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Appointment of Harold W. Schunk as superintendent of the Turtle Mountain Indian Agency, Belcourt, N. Dak., succeeding Knute H. Lee, who transfers to the Indian Bureau's Aberdeen, S. Dak. area office as director of schools, was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. Both moves are effective November 21.

Mr. Schunk, who has been administrative officer in charge of the Bureau's field office at Sisseton, S. Dak. for the past year and a half, first came with the Bureau in 1933 as camp manager at Rosebud Agency, S. Dak. From 1934 to 1953 he served at Cheyenne River Agency, S. Dak., as school principal, agricultural instructor, and education specialist. He was born at Philip, S. Dak., in 1907 and is a graduate of Southern State Teacher's College, Springfield, S. Dak.

Mr. Lee has been superintendent at Turtle Mountain for the past year and before that was principal of schools at the Standing Rock Agency, Fort Yates, N. Dak., for eight years. He first came with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1939 as a teacher of agriculture at Fort Totten, N. Dak.

He also served as stockman-farmer at the Crow Creek Agency, Fort Thompson, S. Dak., and as reservation principal at Cheyenne River Agency, Cheyenne River, S. Dak. Before joining the Indian Bureau in 1939 he was a school superintendent and principal in several N. Dak. communities. He was born in Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1910 and graduated from Minot State Teacher's College in 1932.