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### Recommend Carver Stay Separate Institution

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Chicago management consultant firm, has recommended that Carver School of Missions and Social Work here continue as a separate institution, and not be consolidated with any seminary.

Carver School is operated by the Southern Baptist Convention on a campus next door to that of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The recommendation was one of about 20 the management consultant firm presented after completing a survey of Carver operations. The report was presented to Carver trustees.

Trustees went on record that "Carver School is absolutely needed in denominational life." It should be devoted, they said, to advanced missions and social work.

Booz, Allen & Hamilton said that the school could not secure accreditation by the Council of Social Work--toward which it is working--unless it existed as a separate educational institution.

Other highlights of the survey recommendations include:

1. That Carver trustees investigate the possibility of the school having a joint library with Southern Seminary.
2. That Carver deposit an additional \$100,000 in endowment funds with the Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville. The funds are now invested in savings and loan associations in Louisville.
3. That the school should set a maximum enrolment figure of 150 students, and be co-educational. There are now less than 100 students. Although formerly a woman's school, it has been open to men students for several years. Booz, Allen & Hamilton proposed that a plan be worked out, if possible, for housing men students in seminary dormitories.
4. That two more persons be added to the instructional staff, one each in the fields of missions and social work.
5. That salaries of Carver professors be brought in line with salaries paid by Southern Baptists' six seminaries. (This would necessitate some increases in Carver salaries. While the concept was agreed to in principle, trustees voted no immediate salary increases since they prefer to wait until a new president is elected.)
6. That course work offered at Carver School continue as at present.

Trustees elected a new chairman of their board, B. L. Williams, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Johnston City, Ill. He succeeds John P. Sandidge, Louisville attorney.

J. Herbert Gilmore, pastor, Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, was elected vice-chairman. Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, Louisville, was re-elected secretary.

Carver Trustees Elect  
President Ad Interim

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--George A. Carver, son of the Southern Baptist educator for whom the school is named, has been elected president ad interim of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here.

He will serve until the trustees elect a permanent president. Carver has been professor missions at the school since 1953. He is a former missionary to China and former member of the faculty at Wake Forest College.

The school is named for the late Dr. W. O. Carver, who taught for many years both at Southern Baptist Seminary, adjacent to Carver's campus, and at Carver school. Dr. W. O. Carver died in 1954.

Miss Emily K. Lansdell resigned last year as president. Her sabbatical leave expires in May.

CORRECTION: In Baptist Press dtd. May 9, 1958, article "States Conduct Program in Vocational Fields," paragraph 2, reading the "The states of Florida, etc." should be deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefor.

The states of Florida and Tennessee have held, and the states of Kentucky and North Carolina will hold special conferences, which hundreds of young people--most high school upperclassmen--attend.--The Baptist Press

Home Board Evangelism  
Office Calls Yearby

DALLAS--(BP)--Vernon Yearby, state secretary of evangelism for Alabama Baptist Convention, Montgomery, will join the staff of the department of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, here.

Leonard Sanderson, HMB secretary of evangelism, said Yearby will prepare materials for local church programs. He comes on May 15.

Yearby is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before joining the Alabama Convention staff, Yearby was pastor of First Baptist Church, Florence, Ala.

He is a member of the trustees of Southwestern Seminary.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....Carlyle Marney, pastor, First Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., for 10 years has resigned to become pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

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.....A 20th anniversary as pastor of the church resulted in a gift of a vacation trip to Hawaii for E. H. Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. Westmoreland, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, is also general chairman of arrangements in Houston for the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention.

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## MY DAD

By Brooks Hays  
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(Picture accompanies)

I do not think of my 86-year-old father as an old man. I cannot remember when his hair was not gray, and he still has a lot more of it than his son. Recently, he and I walked down the street together and an old friend from the Ozark Mountain country met us. "Steele," he said, "I'll declare, you don't look a day older'n you did 30 years ago." Turning to me, he said, "Brooks, you're breakin' mighty fast."

But it is his happy spirit, not looks, that accounts for this impression.

I have often resolved to write about him--he is such an interesting and complex personality--but never got around to it until I received the editor's invitation to do this brief sketch for Fathers' Day.

Dad has a tremendous sense of humor. And if he becomes amused at one of his own stories, the floor of the east porch of his Russellville home, which has been his favorite place to meet friends these last 30 years, shakes with his laughter. His voice, too, is powerful and resonant. Russellville residents have been heard to say during the summer terms of court if Dad was scheduled to plead a case, "No need to go to the Courthouse to listen to him--you can hear him right here."

There are interesting contradictions in his character. My wife, who has a sense of humor, too, exclaimed to him one day shortly after we were married, "Why, we ought to call you 'Czar Hays!'" It was one of the few times he has been caught completely off guard. It was a reference to his positiveness of character and his unyielding attachment to his opinion, once his mind is made up. "Typical of Baptists," said one of his non-Baptist neighbors. Blake Smith thinks his parents foresaw this when they named him Steele.

My dad loves his family. He has been a good father and a good friend to me. I have tested him for sixty years, and I ought to know. Others could speak of him as a good citizen and a good churchman as authentically as I, but I see these roles in relation to his place in the family. He would have been a loyal Christian had he never had a son, but undoubtedly some of his Baptist activities were attributable to his concern for the son's growth and discipline.

I have never known a man with a more genuine case of religion than my father. He was 18 years old when a revival service at Plumerville produced a profound and significant experience, and its influence has continued through the 68 years since the event.

My father took me to Sunday school and church with him till I was a big boy, and when I was old enough to enjoy a trip he took me with him to associational meetings. (He was either clerk or moderator of our association for twenty years or more.) I believe that except for his dynamic church life I would not have developed the denominational interests and loyalties that have brought such happy experiences to me in the Southern Convention. My father has derived great satisfaction, of course, from the honor conferred upon me by our Baptist convention. His confident spirit was revealed in his comment when Clyde Hickerson called him from Chicago to say that I had been elected president. The rest of us thought of it as almost miraculous, but Dad's first comment was "On what ballot?" He lost no time in sending me a telegram which ended with a reference to my mother, who passed away in December 1955: "Mother knows and she is proud of her son."

Dad and Mother had 58 happy years together, and the way in which he has accepted the separation and adjusted himself is a testimonial to his faith and his strength of character.

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My father's democracy has a spiritual flavor. He loves people for what they are and for what they hope and intend to be. That quality made it easy for him to identify himself with a client in both civil and criminal cases and to be an effective advocate. His reputation as a lawyer is secure.

My dad is a generous man. He enjoyed planking down the money for my new bicycle when Mother let him know how badly I wanted one, and for the new saddle when she agreed with me that I was too big to ride our mare Dolly bareback. And my father never let moneymaking become the chief end in his life's plans. A standing joke in the family is Father's tendency to be indifferent to money matters until a tax notice or large bill hits him, then he develops a sudden anxiety that makes a wide impact. Our cook, who respects him greatly, said on such an occasion, "Your papa is having one of his little stingy spells."

I could enumerate a lot of his virtues, but it is not necessary. I summarize with the observation that because he is the kind of father he is, I can appreciate to the fullest those New Testament references by Jesus Himself to God's fatherhood and the love He bears for His sons and daughters. I am fortunate to have had such a dad. He would say "such a mother" and I'd agree with that, too.

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THE ABOVE MUST BE HELD UNTIL JUNE 12.