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The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs today announced the appointment of James D. Hale to the post of Superintendent of the Choctaw Agency, at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

He succeeds Lonnie Hardin, who has transferred to the Bureau's Muskogee Area Office in Oklahoma as education director.

The new Superintendent has been Land Operations Officer at the Seminole Agency, Hollywood, Florida since March 1962. Prior to that he was a soil conservationist at the Seminole Agency and at the Muskogee Area Office. He joined BIA in 1952.

Born in Cave Creek, Arkansas in 1924, Hale attended schools in Alabama and Oklahoma. He holds a BS degree in Agronomy from Oklahoma A & M, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946 and saw action in Europe and North Africa. He is married and the father of two sons.