

BAXTER SEMINARY 1935: The Highlander Yearbook

CLASS HISTORY

On September 4, 1931 a band of pilgrims traveling toward the city of Higher Education came to the edge of a vast desert. Standing there, reluctant to go on, they looked out across a dreary expanse of sand and heat waves danced in the sun. We knew that many hardships faced us, but alas; we could not stand there. We were given only four years to cross this desert and we must press onward. So, summoning all our courage, we stepped forward.

We encountered many sandstorms during our first year. But with our efficient leader, Earl Flynn, we struggled on. Some fell by the wayside but others went on, cheered and beckoned by other wanderers farther on in the desert. Finally we reached our first oasis, commencement. Here we were permitted to dismount from our camels of study to rest and refresh ourselves.

Then we remounted and set our faces forward with Earl Flynn again leading us. "Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing" we struggled on. Ere long we became accustomed to the ways of the desert and we faced our goal more happily than at first. Again we were able to refresh ourselves and to obtain vigor for the oncoming year.

This time we chose V. D. Nunnally to guide us on to the next oasis. By this time we had become acclimated and the flurries and sandstorms which beset our pathway were of little moment to us. Once we stopped and turned aside for a moment to entertain in honor of a group of pilgrims fewer than we but great in intellect, with a reception and supper, who had started before us and were now almost at their journey's end. Too, we stopped for a moment to purchase a gift for our school of Higher Education, curtains for the stage.

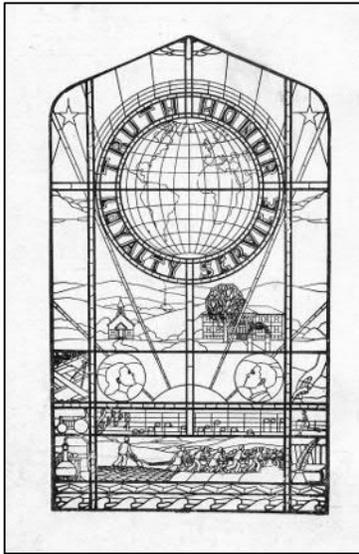
We were permitted to rest once more before we finished our course. This was only an interlude and we rode onward; for now the last oasis was in sight and we heard the song of birds and the musical splash of water. For our few remaining miles we chose Myron T. Vail as our guide. We decided we needed some form of communication with the other pilgrims so we established a newspaper. "The Black and Gold Buzz."

Yes, our hardship have been many but our joys have been above them, making them seem dim and far away. Our jaded camels quickened their pace and now we are ready to dismount, leaving behind the vast desert, the remembrance to hold forever sacred in our memory.

BAXTER SEMINARY, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN: The Simulated Stained Glass Window,
Story featured in the Baxter Seminary, Highlander, 1943

The simulated stained glass window which hangs in the office of the President was designed and drawn by Baxter Seminary students under faculty supervision. In it is seen

clearly the founding, growth, and ideals of Baxter Seminary. The lower part of the window depicts the breaking of the ground by seventy-five school children drawing the plow. This scene was repeated on the campus when Pfeiffer Hall was built.



Above it and on both sides are shown various phases of the school programs such as science, agriculture, mathematics, mechanical arts, literature, athletics, vocational guidance, and music exemplified by the school Alma Mater.

As has always been the case the boy and girl look to the church and the school for guidance and inspiration. The "world to serve," the school motto "Truth, Honor, Loyalty, and Service," and through it all the symbol of the cross, portray the ideals of Baxter Seminary.

May her students ever be worthy and carry high such ideals.

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS HISTORY: 1944

On September 1, 1940, we, the graduating class-to-be of 1944, began on our perilous journey through the desert of learning toward the City of Scholastic and Practical Achievements. We faced this desert with determination. We knew that some would fall by the wayside but we had a city to capture. As our leader, we chose Houston White who successfully led us through our first obstacle, the enemy, Ignorance. We finally reached our first oasis, Commencement. Here we rested and refreshed ourselves.

We then began the second lap of our journey. This time we chose Max French to lead us. We were becoming accustomed to the ways of the desert and we faced our goal more happily than at first. Again we came to an oasis and we were able to refresh ourselves and regain strength for the coming year.

This time we chose Frankie Carter to guide our next adventure toward our destination. By this time, the storms and flurries did not bother us. At this point it was our honor to entertain a group of pilgrims much farther on the road to the City than we were. These pilgrims had been on the desert one year longer than we had and they were almost at their destination. We stopped to pit our physical strength against that of other pilgrims. It was in good sportsmanship and we were defeated because of the lack of experience.

We were again permitted to rest before we began our last lap and for our leader we selected Francis Love.

At last we have completed our course and we find that we have had hardships. We find, however, that our joys outweigh them.

We are now ready to begin a greater journey. The Journey of Life.

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS HISTORY: 1945

The Senior Class of 1944-'45 entered into its four years of work in September, 1941. As officers of the Freshman Class the members chose Austin Thompson as President, Earl Little, Vice-President, Mable Joyce Austin, Secretary, Fred Maddux, Treasurer, and Jeff Ferguson as reporter. Mr. E. J. Robinson was elected to guide our class.

In September, 1942, our class began its second year in Baxter Seminary. By this time the students knew each other and probably had special chums and were very happy to be returning to spend 9 more months of pleasure with pals, teachers, and unescapable books. This year the class chose Charlie Thomas, President, Tilman Milton, Vice-President, Rose Maxwell for Secretary and Martha Jane Elrod as Treasure. Miss Lorene Moore was our sponsor. This year the school started inter-class tournaments in basketball. We are proud to say our class, both boys' and girls' teams, won this tournament.

After a refreshing vacation we again returned for our junior work in high school. This year the class officers were: Charlie Thomas, President; Austin Thompson, Vice-President; Tilman Milton, Secretary; Martha Jane Elrod, Treasurer. But because of the resignation of Charlie and Austin's leaving for the service there was another election. This time Reba Denny was elected president and W. T. Bradford, Vice-President. Mrs. Joanna Banks Howard was our sponsor for the first semester and Miss Ozella Ward for the second semester. Again this year our boys and girls won the inter-class basketball tournament. Our junior class honored the seniors with a formal banquet. Our color scheme was very beautiful. Mr. Gilmore, our art teacher said it was one of the most beautiful banquets he had ever attended. At least 95% of the juniors and seniors attended.

It was a jubilant group who returned in August, 1944, for its fourth year - - hardly able to realize we were seniors. That seemed like a life-time ambition. With John Love as President, Rose Marie Reed as Vice-President, Carolyn Wilkes, Secretary, Bud Banks, Treasure, and Mrs. Carl W. Huie, as sponsor we started our senior year of work. The class gave a Halloween Party and if success is counted in money, it was a success - - we made at least \$100 or more. Everyone had a grand time. During our four years we have lost part of our class to the armed services. We want to pay tribute to these boys. They are the following: W. T. Bradford, Arnold Palmer, Jr., C. D. Whitefield, and Kenneth LeFever of the Army; Fred Maddux, Charlie Thomas and Luke Leftwich of the Navy; and Austin Thompson of the Marines. There may be others with whom we have lost contact. This year's honor Society consists of nine seniors, Mable Joyce Austin, Bud Banks, Hilda Cooper, Reba Denny, Martha Jane Elrod, Katie Belle hall, Tilman Milton, Rose Marie Reed, Dorothy Ann Shanks. The upper fifteen percent may be elected by the faculty to the Honor Society but there were also a number of the seniors who averaged 90 or above who were not in the upper fifteen percent. We are indeed proud of this

scholastic standing. Through the four years our class has entered the extra-curricular activities of the school and quite a few have entered inter-scholastic activities.

We are on the verge of graduation but our education is not finished. When we complete our high school course we hope to continue with our education. We have had four years in high school, four year that have meant more to some than to others, but a great experience for all. To those following we want to say, "We hope you will be as pleased with your four years as we are ours."

Reba Denny, Class Historian.

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS HISTORY: 1946

In September 1942, an event occurred that marked the beginning of a new Senior Class; another year of school began at the Seminary. Of course we were only Freshmen, then, but everything has a beginning. Everything at the Seminary was strange at first, but we soon became acquainted with the place and the people. Those filling the class offices were: President, Alfred Anderson; Vice President, Warren Wheeler; Secretary & Treasure, Nell Maddux. We chose Mrs. W.L. Cunningham as class sponsor. The "Greenest Freshman" was James "Bill" Taylor. The boy and girl chosen by the faculty as the best students in the class were Denzel Gantt and Glenna Cooper.

By the time our Sophomore year began, we were well acquainted and soon began work. The class officers were: President, Margaret Bartlett; Vice President, Kenneth Massa; Secretary, William Bruce; Treasure, Oda Roberts. Mr. Hillard Howard was class advisor and Doris Williams was the "Silliest Sophomore." The best girl student was Sybil LaFever and there was a tie between Denzel Gantt and William Stout for the best boy student.

Thus ended another happy year at the Seminary.

We returned to school in August, 1944, to continue our high school education. The class officers were: President, William Stout; Vice President, Glenn Watts; Secretary & Treasurer, Willene Bruce. We chose Mrs. C. D. Smith as class advisor. We gave a "stunt show" to raise money to honor the Seniors with a formal banquet which was given April 28 at Ivy Hall. The "Jolliest Junior" was Madge Stanton. The best girl student was Willene Bruce and the best boy student was William Stout.

Then came the important year- - we were really Seniors! How happy we were! But realizing that it takes hard work to graduate, we soon settled down to our studies. Those filling the class offices were: President, William Stout; Vice President, George Cherry; Secretary, Willene Bruce; Treasurer, Glenna Cooper.

We took a trip to Nashville, November 3, in Bob's school bus. Arriving there about one o'clock, we spent the afternoon in various ways. The big event of the trip was a visit to the "Grand O'le Opry."

Some new Seniors who entered our class were: Richard Garrett, Kathryn Schmid, Mary McDonald, Vira Copenhaver, Carol Saunders, Paul Davis, **H. A. Wallace** and Stella Burgess.

As a class project we edited the school paper. "The Flash."

It seemed as though a great many of our Senior girls believe that a woman's place is in the home. Quite a few of them were wearing diamonds by the end of the first semester.

Kathryn Schmid, one of our Senior girls, graduated at the end of the first semester. This was the first time in the history of the Seminary that a diploma was presented in the middle of the year.

The "Most Dignified Senior" is Willene Bruce; the DAR representative, Glenna Cooper, the May Queen, Oda Roberts; Charline Evans was chosen Miss Baxter Seminary; and James Beaty, Prince of Charm.

The members of the National Honor Society are: Willene Bruce, Glenna Cooper, Denzel Gantt, Sybl LaFever, Veda Lindsey, Oda Roberts, and William Stout.

Our work is finished at the Seminary but we know that our education is far from completed. We hope that as we go on, the ideals of Baxter Seminary will lead us to a full and successful life.

Glenna Cooper, Class Historian.

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS HISTORY: 1947

On August 30, 1943 a group of more than one hundred youngsters stormed the campus of Baxter Seminary. This was what was to develop into The Educated Dignified, and Refined Senior Class of 1947. For the first few weeks these poor little strangers knew not where they were coming or going. Soon, however, we managed to organize into a class. For our president we chose Sam Denny, Roy Minton, Vice-President; Dorothy Herron, Secretary; and Kathleen Felty, Treasurer. Mrs. McKeown was our sponsor. Since we were only green Freshmen, very little was said about us but the whole school felt our presence.

Upon entering our second year of high school, we elected for our president Roy Minton; Vice President, Harold Denny; and Secretary and Treasurer, Keeble Phillips. Mrs. McKeown was again our sponsor. A member of our class, Richard Savage, was voted by

the student body as Most Studious Student. Mary Jane McKeown won the poetry contest and we Sophomores certainly were proud of this.

The next time we were heard of we were Jolly Juniors. Those filling class offices were: President, Roy Minton; Vice-President, Richard Savage; Secretary, Eleanor Stout; Treasurer, Bennie Corley. Miss Moss was our Faculty advisor. This indeed proved to be a very jolly year. Two of our classmates were elected King and Queen of the Hallowe'en Party. We also felt proud of our physical strength during this year. Both boy's and girl's teams won the inter-class tournaments. This year we honored the Seniors with a formal banquet. The idea of graduation was carried out. The invitations, place cards and menus were in the form of diplomas. This was, according to the Seniors, one of the most enjoyable banquets they ever attended.

We were a jubilant group when returning for our fourth year. Now the time that we had looked forward to for years had finally come. We were really Dignified Seniors. Realizing that there would be many difficult problems to face in our last year we again chose Roy Minton to lead us. Richard Savage was elected Vice President; Eleanor Stout, Secretary; and Bob Ragan, Treasurer. With these officers and with Miss Watson and Mr. Terry as sponsors we started the year with many plans. The class gave a Halloween Party and the King and Queen were Harold Hawkins and Eleanor Stout. This party proved to be a success for the Senior Class and everyone enjoyed the fun. Following this party we had a wonderful time at our weiner roast. We went to the State Fair but this was not to be the last trip for us. We then started planning for a Skip Day in the early spring.

A new organization was started, known as The High School Register. This is the same for High Schools as Who's Who in America is for our nation. Those elected were: Bonnie Corley, Richard Savage, Dean Banks, Ruth Swicegood, Roy Minton, Eleanor Stout, Sammy Woods and Robert Ragan. The Football Queen, Louise Maynard, also came from our class. Again we matched our strength in the inter-class tournaments and our boys' team was the winner.

Now you can understand our title- - We Came, We Saw, and We Conquered (our every Ignorance).

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS HISTORY: 1948

In August 1944, an excited group of youngsters stormed the halls and classrooms of the Seminary. This group turned out to be this year's refined and dignified seniors. It was a hard time for us new comers, but we managed it somehow. For our leaders we choose Flem Hall, President; Hugh Sadler, Vice-President; G. V. Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. D. W. Hogan was chosen as our sponsor. During the years work we became acquainted with this strange place and conquered some of our fears Jep Taylor was elected "Greenest Freshman." The girl and boy chosen by the faculty to be the best in our class were Mildred Jared and Harold Wallace.

Returning again in the fall of '45 with a high hope in our hearts, we began our second year of work and play. This year we elected for our President, Harold Wallace; Mildred Jared, Vice-President; Jess Brown, Secretary; and **Robert Shanks**, Treasurer. We chose Miss Henry Elrod as our sponsor. The following were elected from our class in Who's Who, Mildred Jared, most studious girl, Harold Wallace, most studious boy; G. V. Thomas, best boy athlete and most popular boy; Betty Maddus, biggest girl flirt; Mary Jo Smith, silliest sophomore. Again Mildred Jared and Harold Wallace were chosen by the faculty as the best students.

In the fall of '46 we returned for another exciting year of hard work, choosing as our leaders Bill Starnes, President; G. V. Thomas, Vice-President; Mildred Jared, Secretary; Harold Wallace, Treasurer. We chose Mr. W. L. Cunningham to guide and direct our footsteps. This was a great year for us as we had the honor of giving the seniors a banquet of which everyone was very much pleased. Bill Starnes was elected as friendliest boy; Delmar Lallar as Jolliest Junior. Mildred Jared and D. H. Thomas were chosen as best students.

It was a happy group that returned in August '47; very happy because this meant the completion of another step to higher education and better living. Having many hardships to face we chose Bill Starnes for President; Bob Owen, Vice-President; Mildred Jared, Secretary; Hugh Sadler, Treasurer; Mr. Thurman Owen and Miss Sue Rhea Herren as our advisors. On our senior picnic we went to Cedar Forest near Lebanon. All those who went had a wonderful time.

The Football Queen, Evelyn Phillips, came from our class. The crowning of the Queen by Dr. Upperman, with the aid of Bud Keisler, football captain, presented to us all a beautiful scene. The Queen with her attendants was driven around the football field on a truck, draped in school colors.

Those elected in Who's Who from our class were: Mildred Jared, best all-round girl, G. V. Thomas, best boy athlete; Bill Starnes, friendliest boy; Wilfred Medley, most dignified senior. Mildred Jared is our DAR Representative, Evelyn Phillips, May Queen; Jackie Brown was chosen Miss Baxter Seminary; and Bill Starnes, Prince of Personality.

Of course; no one will ever forget the good time we had at our Halloween Party. If success is counted in money, we made a big success-making about \$180.

The following were chosen from our class for the High School Register, Mildred Jared, Jackie Brown, Bill Starnes, D. H. Thomas, Max Mobley, Bob Owens and Arnold Thomas.

The members of the National Honor Society are: Ina Barr, Jackie Brown, Nelson Denny, Mary Elmore, Mildred Jared, Delmar Lollar, Evelyn Phillips, Hugh Sadler, Bill Starnes, Arnold Thomas and D. H. Thomas.

Our work is finished at the Seminary, but knowing our education is not complete, we shall continually strive for higher education and always for the best things in life. We feel sure that the teachings and ideals of Baxter Seminary will lead us to a full and successful life.

Willene Waller & Dorothy LaFever

HISTORY OF 1948-1949:

One hundred twenty-two grammar school graduates invaded the campus of Baxter Seminary and enrolled in the Freshman class on August 30.

Today on September 30, the Freshman class established a beachhead by electing their class officers. As their President they chose Jack Boyer; Vice President, Bob Maxwell; Secretary, Jo Ann Flynn; Treasurer, Anna Ruth Maxwell; Sponsor, Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, and as Mascot, Gerald Bryan Muncy.

The Faculty of Baxter Seminary today, April 12, announced that their choice of outstanding students were: Anna Ruth Maxwell and John Nash.

Frank Bain and Bob Maxwell brought honor to the Freshman class by being the only two boys to made the varsity in football and basketball.

HISTORY OF: 1949-1950:

On August 23, 1949, we again hit the halls of Baxter Seminary with the determination of doing better this year. We elected the following officers and sponsor: President, Harry Maxwell; Vice President, Pat Fields; Secretary, Frank Bain; Treasurer, Bob Maxwell Sponsor, Mr. Earl Smith; Mack Cunningham, Mascot.

April 22, the Faculty announced their choice of Polly Goggin and John Nash as the outstanding students of the Sophomore Class.

Polly Ann Goggin and Myra Faye Anderson received the Latin II medal. Our attendant to the May Queen was Myra Anderson and the Football Queen attendant was Nell Dean Allison. In Who's Who at Baxter Seminary two names appeared from the Sophomore Class. They were: Nancy Cherry, Best Looking Girl and Martha Jane Goodman, Best Girl Athlete.

HISTORY OF: 1950-1951:

On August 27, the Junior Class came back and enrolled. At long last we were upper-classmen. Frank Bain was elected President: Polly Goggin, Vice President; Lula Thomas, Secretary; Jack Dalton, Treasurer, and the Sponsors were Mr. Arnold Brown and **Miss Reba Smellage**.

The only Junior name to appear in Who's Who at Baxter Seminary this year was Bob Maxwell who was elected Best Boy Athlete. Elizabeth Locklear was the only Junior to become a member of the National Forensic League and the National Thespian Society.

The Junior Class entertained the Seniors of 1951 by giving them a Starlight Banquet. Betty Wheaton was elected Junior attendant for the Football Queen. Elizabeth Locklear and Marta Verdecia were elected as the attendants for the May Queen.

On May 25 it was announced that Betty Wheaton was to be Editor of the Annual for the next year, John Nash, Ass't Editor and Pat Fields was to be Business Manager.

HISTORY OF: 1951-1952:

The Seniors of Baxter elected the following officers to be their leaders for the coming year. They were: Polly Goggin, President; Bill Flatt, Vice President; Lulu Thomas, Secretary and Robert Pippin, Treasurer.

October 18, 1951 the Football Team of Baxter elected as Football Queen, Jo Ann Flynn. The Senior attendants were Anna Ruth Maxwell and Betty Wheaton, Harry Maxwell was honored on the Nashville Banner's All Mid-State 3rd team in football.

On January 20, 1951 it was announced that Betty Wheaton was May Queen; Lula Thomas, Miss Baxter Seminary; Jack Dalton, Prince of Personality; Myra Anderson, D. A. R. Representative and Anna Ruth Maxwell, Balfour Key.

Eight Senior students from Baxter Seminary were elected to membership in the National Honor Society. They are: Frank Bain, John Nash, Betty Wheaton, Myra Anderson, Anna Ruth Maxwell, Carmen Casanova, Polly Ann Goggin, and Elizabeth Locklear.

This year's Who's Who at Baxter Seminary reads like a part of the Senior Roll for it contains the names of Seniors in thirteen out of fifteen possible places.

John Nash was a delegate in the National Future Farmers Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Senior Class of '52 concluded its career with approximately fifty-two Seniors receiving their diplomas.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1953:

To the Seniors – Class of 1953: *Each sunrise every soul is born again*, said the poet, Walter

Malone. How very wonderful is this truth. Every day, every moment is brand new! Always, and in all ways, you are being re-created. Day after day God does provide magnificently the very air you breathe, food, light, raiment, home, and marvelous capabilities to make friends, enjoy nature, learn new ways of living, plan careers, develop those plans into realities and countless other gifts. You live in a beautiful world, in spite of the fact that forces do exist which attack the good in life. These forces can be put to flight by strong wills, firm convictions held on the side of righteousness, by the grace of God. Strive earnestly to become powerful Christian men and women, ever alert to beat down evil and to exalt to the full every fine and lovely part of life until in deed and in truth you do help bring the Kingdom of God nearer, ever nearer, ever nearer to men on earth.

The Faculty here at Baxter Seminary wish for all members of the class of 1953 happy and useful lives, of great service to all mankind and to the glory of God, each day ahead being full of opportunities for "each sunrise."

Sincerely yours, Harry L. Upperman, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1954:

To the Seniors – Class of 1954: Many, many friends, far and near, join your parents and kindred, along with the President and Faculty and your fellow-students here at Baxter Seminary, in congratulating you upon the completion of your Courses of Study and the receiving of your Diplomas upon Commencement Day, 1954. All have within their hearts, love and affection for you and sincere desires that your lives will be wonderful in great living! You are better equipped than ever before to really make the most of every minute—yes, every second—of life ahead, because of training, guidance, human contacts, discipline through study and the genuine interest of an excellent Faculty here at Baxter Seminary and the loving care of your families, connections, and friends.

Splendid opportunities are before you to serve, to love, to work, to help others, to live well—plus responsibilities commensurate with all the blessings you have already had. May God bless and keep you, and may you strive to be truly fine Christian men and women all through the lovely, glorious years stretching on, come what may. I personally salute you and pray you will personate Truth, Honor, Loyalty and Service, doing God's will always, in all ways, with joy, in humility, and with reverence and high purpose!

Sincerely, Harry L. Upperman, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1955:

To the Seniors – Class of 1955: If, through these years of student experience at Baxter Seminary, you have acquired the habit of study and the joyful possession of knowledge, which leads to service to your fellowman, then you have indeed learned to really begin to live. And yet beyond these wonderful steps in your individual lives there is ahead the thrill of new adventure in helping to achieve better ways of living for those who live now

and who come after you. The half has not yet been told, - nay, hardly has “the surface been scratched” – of what is in the future, even in the near future!

Energy, beauty, power undreamed of yet, will advance our material way of life far beyond even the present marvelous “standards” of life. May you all hope and work to the end that all the people of the whole world will enjoy all material gains mankind has made up to date since the beginning of time – and endeavor to cause great moral and spiritual forces to forge ahead, to lead us all to abundant living in a world of peace.

Here is where you Seniors have the opportunity, each of you, to use the values of the facts, and the ideals, which the fine faithful Christian Faculty of this great school have presented to you by precept and example day after day, year after year, here. I pray God you will really be worthy of the efforts of Baxter Seminary, - and I believe you will.

Sincerely, Harry L. Upperman, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1956:

To the Seniors – Class of 1956: Congratulations! Seniors of 1956!! While emphasis is upon “Congratulations”, in this message to You, Seniors of 1956 of Baxter Seminary, - and this is as it should be, - may I say that now, “it’s your turn”! Ahead is your opportunity to be fine citizens indeed, to distinguish yourselves in the world of work, in the field of general education with specific plans to prepare for special service in some chosen occupation, and in the realms of high moral, civic, and spiritual values. Responsibilities are upon each of you, Seniors, to bring about a much better way of life in the near future than we, who have endeavored to be good teachers and friends of yours, have had, although our “lines too, have fallen in pleasant paths”.

Please know all of Baxter Seminary Faculty and Staff join happily together with Mrs. Upperman and myself in not only congratulating you upon your graduation, but wishing you every good and wonderful gain daily in life, blessed by God and loved by all persons with whom you come into contact.

Sincerely, Harry L. Upperman, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1957: To the Seniors – Class of 1957: Through the years, since 1908, wonderful people in and around Baxter, in this County, State and Nation, - and even across the seas-have had great pride in the progress of Baxter Seminary. Giant strides have been made in Campus development, in construction of first class academic buildings, dormitories, D.A.R. Health House, modern gymnasium and facilities, science laboratories, Vocational Departmental buildings-and lands-in the development of Trades, and Mechanic and Agriculture Courses, Home Economics, Commercial, and excellent leadership programs.

Christian character has been emphasized in teaching, exhibited by Teachers, and Students, stressed at all times, presented as “The Way of Life” in hallowed halls and

upon paths of daily living, here. Freedom from debt and attempts to have endowment, workships, better equipment, finer courses, are all part of the Baxter Seminary Progress Plan. Professions, careers, plans, dreams of success in chosen walks of service, have come alive right on this Campus.

Through the years ahead lie tremendous possibilities for each member of the Class of 1957 to use powers, talents, and all educational advantages learned under a great Faculty here at Baxter Seminary. Your Parents, Teachers, School-mates, and all of your other friends, see the years ahead of you stretching on as lovely lanes for use in going up the grade of life. Marvelous moments of service of God and man, and years of personal growth in mental, moral, and material development are yours, while Spiritual values, as the Best in life, can crown your efforts in a golden glow of happiness. Mrs. Upperman and I salute you as you march on. Carry high the torch of Faith in God through your lives, loving your fellowmen, - through the years!

DEDICATION: 1957: The Senior Class dedicates the 1957 Highlander to Dr. and Mrs.



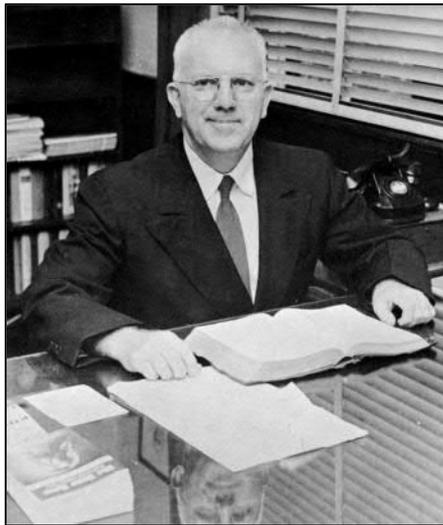
Harry L. Upperman who have given their hands and hearts to the task of building Baxter Seminary, a school dedicated to the trainings of our youth, not only academically but socially, vocationally, and most of all spiritually.

In 1908 Baxter Seminary, a co-educational secondary school, was founded. Thirty-four years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Upperman came to this school, which was heavily in debt, with only 12 acres of poor land, an old dormitory for boys, and for girls Ivy Hall which provided class rooms as well as living quarters and dining facilities for students and faculty members. From this meager beginning, these "Captains Courageous," assisted by friends, built with grants, donations, and appropriations, a Seminary with eight modern brick structures, eight dwellings, and more than 200 acres of land. Today, Baxter Seminary is without debt and worth about \$750,000 plus over \$250,000 endowment. The curriculum has grown into well-rounded college preparatory, vocational and terminal courses with A-1 ratings in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The University Senate of The Methodist Church and Mid-South Association.

Words can not express the admiration and appreciation we, at Baxter Seminary, have for Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman who hold high the ideals of our motto: TRUTH, HONOR, LOYALTY, SERVICE. They had given their devotion and fidelity through the years.

CLASS OF 1958:

DEDICATION: 1958: The Senior Class of 1958 respectfully dedicates this Highlander to



President Paul A. Barker. In this his first year as president of Baxter Seminary, a new era is born, an era of new ideas, new plans, and great dreams for the continued growth of Baxter Seminary. We have found in our new president a great leader, sympathetic counselor, and a true friend of youth. His sincerity in up-holding the ideals of our school "Truth-Honor-Loyalty-Service" has won from the faculty and student body a deep admiration.

Being the first class of seniors in this new administration, we want to say, "Welcome, President and Mrs. Barker, Tony, Martha Barker, Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Porter – the Barker Family."

CLASS OF 1959: To each Senior, I extend the right hand of friendship and sincere congratulations.



You have become a very important part of our school family, and we shall follow your achievements with great expectation. Our prayers will go with you, and we request that you continue to pray for each student and member of the faculty that the future achievements of Baxter Seminary may inspire many young people to be at their best. As you walk out into the future, remember Jesus' promise "Lo, I am with you always". (Matt. 28:20).

May the abundant joy of Christ be with you every moment of the future. (Pictured: Mr. & Mrs. Barker and Tony Barker).

Sincerely yours, Paul A. Barker, President

CLASS OF 1960:



DEDICATION: 1960: The new head of administration at Upperman High School has proved to be a loyal and true friend to our school and especially to us, the student body. This fine gentleman has dedicated himself to

the betterment of school, community, and human welfare.

Because we admire him and appreciate his faith in young people, we proudly dedicate this 1960 "Highlander", to Mr. Dave C. Huddleston, our beloved Principal.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE 1960: Your days at Upperman High are full of experiences - -



many of which are recorded in this "Highlander" annual. May these experiences better fit you for future responsibilities as active, participating citizens of a progressive community. Within the halls of Upperman High School, the basic skills of learning have been yours to acquire. Those skills are prominent in the background of the activities portrayed in this yearbook.

The annual staff in presenting this momento of the school year 1959-60, have availed themselves of the opportunities given and discharged their responsibilities in a noble way. There is the deserved reward of a job well done.

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