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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson has appointed Alton R. Nordwall Deputy Director of the BIA's Muskogee Area.

Nordwall, a member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, worked in the Muskogee office for nine years, 1964-73, as the Area Budget Officer. He left Muskogee to complete a Department of Interior nine-month Manager Development Training Program. Since June of 1974 he has been Assistant Area Director for the Minneapolis Area.

Nordwall, 47, has a BS degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University. He had formerly received a commercial certificate from Haskell Institute, now Haskell Indian Junior College.

A long-time Bureau of Indian Affairs' employee, Nordwall began his career in 1952 as a clerk-steno at the Pawnee Okla., agency. He subsequently completed his college work and moved up the ladder through various positions in Kansas, Oregon and Montana.

He is married to the former Eva L. Fields, a Pawnee Indian from Oklahoma They have two sons and two daughters.