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The appointment of women to two major (Grade 15) positions in the Bureau of Indian Affairs was announced today by the Secretary of the Interior.

Miss Wilma Louise Victor, a Choctaw Indian of Idabel, Okla, , was named superintendent of the Intermountain Indian School, an off-reservation boarding school operated by the Bureau at Brigham City, Utah.

Mrs. Virginia S. Hart of Arlington, Va., a native of Worcester, Mass., was named information officer for the Bureau in Washington, D. C. Miss Victor's service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dates to 1941, when she started as an apprentice teacher at the Shiprock Boarding School in New Mexico. She enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served as a first lieutenant until 1946. She taught at Idabel High School two years and returned to the Bureau in 1949 as principal at Intermountain School, then being established.

In 1961, Miss Victor became principal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Institute of American Indian Art at Santa Fe, N. Mex., where she organized and directed the academic program.

Intermountain Indian School, to which Miss Victor is returning, has an enrollment of approximately 2,100 in the 12-to-18 age group. Its faculty numbers about 300.

Miss Victor, born November 5, 1919, has a Bachelor of Science degree from Wisconsin State College and a master's degree in school administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs., Hart, the new information officer for the Bureau, attended Worcester State Teachers College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark University at Worcester, Mass., in 1945. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the American University in Washington, D. C., where she also has been a guest lecturer in the Department of Communications.

Before her appointment to the Bureau she was an information officer with the U. S. Office of Education, Division of Vocational Education and Manpower Training. Previous government service has included information or editorial positions with the Department of State and the Voice of America. She joined the Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1961.

Mrs. Hart was born July 9, 1922.