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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the appointment of Richard Do Butts as superintendent of the Red Lake Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at Red Lake, Minn. Butts will be succeeded as superintendent at the Umatilla Agency, Pendleton, Oregon by Clarence W. Ringey, realty assistant at Consolidated Chippewa Agency, Case Lake, Minn.

Butts succeeds Frell M. Owl who was recently transferred as Red Lake superintendent to the same position at the Northern Idaho Agency, Lapwai, Idaho.

A native of Harrington, Kansas, and graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Butts has been with the Bureau since 1948 when he was soil conservationist at Colville Agency, Nespelem, Wash. He became superintendent at Umatilla in 1951. He served six years in the Army in World War II, attaining the rank of major when he was discharged in 1948.

Ringey, a native of Clarissa, Minn., joined the Bureau in 1931 and for 10 years served as farm agent at Red Lake,, From there he went to the now abolished Tomah Agency, Shawano, Wis., as a field aid and later became assistant to the superintendent. In 1947 he transferred back to Red Lake as farm management supervisor and in 1949 was promoted to District Agent at the Great Lakes Consolidated Agency, Ashland, Wis. He was appointed to the Consolidated Chippewa Agency in 1952.

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