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W. Wade Head, area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Gallup, New Mexico since 1954, and Fredrick M. Haverland, who has occupied the comparable position at Phoenix, Ariz., since 1955, will exchange positions in the near future, the Department of the Interior announced today.

A native of E1 Dorado, Ark., Head first came with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1937 as principal in charge of schools on the Papago Reservation in southern Arizona. After four years in this assignment he was promoted to superintendent of the Papago Agency and one year later transferred to the War Relocation Authority, a wartime agency responsible for maintaining and ultimately relocating the people of Japanese descent who had been evacuated by the Army from the West Coast. Head served as director of the Colorado River Relocation Center at Poston, Ariz., for two years.

In 1944 he returned to the Indian Bureau as superintendent of the Colville Agency, Nespelem, Wash., where he remained for three years. This was followed by one year of service as district director for the Bureau at Oklahoma City and six years as area director for western Oklahoma with headquarters at Anadarko. He was the first area director appointed for the Gallup Office when it was established in 1954 and has remained there since. He is a graduate of Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Haverland joined the Bureau in 1936 as a junior road engineer at the Winnebago Agency, Winnebago, Nebr. Five years later he was promoted to road engineer at the former Truxton Canon Agency, Valentine, Ariz.

In 1942 he transferred to Head's staff on the Colorado River Center at Poston and in 1944 moved to Chicago as the Bureau's warehouse purchasing officer. After two years in this position he was named administrative officer in the office at Billings, Mont., and in 1949 was promoted to assistant area director. He remained in this latter job until 1954 when he shifted to the same position at Muskogee, Okla. In early 1955 he moved to his present position as area director at Phoenix.

He was educated in the public schools of Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1934 with a degree in civil engineering.