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The Potawatomi Area Field Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has been operating from both Mayetta and Horton, Kansas locations, will be consolidated in the near future into a single office at Horton, the Department of Interior announced today.

Up to now only the land operations personnel and the Bureau's field representative were stationed at Mayetta. Tho latter, however, served three days a week at Horton.

Horton was chosen as the location for the consolidated office primarily because it is more centrally located than Mayetta with reference to the four Indian reservations that are served. These are the Potawatomi and Kickapoo Reservations in Kansas and the Iowa and the Sac and Fox Reservations located partly in Kansas and partly in Nebraska.

Buford Morrison, the Bureau's administrative officer who has been supervising both Kansas offices, will continue in charge of the consolidated office. The staff will be augmented ln the very near future by the addition of an adult education specialist.

Indian Bureau activities on the four reservations are now largely limited to supervision of approximately 34,000 acres of Indian land held in trust by the United States. The Bureau also has contracts with the State of Kansas for the education of Indian children in public schools in Brown and Jackson Counties.