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INDIAN BUREAU PERSONNEL SHIFTS IN MONTANA AND NORTH DAKOTA

Three personnel changes involving Indian Bureau positions in Montana and North Dakota were announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Charles S. Spencer, superintendent of the Blackfeet Agency, Browning, Mont., for the past three years, moves June 16 to the comparable position at the Flathead Agency, Dixon, Mont., replacing Forrest R. Stone who recently retired.

At Blackfeet Mr. Spencer will be succeeded by Howard F. Johnson, who transfers June 23 from the Navajo Agency, Window Rock, Ariz., where he has been agricultural extension supervisor since 1951.

Joseph W. Wellington, superintendent of Standing Rock Agency, Fort Yates, N. Dak., since 1954, will move June 23 to be superintendent of the Wahpeton School, Wahpeton, N. Dak., replacing Ole R. Sande who has transferred to the Bureau's area office at Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Mr. Spencer has been with the Bureau since 1931 when he was appointed farm agent at Crow Agency, Mont. He spent four years there. Then he worked for seven years as extension agent at Western Shoshone Agency, Owyhee, Nev., and for ten years as soil conservationist at Wind River Agency, Fort Washakie, Wyo. He was named superintendent at Rosebud Agency, Rosebud, S. Dak., in 1952 and transferred to Blackfeet in 1954. He is a native of Victor, Idaho, and was graduated from the University of Idaho with a B. S. degree in agriculture in 1929.

Mr. Johnson entered the Federal service in 1935 with the Department of Agriculture at Navajo Agency. Five years later he transferred to the Indian Bureau as a soil technologist at the same location and subsequently served as soil conservationist and agricultural extension agent before being appointed extension supervisor in 1951. He was born at Gravity, Iowa, in 1913 and is a graduate of Colorado A. and M. College.

Mr. Wellington first came with the Bureau in 1940 as a teacher at Carson Indian School, Stewart, Nev., and was appointed head of the school's agricultural department. He held that post until 1944 when he was named supervisor of Indian education for livestock raising and dairying with headquarters at Denver, Colo. Three years later he transferred to the position of superintendent at Fort Belknap Agency, Harlem, Mont., and in 1954 moved to Standing Rock. He was born at Lewistown, Mont., in 1907 and studied agricultural education and animal husbandry at Montana State College.

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