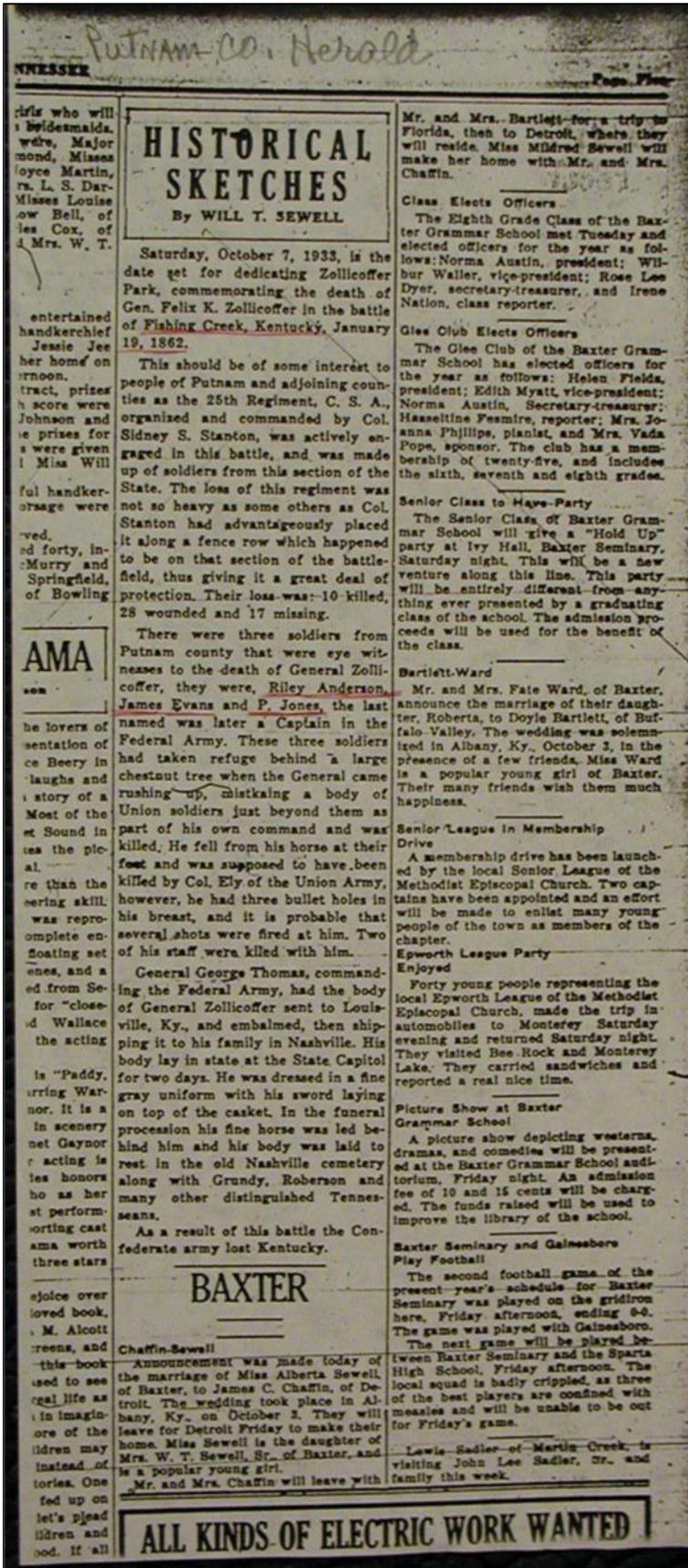


Story of General Felix K. Zollicoffer  
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Historical Sketches by Will T. Sewell



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**BAXTER**

**Chaffin-Sewell**  
Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Alberta Sewell, of Baxter, to James C. Chaffin, of Detroit. The wedding took place in Albany, Ky., on October 3. They will leave for Detroit Friday to make their home. Miss Sewell is the daughter of Mrs. W. T. Sewell, Sr., of Baxter, and is a popular young girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin will leave with

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett for a trip to Florida, then to Detroit, where they will reside. Miss Mildred Sewell will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin.

**Class Elects Officers**  
The Eighth Grade Class of the Baxter Grammar School met Tuesday and elected officers for the year as follows: Norma Austin, president; Wilbur Waller, vice-president; Rose Lee Dyer, secretary-treasurer, and Irene Nation, class reporter.

**Glee Club Elects Officers**  
The Glee Club of the Baxter Grammar School has elected officers for the year as follows: Helen Fields, president; Edith Myatt, vice-president; Norma Austin, Secretary-treasurer; Hazeline Pesmire, reporter; Mrs. Joanna Phillips, pianist, and Mrs. Yada Pope, sponsor. The club has a membership of twenty-five, and includes the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

**Senior Class to Have Party**  
The Senior Class of Baxter Grammar School will give a "Hold Up" party at Ivy Hall, Baxter Seminary, Saturday night. This will be a new venture along this line. This party will be entirely different from anything ever presented by a graduating class of the school. The admission proceeds will be used for the benefit of the class.

**Bartlett-Ward**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fate Ward, of Baxter, announce the marriage of their daughter, Roberts, to Doyle Bartlett, of Buffalo Valley. The wedding was solemnized in Albany, Ky., October 3, in the presence of a few friends. Miss Ward is a popular young girl of Baxter. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

**Senior League in Membership Drive**  
A membership drive has been launched by the local Senior League of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Two captains have been appointed and an effort will be made to enlist many young people of the town as members of the chapter.  
**Epworth League Party Enjoyed**  
Forty young people representing the local Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, made the trip in automobiles to Monterey Saturday evening and returned Saturday night. They visited Bee Rock and Monterey Lake. They carried sandwiches and reported a real nice time.

**Picture Show at Baxter Grammar School**  
A picture show depicting westerns, dramas, and comedies will be presented at the Baxter Grammar School auditorium, Friday night. An admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged. The funds raised will be used to improve the library of the school.

**Baxter Seminary and Gainesboro Play Football**  
The second football game of the present year's schedule for Baxter Seminary was played on the gridiron here, Friday afternoon, ending 0-0. The game was played with Gainesboro. The next game will be played between Baxter Seminary and the Sparta High School, Friday afternoon. The local squad is badly crippled, as three of the best players are confined with measles and will be unable to be out for Friday's game.

**Lewis-Sadler of Martin Creek is visiting John Lee Sadler, Jr. and family this week.**

**ALL KINDS OF ELECTRIC WORK WANTED**

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Article typed by Mrs. Robert Anderson Shanks for Mrs. Audra Anderson Denny  
June 4, 1961

*Just where was the battle of Mill Springs?*

The battle took place in western Pulaski County, Kentucky, which is located in south-central Kentucky. The battlefield site is located today on Ky. Hwy. 235, just south of the town of Nancy, which is on Ky. Hwy. 80. You can reach Nancy from the Cumberland Parkway (there is a marked exit about four miles west of Nancy), or you can follow Ky. Hwy. 80 about eight miles west from Somerset is the closest city. Somerset is located at the intersection of the Cumberland Parkway/Ky.Hwy.80, and US27.

Riley Anderson is the great great grandfather of Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert.

\*See Family Sheet for Riley Anderson: [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)

The Battle of Mill Springs is also known as the Battle of Fishing Creek. For more information on this battle, see Jerry McFarland, William Newkirk, and David Gilbert, eds. *The Battle of Mill Spring, KY, January 19, 1862* (Somerset, KY : Mill Springs Battlefield Association, 1999).