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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce today announced the appointment of Orville N. Hicks, 44, a graduate of Colorado State University in range management and a veteran of 20 years of Bureau of Indian Affairs service as Superintendent of the new Lower Brule Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, with headquarters at Lower Brule, S. Dak.

He will assume the duties of his post January 9.

Two new agencies, the Lower Brule and Crow Creek, replace the Pierre Agency, which formerly had responsibilities toward the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the Crow Creek Tribe. Hicks was awarded a quality increase in 1965 after a Bureau career that included range conservation and land operations functions including administration - in Shiprock, New Mexico, Widow Rock, Arizona, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and with the Aberdeen Area Office, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

He entered federal service in 1950 as a range aid with the U. S. Forest Service, Denver, Colorado. His university minor was forestry. He has attended a variety of management and executive training programs as a Bureau of Indian Affair’s employee.