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James L. Gordon, Cherokee Indian who graduated from Stilwell Highschool, Stilwell, Oklahoma in 1934, is the new Chief, Area Financial Management Branch for Division of Indian Health. He was transferred by Public Health Service from this post in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to fill the vacancy made when Miss Ruth Buring retired recently in Oklahoma City.

Prior to his two-year employment by PHS, Mr. Gordon was Civilian Budget Officer for Office of Comptroller, Airforce, in Department of Defense, Washington, D. C. His first Washington assignment had been with National Labor Relations Board, where for twelve years he was Chief Voucher Examining Supervisor, in a headquarters having twenty-two regional offices.

In this Oklahoma City Indian Health Area he will head a financial management branch serving ten Indian Health Service Units, having eight PHS Indian hospitals, three PHS Indian health centers, and ten PHS Indian Health public health nursing stations, as well as contract health care services and an environmental health program engaged in sanitation facilities construction in five states.

According to Dr. Benjamin E. McBrayer, Indian Health Area Director, this comprehensive health agency for Indians currently has an Area budget of \$8,500,000, employing 750 people, many of them Indians.

Mr. Gordon has gone to night school while working in Washington, D. C., studying at Central and McKinley Tech schools, and completing a course in General Business Administration at American University in 1961.