

FOWLER STANTON
Smithville, TN



Baxter Seminary 1940; T. P. I., 1950. Music Education, Band Director for several high schools, primarily in Carthage, where he was recently honored for his work. A scholarship fund in Fowler's name was begun.

(Pictured left: Fowler Stanton, 1940 senior Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).

At Baxter, he traveled with Dr. Upperman with a mixed quintet consisting of Florence Dyer, W. J. Julian, Ruth Greene, and Cleo Nash. Miss Ohlinger placed him on the "music trajectory," as he said. He visited with her when she taught at Sue Bennett College, Kentucky. He has pleasant memories of Miss Hall and the Uppermans.

Fowler, Marie A. Swallows, and Tommy Johnson are the only remaining students from 1940.

When Mr. Willis Pirkle died in Georgia, Fowler and Joe Rhea Patton were named as honorary pallbearers.

Fowler was a U. S. Navy Airman during WWII. Fifty seven years after he was named for the prestigious Air Medal Award, he finally received it! Evidently "red tape" prevented a earlier receipt!

Fowler studied at T. P. I. and George Peabody College with Charles F. Bryan, the first Tennessee musician to win a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the first composer anywhere to write a symphony based on white spirituals. Fowler even taught in the same McMinnville school as Bryan.

Fowler and his wife Aleta are in retirement in Smithville where he serves as a Judge at the annual July 4 Fiddlers Convention. Aleta calls him "Stan."

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