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W. Barton Greenwood, Federal career man today became acting commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as the resignation of Dillon Myer became effective, the Department of the Interior announced.

Mr. Greenwood, a resident of Washington since early boyhood is a veteran official of the Indian Bureau where he has been executive officer since June 1949.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., Mr. Greenwood came here with his family when he was ten years of age. He was graduated from McKinley High School and studied at Cornell University for two years when he enlisted in the Army in World War I as a cadet pilot serving until after the Armistice. When he was discharged he entered George Washington University and on finishing a course in economics enrolled in National University Law School where he received a law degree. He is a member of the D.C. bar.

He first entered the Federal service as a clerk in the District Post Office in 1919 and later worked as a clerk in the War Department. He became a fiscal clerk in the Indian Service in 1920 and rose through the ranks to the position of chief of budget and executive officer. In 1943 he joined the Bureau of the Budget where he remained until 1949 when he returned to the Indian Bureau as executive officer.

He resides at 5229 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

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