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Appointment of Robert J. Trier as chief of the branch of roads, Bureau of Indian Affairs succeeding J. Maughs Brown, who retires August 31, was announced today by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ralph A. Tudor.

Mr. Trier, a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, has been assistant chief of the branch for eight years. For 10 years he was assistant district road engineer and district road engineer of the Bureau at Hinl1.eapolis, Minn., and from 1933 to 1936 was road supervisor at the Great Lakes Indian Agency, Ashland, Wis., He attended the public schools of Fond du Lac and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1925 with a degree in civil engineering.

Mr. Brown, has had 21 years service with the Bureau and has been roads chief since 1941. He joined the Bureau in 1933 as road engineer at Rosebud, S. Dak., and one year later was transferred to Minneapolis where he was district engineer for seven years. Before entering the Bureau service he taught civil engineering for 21 years at the University of South Dakota and was made full professor and head of the Department in 1931. He was born at New Market, Missouri, in 1884 and received his civil engineering degree from New Mexico State College.

Rodney M. Dunlap, supervising highway design engineer at Window Rock, Ariz., for the past four years, succeeds Mr. Trier.

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