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UDALL APPOINTS BARRETT SUPERINTENDENT OF FLORIDA INDIAN RESERVATION

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced appointment of Eugene W. Barrett, Agricultural Extension Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to superintendency of the Seminole Agency, Hollywood, Fla.

Barrett brings to his new post a varied background as a ranger, conservationist and agricultural extension officer. His most recent assignment has been at BIA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The new superintendent, 60, was born in Billings, Mont. He has had 27 years experience in Government service that began soon after his graduation with a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Montana.

From seasonal appointments as fire guard and forest guard with the Forest Service, he went on to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a junior range examiner at the Blackfeet Agency in Montana. He advanced to range supervisor, forest supervisor, conservationist, and land operations officer, a process that took him to a number of Indian reservations in Oregon, California, Montana and North Dakota.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett, who recommended the appointment, pointed out that Barrett's performance ratings have been consistently excellent, with commendatory remarks about his ability, initiative, creativity, and his cooperation with other agencies.

"Such a background will be of particular benefit to the Seminole people," Bennett said, "as they work to develop the full potential of their natural resources, to capitalize on their human resources in industrial and commercial development with resulting increases in tribal income, and to preserve the rich ecology of their reservation."

Barrett succeeds Reginald W. Quinn, who is retiring from Government service.

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