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Promotion of Perry E. Skarra from the superintendency of the Yakima Indian Agency., Toppenish, Wash., to the position of assistant area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Portland, Oreg., and appointment of Dannie E. L. Crone, soil conservationist with the Bureau at Window Rock, Ariz., as the new Yakima superintendent were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. The changes will be effective July 25.

Skarra, a veteran of 15 years' service with the Indian Bureau, has been superintendent at Yakima since 1950. He joined the Bureau in 1939 as a junior forester at Wind River Agency and was promoted to senior forester transferring to the former Tongue River Agency, Lame Deer, Mont., in 1941.

After two years in this position Skarra served for three months in 1943 with the Army Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Va., and returned to the Bureau as forest supervisor at the Blackfeet Agency, Browning, Mont. In 1947 he transferred to the Taholah Agency as forest manager and remained there until his appointment to the Yakima superintendency. Before joining the Bureau, he was with the u. s. Forest Service for nine years in national forests in Wyoming. He was born at Hancock, Mich., in 1909 and was graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree in forestry.

A native of Kennard, Nebraska, Mr. LeCrone received his early education in Helena, Okla., and was graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. degree in vocational agriculture in 1939. He joined the Indian Bureau in 1941 as a farm agent at the Kiowa Agency, Anadarko, Okla., and three years later was appointed district conservationist at the Cheyenne-Arapaho Agency, Concho, Okla. After two years in this post and one year in a similar position at the Osage Agency, Pawhuska, Okla., he was transferred to the office at Muskogee, Okla., where he was put in charge of soil and moisture conservation work in eastern Oklahoma. He was transferred to the Navajo Agency in 1952. Prior to joining the Bureau he worked one year for the c. and M. Produce Co. in south Texas, and for two years was assistant county supervisor with the Farm Security Administration at Oklahoma City.