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Leroy W. Chief, 35, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux. Tribe from: Pine Ridge, S. D., has been named Superintendent of the bureaus of Indian Affairs Wahpeton Indian School, Wahpeton, N. D., Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs announced today. Chief replaces Joseph Wellington, who retired after 17 as superintendent at Wahpeton School.

Chief began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1960 as an elementary teacher at the Standing Rock Agency, Ft. Yates, N. D. Most recently, Chief has been serving as an Education Specialist at the Aberdeen, S. D. Area Office.

A member of the Association of Indian Educators, Chief received a E, S. degree in Education from the University of North Dakota in 1962, and completed his M. E. degree in Elementary Education Administration the summer of 1972. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in the field if Education by the University of North Dakota.

“We feel fortunate to have a man with the qualifications of Mr. Chief to assume the post of Superintendent of Wahpeton Indian School” Commissioner Bruce indicated. “He has the academic background and the experience in Indian education to make a real contribution. "

Chief is married and the father of two sons.