

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Yakima Agency  
Toppenish, Washington 98948

February  
February 14, 1964

Memorandum - To Friends and Acquaintances of Melvin L. Robertson

After more than thirty five years of distinguished service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Superintendent Mel Robertson will retire on March 15, 1964.

Mr. Robertson began his Indian Service career in November 1928 as a scaler at Colville Indian Agency, progressing to Forest Ranger in 1930. He transferred to the Klamath Indian Agency in 1935 as Senior Forest Ranger and returned to Colville Agency in 1936 in this same capacity. In 1947, he was transferred and promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent at Hoopa, California and later served as District Agent of the California Indian Agency. In 1950, he transferred with a promotion to Superintendent of the Northern Idaho Agency and in 1954 to Superintendent, Western Washington Agency. In 1955, he accepted a transfer to the Menominee Indian Agency, Wisconsin. He returned to the Pacific Northwest in 1961 with a promotion to Superintendent of the Yakima Indian Agency where he is currently employed.

We know that Mel would appreciate letters from his many friends and acquaintances which we would make into an album for his pleasure during his retirement years.

Those who desire to contribute to the album should prepare letters on white bond paper, 8 x 10½", 1½" margin on the left, 1" on the right, and the contents should be centered on the paper. The letters should be addressed to Mr. Melvin L. Robertson, Yakima Indian Agency, Toppenish, Washington, and mail the envelope marked "personal" and addressed to me at the above address to reach this office on or before March 2, 1964. Copies of photographs of Mr. Robertson would be appreciated for inclusion in this album.

The album would be presented to Mr. Robertson at a retirement banquet being planned for March 6th. We would very much appreciate your advising friends and acquaintances of Mel's who are known to you and who are residing in or around the vicinity of your jurisdiction.

To Friends living away from Toppenish:

In order that we may be assured of the number attending, please send checks or money orders for the tickets be received on or before March 4th. Checks to be made payable to the Yakima Agency Employees Service Club and mailed to the President of the Yakima Service Club, P. O. Box 632, Toppenish, Washington. Tickets will then be given to the purchasers at the door.

*Robert B. Dunn*  
Assistant Superintendent



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Toppenish, Washington

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SUBJECT: Retirement Banquet for  
Melvin L. Robertson, Superintendent

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Tickets covering a complete buffet dinner of Baron of Beef and Curried Shrimp and Rice, are \$3.30 each and must be purchased in advance from either Gracia Jones or Joanne Pakootas and will be on sale at the Agency Credit and Administration Offices.

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