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Appointment of James P. Howell, assistant personnel officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Aberdeen, South Dakota, as superintendent at the Fort Berthold Indian Agency in New Town, effective July 14, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Howell succeeds Homer M. Gilliland, who has been appointed head of the Colorado River Agency, Parker, and Arizona.

Howell, of Indian descent, is a graduate of the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, and has attended Kansas University in Lawrence; George Washington University in Washington, D. C.; and Everett Junior College in Everett, Wash. After graduating from Haskell in 1940, Howell joined the staff there as an assistant clerk and later that year transferred to the Potawatomi Agency in Horton, Kansas.

In 1942, he left the Bureau for military service and returned to the Potawatomi Agency four years later. After 10 years of progressively responsible service there and at Haskell, he moved in 1956 to the Western Washington Agency, Everett, Wash., as an administrative officer. In 1957 he was transferred to Fort Belknap Consolidated Agency in Harlem, Montana; and four years later moved to his present position at the Aberdeen area office.

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