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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of George A. Laverdure, 58, enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Tribe, to the post of Superintendent of the Crow Agency, Mont., of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has been serving in that post in an acting capacity since June 1973. His appointment was effective March 31.

Anson Baker, former Crow Agency Superintendent, has been transferred to the Fort Berthold Agency, New Town, N. Dak., as Superintendent.

Laverdure was graduated from Haskell Institute, now Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kansas in 1939.

He received a superior performance award from the Department of the Interior in 1957 and again in 1964. The 1957 award was for his work in furthering the Aberdeen Area (S.Dak.) credit program. The 1964 award was for administrative and coordinative efforts in implementation of the BIA housing program in the Billings, Mont., Area.

Laverdure began his BIA service in 1939 with the Winnebago Agency in Nebraska. He remained there until 1951 when he became a farm agent --first with the Standing Rock Agency, S. Dak., and then with the Cheyenne River Agency, S. Dak. He became Assistant Area Credit Officer in the Aberdeen Area Office in 1954 and the Area Credit Officer of the Billings Area Office in 1959.

He was acting Superintendent of the Northern Cheyenne Agency, Lame Deer, Mont., from June 1971 to August 1971 and has been acting Superintendent of the Crow Agency since June 1973.

He served in the U.S Navy 3 years --completed training at the Armed Forces Institute in 1944.

Laverdure's wife, Lillian, is a Winnebago. They have one son, Doyle, Field Representative in the Indian program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Minneapolis, Minn.