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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons announced today that five of the Indian Bureau's key personnel will move to new assignments on November 1.

James W. Kauffman, superintendent of the Minnesota Agency, Bemidji, Minn., will take over the comparable position at Pine Ridge, S. Dak. This job has been vacant since last August when former Pine Ridge Superintendent Benjamin Reifel was promoted to Area Director for the Bureau at Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Wendell W. Palmer, superintendent at Klamath Agency, Oregon, will move to Bemidji replacing Kauffman.

Allan W. Galbraith, superintendent at Jicarilla Agency, Dulce, N. Mex., will move to Klamath replacing Palmer.

Guy Robertson, superintendent at Rosebud Agency, S. Dak., will move to Jicarilla replacing Galbraith.

Graham Holmes, program officer at the Aberdeen Area Office, will be detailed to Rosebud as acting superintendent.

Mr. Kauffman originally came with the Bureau in 1929 as agricultural extension agent at Consolidated Chippewa Agency, Cass Lake, Minn., and subsequently served in this line of work for 21 years. His service also included assignments at Minneapolis, Spokane, and Oklahoma City. He was appointed superintendent at Cass Lake in 1950 and was named superintendent at Bemidji last November. He received his B.S. in Horticulture and Animal Husbandry from Pennsylvania State College and his A. B. from Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota.

Mr. Palmer joined the Bureau in 1950 as superintendent at Wind River Agency, Fort Washakie, Wyo., and was transferred to Klamath in April 1954. Before coming with the Bureau he had many years of experience with the Bureau of Reclamation, the War Relocation Authority, and the Idaho Extension Service. From 1945 to 1947 he operated his own farm at Malad, Idaho, where he was born in 1898. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho.

Mr. Galbraith first came with the Bureau in 1940 as a forest guard at Wellpinit, Wash., shortly after his graduation from the University of Idaho. He subsequently served at Nespelem, Wash., Harlem, Mont., Chelan, Wash., and Klamath Agency, Oreg., before joining the armed forces in World War II. Returning to the Bureau in 1946, he was range conservationist at Klamath Agency, Colville Agency in Washington, and Rosebud Agency, South Dakota. He has been superintendent of the Jicarilla Agency since 1952. Born in Wellpinit, Washington, in 1917, Mr. Galbraith attended public schools there. He received a B. S. degree in forestry from the University of Idaho in 1940.

Mr. Robertson, who has been at Rosebud Agency for the past year, entered the Government service in 1942 with the war Relocation Authority at Heart Mountain, Wyoming. In 1946 he became Wyoming district manager for the United States Department of Commerce. After one year he became property

supervisor for the Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., for two years and then was general manager of the Noble Hotel, Lander, Wyoming, for several months. He joined the Indian Bureau in 1950 as superintendent at Blackfeet Agency, Browning, Mont., where he remained for four years until his transfer to Rosebud. Prior to his Government employment he was in business in Wyoming, Texas, and Nevada. He was born in Quincy, Mo., in 1890, was educated in the public schools of Wheatland, Mo., and is a graduate of Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Business College.

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