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Appointment of Richard D. Butts as superintendent of the Cherokee Indian Agency, Cherokee, N. C., was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

Mr. Butts, a member of the Indian Bureau's Washington office program coordinating staff and former superintendent at Indian agencies in Oregon and Minnesota, will take over his new duties March 1. William E. Ensor, Jr., who has been acting superintendent at Cherokee since the transfer of former superintendent Joe Jennings to the Washington office last December, will resume his previous position as administrative officer of the agency.

A native of Harrington, Kansas, and a graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College in 1933, Mr. Butts first joined the Indian Bureau in 1948 as soil conservationist at Colville Agency, Nespelem, Washington. Three years later he was appointed superintendent at Umatilla Agency, Pendleton, Oregon, and last summer was transferred to the post of superintendent at Red Lake Agency, Red Lake, Minn. Following the merger of the Red Lake and Consolidated Chippewa Agencies in December, he joined the program coordinating staff in Washington.

Before coming with the Bureau Mr. Butts served with the Army for six years and attained the rank of major prior to his discharge in 1948. His earlier background includes six years with the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture and two years of school teaching in Oklahoma.