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Promotion of Floyd E. Stayton from principal to superintendent of the Haskell Institute for Indian students at Lawrence, Kansas, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

He succeeds Solon G. Ayers who is also being promoted. Ayers has moved from Haskell to the position of director of schools in the Indian Bureau's area office at Portland, Oreg.

Born at Urich, Missouri, in 1904, Stayton has been at the Haskell Institute for the past 15 years and has been principal since 1956. He joined the staff in 1948 as a teacher of business and commercial studies and was named head of the department in 1954. Before coming with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he had extensive experience as a teacher and administrator in the public school system of Missouri and served for about two years as training officer for the Veterans Administration at Kansas City.

During World War II Stayton served as a battalion commander in the Army and achieved the rank of colonel. He holds A.B., B.S. and M.A. degrees, all from the University of Missouri, and is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the national honorary education fraternity.