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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of Amon A. Baker, 48, a member of the Cherokee Nation to be Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Baker replaces Edwin Moore who was appointed Assistant Area Director for Education in Muskogee in February 1964.

Baker holds a B.S. and Masters degree from Northeastern College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma in Industrial Arts and Education. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946.

He began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1950 as an Instructor at the Seneca Indian School, and in 1955 became a teacher at Sequoyah High School. In 1964 he was Construction and Maintenance Representative for the BIA Muskogee Area Office, and later became Construction Analyst. Baker returned to Sequoyah High School in 1965 as Building and Grounds Manager until February 1974 when he became Acting Superintendent.

"We feel fortunate to have a man with the qualifications of Mr. Baker to assume the post of Superintendent of Sequoyah High School," Commissioner Thompson indicated. "He has the academic background and the experience in Indian Education to make a real contribution to our Indian students."

Baker is married to the former Jean Thompson, also a member of the Cherokee Nation. They have four daughters.