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Appointment of Fredrick M, Haverland as area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Phoenix, Ariz., succeeding Ralph M. Gelvin, who died last September, was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

Mr. Haverland, now assistant area director for the Bureau at Muskogee, Okla., will take over his new duties on January 17. In the Phoenix position he will have charge of all Bureau activities in Arizona, Nevada and Utah outside of the Navajo Reservation,

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Haverland comes to Phoenix with a background of 18 years' experience in the Indian Bureau. He started in 1936 as a junior road engineer at the Winnebago Agency, Winnebago, Nebr., and five years later was promoted to road engineer at the Truxton Canon. Agency, Valentine, Ariz.

In 1942 he transferred to the Poston project on the Colorado River Reservation in Arizona and in 1944 moved to Chicago as the Bureau's warehouse purchasing officer11 After two years in this position he was named administrative officer in the office at Billings, Mont., and in 1949 he was promoted to assistant area director, He remained in this latter job until last October when he shifted to the same position at Muskogee.

He was educated in the public schools of Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1934 with a degree in civil engineering. He is married and has two children.

Leonard L. Nelson, who has been serving as acting area director at Phoenix since the death of Mr. Gelvin, will resume his former duties as assistant area director of the office.