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Christian H. Beitzel will replace Robert B. McKee as superintendent of the Crow Creek Indian Agency in South Dakota when the agency moves from Fort Thompson to Pierre on December 1, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today.

For the past two years Mr. Beitzel has been superintendent of the Pierre Indian School which is being brought under supervision of Crow Creek Agency in the transfer. He joined the bureau in 1936 as school principal at Fort Berthe1d Agency, N. Dak., and was later named superintendent of that agency. Subsequently he served as superintendent of the Pipestone Agency, Minn.; the Turtle Mountain Consolidated Agency, N. Dak.; and the Winnebago Agency, Nebr.

Mr. McKee, who has been superintendent at Crow Creek since 1950, will transfer to the position of administrative officer in charge of the Sisseton Area Field Office, Sisseton, S. Dak. His earlier experience with the bureau included seven years as agricultural extension agent at the Flathead Agency, Dixon, Mont., and six years in the same position at the Pine Ridge Agency, S. Dak. Before coming with the bureau in 1937 he had 19 years as county agricultural agent in Yellowstone and Flathead counties, Mont.

Local direction of the Pierre School will be taken over by the principal, George R. Weisz.