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Robert Bruce McKee, Administrative Officer at the Sisseton Indian Reservation in South Dakota, was named today by Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs W. Barton Greenwood to be the new Superintendent at Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. Mr. McKee succeeds Ralph M. Shane who resigned effective July 29 to go into the newspaper business in New Town, North Dakota.

The vacancy at Sisseton caused by Mr. McKee's promotion will be filled by Wray P. Hughes who is now Administrative Officer at Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Mr., McKee, 61, was born in Dwight, North Dakota. After graduating from North Dakota State College in 1916, he taught and coached for two years in high schools of North Dakota and Montana. From 1918 to 1937 he served as county agriculture agent in two Montana counties, Flathead and Yellowstone. In 1937 he joined the Indian Bureau as agriculture extension Agent at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Agency and served there until 1950 when he was named superintendent of the Crow Creek Agency in South Dakota. In 1954, he was named administrative officer of the Sisseton Area Field Office.

Mr. Hughes entered Federal Service in 1935 with the Census Bureau in Washington, D. C. and subsequently worked for the Agriculture Adjustment Administration and the Soil Conservation Service before joining the Interior Department in 1940. With the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he has been stationed at Fort Washakie, Wyo.; Pierre, S. Dak. and Aberdeen, S. Dak. He was chosen administrative officer at Cheyenne River in 1953 after working his way up from clerk, assistant property and supply officer to property and supply officer at Aberdeen in 1951. He is 49 years old.

A successor to Mr. Hughes at Cheyenne River has not been named.