottawatomie, Kickapoo and Iowa Tribes.

The Commissioner's schedule for the morning of September 10, includes a meeting with members of the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Fort Sill Apache, Caddo, Wichita and Delaware Tribes in the Fort Sill Indian School Auditorium at Lawton. That afternoon he will meet with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Indian school auditorium at Concho.

On September 11, Mr. Emmons will visit the Indian boarding school at Chilocco in the morning and will meet with the Pawnee, Ponca, Otoe and Tonkawa Tribes in the school auditorium at Pawnee in the afternoon.

On the 12th, Mr. Emmons will spend the entire day in Osage County visiting the reservation in the morning and meeting with members of the Osage Tribe in the auditorium at Pawhuska in the afternoon.

While the Commissioner's itinerary has not yet been scheduled in detail beyond this point, he is planning to leave Tulsa on the morning of September 13, for Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Because of the extreme tightness of Mr. Emmons' schedule, it will not be possible for him to attend any meetings in Oklahoma aside from those already planned.

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