

BAXTER SEMINARY IN THE NEWS
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Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 October 1914

BAXTER SEMINARY

Baxter Seminary started off its fourth year in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, with a good enrollment and splendid prospects for a most successful and prosperous year.

This excellent school was founded in 1910 by the joint action of the Central Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Board of Education of that church, and is under the direction and control of the Board of Education. It was located at Baxter because of the great need of a good educational institution in that section. The Seminary is chartered by the State of Tennessee.

Much praise and credit is due Rev. S. E. Ryan, who for three long and strenuous years as President of the institution has labored patiently in erecting the excellent building that now adorns the beautiful campus, which consists of about 13 acres of beautifully wooded land just on the edge of town.

This large building is thoroughly modern in design and construction and is equipped with all the appointments that go to make a strictly up-to-date school plant. It is of poured concrete, hollow construction laid off in V shaped joints, which insures a building that will be warm and dry and practically fire proof. It is steam heated throughout; it has a 96 foot front and a depth of 75 ft., and is two full stories in height with eight foot basement. The basement contains the dining department; on the ground floor are located the living rooms for the president and his family, the seminary office, a large chapel, a reception room, a library room, and four classrooms; the entire upper story is given to dormitory purposes and will take care of 52 young ladies.

The primary rooms will especially be a lasting memorial to their builder Dr. Ryan as they are the best equipped and most convenient to be found. Special emphasis is being placed on normal training, the management purposing to make the primary department a school of methods for the practical training of teachers there being a great demand in this section for equipped instructors. The Seminary building is burdened with some debt at present and the school should have the hearty co-operation and support of each and every one interested in the cause of education.

The school has adopted a course of study that is exceptionally high for a school of its kind, being patterned after the best. Taken all in all this school is on a par with the very best anywhere.

The management has adopted a policy that means strictly business in its discipline and thoroughness of work so that all can be assured that their children will be under careful and efficient supervision if attending Baxter Seminary.

Dr. Ryan having resigned as president this year, those in authority called Rev. F. S. Ditto to take up the work he being kindly disposed toward the people and enjoys the work in this section and he has taken up the work at great personal sacrifice. Bro. Ditto is thoroughly equipped as an educator having obtained two degrees from DePauw University, and holds a teachers professional certificate from the state of Tennessee besides he has had considerable practical experience in school work. He was for quite a while president of a strong college in India and was president of the Methodist school at Red Boiling Springs at the time it was closed out and Baxter Seminary built in its stead, he going to Baxter as president of the new school. The past two years he has been pastor of the M. E. Church at Perry, KS.

The Vice-president of the Seminary, Rev. C. E. Austin came to Baxter last year from Lincoln, NB, and is a man well-prepared for the work in which he is engaged, having had all around practical experience in school and church work. He has had good university training, having secured the A. B. degree at Nebraska

Wesleyan University besides doing post graduate work at Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from the school of expression. He has done considerable work on the lecture platform being highly praised wherever appearing. During the fifteen years as pastor he took active interest in educational matters and kept in close touch with schools and school work. He has a Tennessee state teachers certificate. Bro. Austin grew up on the western plains where school advantages during his early life were very meager, but he kept up his study of the elementary branches while herding his father's cattle, attending school only occasionally when one would be open for a short time; worked his way through high school by engaging in the printer's trade and doing some reporting at Beatrice, NB.

Inasmuch as Brothers Ditto and Austin have both had to struggle for their education, anyone in like circumstances will find a friend in each who can sympathize and who is willing to help and encourage.

Prof. Chas. W. Coleman, who graduated from Dayton University with the B. S. degree will together with Mrs. Coleman have charge of the normal and vocational departments. Both have had practical experience and have proven their capabilities as instructors. They made the highest grades in the state examination at Cookeville.

The instructor in the grammar department Miss Henrietta Brennecke is thoroughly qualified for the work and was elected as a teacher in the city schools of Nashville, but resigned to come to Baxter.

Miss Idon Peters is a well trained teacher for the primary department and comes to Baxter from OH.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 November 1919

BAXTER SEMINARY

James Kater, the magician, was here last Saturday night and gave a splendid entertainment. There was quite a crowd out to hear him, and those who did not come sure did miss something. This is the second number of the lyceum course, the next one being Dec. 12.

The school is still progressing, there being two more pupils to enter school last Monday, and still looking forward for more next week.

A Thanksgiving program is to be given here at the Seminary Thursday morning and after the program Bro. Blessing will preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

The Ladies' Air will give a social at the parsonage of Rev. J. D. Harris next Saturday night. Every person, little, big, old and young is invited to come. The matron, Mrs. Broyles, is chairman of the entertainment committee. THE HOME GIRL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 December 1919

BAXTER SEMINARY:

The Ladies Air gave a tacky party last Saturday night and prizes were given to the tackiest ones there. The first prize given was to Mr. John Young; and Mr. Bounds. Second was give to Mr. Virgil York, and Miss Verna Richardson. So everybody enjoyed themselves. The admission of 10 cents was charged. This went on a new piano for the church.

The first team of basketball boys have their new basket ball and new goals ready for some one to come to play with them. The second team of boys, has their new basket ball and court ready for playing also.

The intermediate girls have a new volley ball and net up, ready at any time for playing. So you see we believe in athletics down here at Baxter.

Robert Bowman, one of the great impersonators of the Lyceum course, will be here for the third number, December 12th. Let everybody come, as this is a very interesting number.

Next Saturday night, which will be the 6th, we are going to have a box supper at the Seminary, the proceeds going to our concrete walks. Let every girl come and bring a box; and every boy or man that wants to buy a box, come.

We are still having new pupils to enter school every week. Mr. Cecil Brown of Bloomington Springs entered this week, and there are still lots more to come in yet. Several families have moved to town for the purpose of sending their children to school. THE HOME GIRL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 January 1920

BAXTER SEMINARY:

The school is still progressing at Baxter. We are coming to the top. We have pupils to enter every day and have more enrolled than ever before in the history of Baxter Seminary. Still having new boarders in the dormitory, we had two pupils from Sparta to enter school here this week, Herbert and Clara Keathley.

Some people think we don't have a boy's basket ball team here. We do have one and play ball with other teams, sometimes we get beat, but we can play the city school team at Cookeville and beat them, the scores being 24 to 29 in favor of Baxter.

The principal high school teacher, Mr. Charles Coleman, went to Nashville, Wednesday to attend the State Teachers' Association.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 December 1921

BAXTER SEMINARY IMPROVEMENTS:

The cornerstone for the new additions to the Baxter Seminary was laid yesterday, with impressive ceremonials, participated in by a number of officials and witnessed by a large assembly of citizens of Baxter and vicinity.

The work of brick for the new Boys' Dormitory is progressing most satisfactorily, and it is expected that this splendid edifice will be completed in time for the young men boarders of the school by Jan. 1. It has been used as class rooms during the past few months, but the work of completion so far as the brick work is concerned, had not been attempted until a few weeks ago, as a sufficient fund for this purpose had not been raised. However, the progressive citizens of Baxter, with the assistance of some Northern capital, have had a drive on during the month of November, and it is gratifying to know that the campaign has been a wonderful success, and the \$10,000, or thereabouts, had been secured, with the exception of \$700 and this will be forthcoming ere the holidays arrive.

Baxter Seminary is one of the best schools in the Upper Cumberland section, and for the past two or three years has rapidly forged ahead under the management of its efficient president, Prof. P. R. Broyles, who has a fine corps of instructors and one of the best communities behind him that could be found anywhere. The educational situation has been well looked after, especially when the handicaps which they have had to deal with are taken into consideration. The people of Baxter are imbued with the spirit of progress which knows not defeat.

The Ladies Air Society of Baxter raised more than \$40.00 last Thursday for the benefit of the dormitory fund, by serving a dinner to the public.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 December 1921

BAXTER SEMINARY

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the school assembled at the Boys' Hall to witness the laying of the corner stone. The service was opened by singing "America", after which prayer was offered by Rev. B. W. Blessing. Short talks were given by Prof. Coleman, Prof. Patton and Pres. P. R. Broyles. The service was closed with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," after which the corner stone was placed in the wall.

The most interesting basket ball game of the season took place Friday, between the Baxter team and the Gentry High School team. There was some hard playing on both sides, but both teams could not be victorious, and when the game was over the Seminary students and teachers were glad to know the score was in favor of their team.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 January 1922

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

School opened Jan. 2, with a large number of new students.

Nearly 100 new ones have reenrolled since the holiday, many of them having been teaching during the fall, and are now in school for more training along their line of work.

A beginners' class was organized in Home Economics; also in agriculture and other High School subjects.

A new addition for the girls, is a reception room, which is partly furnished, and was used for the first time Sunday.

A social for the new students was given at the Boy's hall just after school opened for the new term.

A forward movement program will be held at the M. E. Church, beginning Tuesday at 2 p.m. until Wednesday p.m. There will be a number of prominent speakers present, including Dr. Dunlap representing the committee on Conservation Advance. Dr. Richards, a returned Missionary from Africa; Mr. Simmons, a noted layman of Methodism, Dr. Martin, Area Secretary, Dr. Burnett, representing the Board of Home Missions, and Dr. Smith, representing the Board of Education.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 April 1923

BAXTER SEMINARY CLOSING EXERCISES:

April 13, 7:00 p.m. – Program by Academic Department.

April 14, 7:00 p.m. – Program by graduates of Agriculture and Home Economic Departments.

April 15, 11 a.m. – Baccalaureate Sermon

April 18, 7:00 p.m. – Program by Grammar Grades.

April 19, 7:00 p.m. – Senior Play.

April 20, 7:00 p.m. – Commencement Address; Awarding – Certificates and Diplomas.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 October 1923

BAXTER SEMINARY CAMPUS IS LIGHTED:

Baxter Seminary now enjoys a system of lighting for night use on its walks and campus, through the courtesy of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Westmoreland, NY. Pres. Upperman had served as pastor of that church a few years before coming to Baxter, and the people of Westmoreland wrote and asked if they could help in the work here. The same church has promised another gift later in the year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 March 1924

NOTED WORLD WAR VETERAN BAXTER VISITOR:



Major Harry Webb Farrington

An interesting visitor to Putnam county is Major Harry Webb Farrington of Asbury Park, NJ, who comes to Baxter today to be the guest of President Harry L. Upperman of the Baxter Seminary. Major Farrington is a poet of no little note in the east, and is known throughout the United States for his poem, 'Rough and Brown', written during the World War, depicting Christ as working and fighting hand in hand with the soldiers to make the world free of sin. Major Farrington is the only American to have been made a major in the French army during the war, and it was he who had so much to do with the Italian army's efforts to dislodge the Germans, for Major Farrington was connected with both armies. Major Farrington is a graduate, and an honor graduate of the following institutions: Dickinson Seminary, Syracuse University, Boston University. He is an ordained Methodist minister and is now lecturing and preaching in the city of NY.

Major Farrington has been of great help to Baxter Seminary. Through him the library at the Seminary has received 2,000 books as a gift, and other volumes are on the way to the school at this time. He has been instrumental in raising some money for the Seminary, and while President Upperman was in the north recently he stayed at the home of Major Farrington and through him received opportunity to speak in behalf of the school. Major Farrington will be here all during the week, and in the evenings he is planning to give recitals and readings for the Seminary and the people of the community. He has expressed a willingness to visit the schools throughout the state, and will do all he can on his way to St. Petersburg, FL, where he is to lecture during the present month. During the week a dinner will be given in honor of Major Farrington at the Seminary, and the people are all invited to hear him in the evenings.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 April 1924

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Baxter Seminary will have its commencement week beginning next Sunday, and closing the following Friday April 18. On Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock Rev. H. P. Keathley, superintendent of the Baxter Tullahoma district, will preach the baccalaureate Sermon, at which time the senior class will attend in a body, as well as those ranking certificates in the home economics and in agriculture departments. The school will assemble according to classes and all of the people of Baxter and community are cordially invited to attend this service.

On the following Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Arol A. Brown, president of the University of Chattanooga, and the diplomas and certificates will be awarded. Addresses will be given by the salutatorian and valedictorian of the class of 1924.

On Monday, April 14, the home economics agriculture departments will present their annual play on Tuesday the 15th, the academic department of the seminary will present its annual play and on Friday evening April 18 the senior class will present the senior play.

The music department of the seminary will give the annual music recital on Thursday April 17.

On April 12 the commercial department will present its play for the benefit of the department and on the 11th the glee club concert at 7:00 p.m., tickets 25 cents and 35 cents.

These days are of much interest to the student body of Baxter Seminary and they wish to welcome all of the people of Baxter to the seminary and the affairs.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 16 January 1930

NEWS FROM BAXTER:

Rev. Upperman is away in interest of Baxter Seminary. Sunday he preached in Washington. While away Mr. Upperman will be in New York and other eastern points.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 8 May 1930

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT BAXTER SEMINARY;

The Commencement activities at Baxter Seminary began on Sunday morning, May 4th, with a very impressive and inspiring baccalaureate service. The procession made up of the various ministers of the town, the faculty and seniors in cap and gown, and the junior, sophomore and freshman classes, marched from the Seminary to the church. As they entered the church a large congregation rose to their feet and joined in singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The music furnished by the Girls' Glee Club, and a duet by Miss Womack and Mrs. Upperman, were very beautiful. Rev. H. P. Keathley, the pastor of the Methodist Church, preached a most powerful and soul-stirring sermon. Taking David as an example he drove into the minds of his audience in a very forceful manner, the great fact that he who builds a noble life, does so by taking his stand upon the Bible which is the foundation of all life, and goes forward under Jehovah's leading. Those who were so thrilled by the earnestness of the speaker and the forcefulness of the message, cannot but move upward to higher and nobler living.

On Friday evening the annual recital of the Music Department was given in the Seminary Auditorium by the pupils of Miss Mable Womack. This was a very pleasing entertainment, and did much credit to Miss Womack who has been the charge of this department but a few months. It bespeaks much success for her future work here.

The coming events of Commencement Week will be the Junior Class Day at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon at the Seminary; Senior Class Day Friday morning at ten o'clock, also at the Seminary; the Senior Play, "It Happened in Hollywood," held at the grammar school at seven o'clock Thursday night, at which the admission will be fifteen and twenty-five cents.

On Friday afternoon the Alumni Association will meet from four to five-thirty at the Seminary. This meeting will be in charge of Rev. J. R. Clayton, the president of the Association.

Putnam County Herald Cookeville, TN:

28 August 1930

BAXTER SEMINARY OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST:

On Monday, September 1st, at 8 a.m. Baxter Seminary will open for Students with all Faculty members on hand, and from present indications the largest enrollment the school has ever had. The dormitories are rapidly filling up with incoming students from this section, the surrounding counties, and from various States. The general plant has been given a thorough cleaning, new equipment has been purchased, electric

wiring has all been renewed, and fire prevention steps have been taken to safeguard the students who live there. The farm, lands have been kept in as good condition as the dry and hot weather would permit, and a general tone of a good year for the work seems to be at the Seminary.

Not student earnestly seeking an education will be denied an opportunity to secure it, if that student comes with determination to succeed and a willingness to apply himself or herself. Chances to work a part of the way through is afforded to those needing it.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the general opening exercises at 9:30 a.m., for the Public, at which time there will be speeches by various citizens and a welcome for all who attend the Seminary and all who are present that day. We hope that a large audience will greet the opening day.

Putnam County Herald Cookeville, TN:

4 September 1930

BAXTER SEMINARY TERM STARTS OFF NICELY:

Last Monday morning everybody in Baxter was early and over at the Seminary there was an air of excitement, for it was the beginning of another year of work and of pleasure for the teachers and faculty of that splendid institution of training for the youth of this section. Everything had been made ready and by 9:30 the patrons and friends of the school gathered to shower congratulations and well wished on Prof. Uppersman and his assistants. After the devotionals, conducted by Rev. J. R. Clayton and Rev. J. A. Harris, the Mayor of Baxter, Mr. Brown, spoke warmly of the welcome extended the visitors and students. The principal addresses were made by Prof. S. L. Gipson, and Rev. Sam Edwards of Cookeville, on topics appropriate to the occasion, after which the members of the faculty were presented. About 150 were enrolled as students and it is expected that others will be added in a few days. The character of work and the ideals held out before the workers by those in charge of this institution is above the average, and the citizenship of Baxter is proud of the school and willing to make any sacrifice for the success.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 1 January 1931

BAXTER SEMINARY SEES GOOD YEAR AHEAD:

Institution Not Hurt by Drought or Business Conditions:

Baxter Seminary looks for the New Year ahead with the feeling that prosperity and progress is in store for all. Surely confidence in one another and the willingness to work hard applied in everyday walks of life will steadily pull us all forward. Though touched by the effects of the drought and by the general talk of depression the institution has forged ahead during the past year, holding its rating in the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. The library has been given real help this year and practically all of the Departments of the Seminary have been increased in various ways. Both the boys and girls dormitories are full for the year and other students are planning to come, especially if room can be found for them. The general development of the school and its farms is seen on every hand, and it is the hope of the president that some new building may be started this year for certain of the special departments of the Seminary. Baxter Seminary will do all it can to help in the unemployment situation, and Dr. Upperman is now seeking some special funds for the development of a building.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 16 January 1931

Rev. and Mrs. Upperman Entertain:

A very interesting affair was a six o'clock dinner given by Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Upperman at their home, the Ward Guest House, on the Seminary campus, last Tuesday evening.

Seated at a beautifully decorated table in the dining room, with Rev. and Mrs. Upperman were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Watts, of Williamsport, PA, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Banks.

A delicious four course menu was served. The evening was spent with a nice radio program and conversation.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 November 1931

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED AT BAXTER:

A student council was organized at Baxter Seminary Tuesday and Mary Sue Sadler was elected president of the student body. The council was divided into two groups, legislative and honor court. Members of the legislative council are: Mary Sue Sadler, chairman; Zollie Sicy, **John Henry Denny**, Clayton VanMeter, Reba Delle Maddux, Flinis Johnson, Alfred Jones, Carrell Staggs, Philip Sadler, Earl Flynn, Bob Askew, and V. D. Nunally. The honor court is composed of Donnelie Neville, Edna Jones, James Dotson, Vyda Belle Carter, Allen Moss, Pauline Medley, Ernest Burton, Clara Gill, W. Burke, Martha Bass, Tom Sewell, and B. M. Lee.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 2 April 1931

BETTER BAXTER SEMINARY BANQUET:

A Better Baxter Seminary Banquet will be given at Baxter Seminary on Tuesday night, April 7, at 7 o'clock, in the interest of the progress of the institution. The special interest of many new friends of education in this work, has recently given great encouragement here, and at this banquet the past achievements, present plans and the hopes and opportunities for the future development of the work so that more young people may be helped through school, will be discussed. Everyone from this community, all surrounding communities and the entire county, who is interested in better educational advantages for our young people, is urged to attend this banquet. The banquet will be sponsored by the Home Economics Department and the Future Farmers of Tennessee for the sake of the advancement of the service of Baxter Seminary, and in order to cover the expenses of the banquet, fifty cents will be the price of each plate. There will be musical numbers and other entertainment, too. Not only are the people of Baxter urgently requested to attend, but the same invitation is extended to all the communities in this county and adjoining counties, for the development of the greater program project will be of material assistance to all this section of the country. It is the desire of Baxter Seminary to render the most efficient service to the greatest number of people at the least possible expense. All who come will be very welcome in the name of the larger interests of education and development.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 9 April 1931

150 PERSONS AT BETTER BAXTER SEMINARY BANQUET:

Enthusiasm Reigns On Eve Of Drive To Secure New Building: Plan Presented:

More than 150 persons were present at the Better Baxter Seminary banquet which was held in the Main hall at the 23 year-old school there last Tuesday evening.

The banquet was the culmination of plans to conduct a sweeping campaign for funds with which to erect a new building at Baxter, and the toastmaster and host, Harry L. Upperman, outlined in full a proposition which had been made to him whereby he could secure funds that would enable the erection of a proposed \$25,000 building. The plan, launched by New York and Chicago friends of Upperman, would give the

school \$10,000 to match \$15,000 raised here, and a promise of \$1,000 toward the \$15,000 has been made so that the aim is to raise \$14,600.

The campaign for funds is being carried to every state in the Union, and Putnam county, especially the community surrounding Baxter, is taking a sincere interest in the drive and hearty co-operation is being given the leaders.

The banquet was prepared and served by the home economic class of Baxter Seminary, under the direction of Miss Mable Hendrix, instructor. The food was grown on Baxter Seminary farm by the Future Farmers, led by the agriculture teacher, Professor Sheaffer. The boys also assisted in preparing the banquet.

Among the after dinner speakers representing the various groups present were Mayor J. W. Brown, G. M. Smith, of Tennessee Tech, Miss Lucile Willoughby, Douglass Sutton, Miss Joanna Nichols, O. M. Adams, Bob Nunally, Frank Blankenship, president of the 1931 senior class at Baxter Seminary, Lloyd Hunter, Nonda Wilhite, Will Sewell, L. S. Dunavin, Ethelyn Hill, dean of Baxter Seminary, P. G. Scott, Mr. Sheaffer, W. D. Prickett, of the school faculty, P. V. Overall, Mrs. Joe Banks, the Rev. J. D. Harris, the Rev. J. A. Harris, and Mr. Bain.

In speaking of the purpose of the schools, Q. M. Smith said, "An institution is not only buildings and equipment, but an influence. It is best to help those who are willing to help themselves." It is upon that foundation that the drive is being made for the school's new building, it was shown by Mr. Upperman.

Other features of the evening besides the delicious dinner included a reading by Miss Evelyn Gover, a group of songs by Miss Mabel Womack, music teacher at Baxter, and a musical reading by Miss Margaret Rose Gover. Mrs. H. L. Upperman played the piano accompaniment for Miss Womack.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 23 April 1931

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Zetathenian Literary Society:

The Zetathenian Society was formed at the first part of the year. Three members of the Polyhymnian Society and three members of the Alpha Alpha Society answered the call to work up the new society which was to take all freshmen and any new student who wished to join. The six volunteers were Lucille Willoughby, Alvilda Shanks, Earl Nash, Mary Sue Sadler, Prentiss Burgess and Don Neville. The first semester under the leadership of Alvilda Shanks as president and Mrs. Upperman sponsor, the society made a great showing. The second semester leaders were elected as follows: Lucille Willoughby, pres.; Don Neville, vice-pres.; Earl Nash, Sec-treas, and Mrs. Upperman was re-elected as sponsor. Officers for next year have been elected with Prentiss Burgess as president, and the society is hoping to make a great showing then, as they have this year. The Society made a great showing in debate the past year, winning both affirmative and negative in the Inter-School Debate and having three of its debators represent the school in the 5th District of the T.I.L.L., which was held at Cookeville, and where they won the right to enter the meet at Knoxville.

Junior-Senior Program:

The Junior class entertained the Seniors last Saturday night with a picture show, "Temple Tower," and then with refreshments at Baxter Seminary. The tables were decorated with purple and white, the Junior Class colors. Don Neville, president of the Junior class, welcomed the Seniors and faculty. The other speakers of the evening were Frank Blankenship, president of the Senior Class, President Upperman, Miss Hendrix, sponsor of the Senior class, and Mrs. W. D. Prickett, sponsor of the Junior class. Miss Evelyn Gover rendered a solo and a quartet composed of Misses Hazel Pedigo, Edna Jones, James Bain, and Earl Nash, furnished music.

Progress of Commercial Club:

A group of students acquiring the grade of 90 percent in shorthand and typewriting, met with Miss Hill, the sponsor, in the office, Monday night, Dec. 1, 1930 to organize a Commercial Club. The only requirement is to make a grade of 90 percent and live up to it. The following are members: Farmer Carter, Clara Crawford, Millie Denny, Mayme Jared, Adelle Maxwell, Estelle Maxwell, Alice Mills, and Martha Sadler. Adelle Maxwell was elected sec.-treas., and Miss Hill sponsor. Our meetings are held every other Monday night and we have learned many things such as the correct way to stamp envelopes, the correct way to wrap a package, to use the dater, presser clip, multigraph, check protector, adding machine, ditto machine, Dictaphone and other things.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 30 April 1931

BISHOP SMITH WILL DELIVER BAXTER ADDRESS:

Seminary Preparing For A Great Graduation Week:

UPPERMAN TO NEW YORK:

Commencement Days for Baxter Seminary are near at hand, and the activities of various kinds have already begun. Last week the junior class entertained the senior class with a motion picture evening and refreshments. This week the senior class had the privilege of their annual outing, and enjoyed it, even if it did rain. Various class activities and affairs are rapidly being held, societies are electing officers for next year, and the debaters are planning for their trip to Knoxville to the University on May 1, to represent this county and district at the Inter-scholastic Literary League. On April 25, President and Mrs. Upperman entertained in honor of the senior class. In the various departments of the Seminary there are going on final preparations for exhibitions, examinations, trips, and before long the final examinations for the year will be held. That is why the students are sticking very close to their studies and drawing every bit of information they can from teachers, and book, experiments and classroom recitations. The year does promise to end in an excellent way for Baxter Seminary.

Bishop H. Lester Smith will be one of the Commencement speakers, speaking on May 3, at 10:30 a.m., delivering the commencement sermon. Should there be any change in the date it will be announced later. Commencement itself will be held on May 15, at 7:00 p.m. The senior play will be given on May 14, according to present plans. An operetta will be give on May 7, by the Department of Music, Miss Mable Womack directing, and the musical recital, on May 8. Tuesday evening, May 12, will be the annual Alumni Banquet, with Mrs. Joe Banks and Mrs. Frank Hall in charge. Notices will be sent out to all alumni about this matter. There are also other activities to be held which will be announced from time to time. To all the affairs at Baxter Seminary the public is cordially invited.

The campaign for the building is progressing quietly and steadily, without undue haste or overmuch publicity. Another dinner is being given on May 7, in New York City, on honor of Baxter Seminary, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman being the main speaker. President Upperman will be at that dinner, thus being away from the Seminary form may 3 to 9. the summer will then be devoted after commencement to the raising of funds for the building, with the hope that sufficient sums will be on hand to begin work about the middle of July. Everyone interested in this cause is asked to work for it especially when the final campaign committees are appointed and the drive begins to reach the closing period. Friends within this section will be asked to aid in the campaign in a specific manner during the summer, committees being appointed in various towns from time to time to aid in this way. Baxter Seminary desires to serve this section without stint, with all of its power and might day after day, especially aiding any boy or girl seeking assistance in securing a well-rounded practical education permeated with Christian ideals.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 30 April 1931

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

The campaign for the new building for Baxter Seminary received a decided impetus by the receipt of an additional gift of \$5,000 to be used in erecting the new buildings so much needed by Baxter Seminary. The matching of the other promised gifts will need to go on as well in order to keep our agreement with the donors to match their gifts, but this additional gift of \$5,000 from one of the original donors is clearly given to aid in making the final outcome of the campaign, which is being quietly conducted throughout the country, a success in the end. This has greatly encouraged the president of Baxter Seminary, and it is felt that the public should know of this additional aid granted to this cause.

Pictures of all the activities, chapel hour, student groups, general living conditions of the school were taken on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Harding, of Cookeville. These pictures will be used in the campaign as well as bought for other reasons. The school seemed to show up better than every in the work it is trying to do.

Commencement activities are quickly coming to pass. Senior reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Upperman on Saturday night, and various classes will hold their picnic this week on Saturday. Special guests will be here over the weekend, and the sermon next Sunday morning to the Senior class will be delivered at 10:30 a.m., by Bishop H. Lester Smith, of Chattanooga. It is hoped that the day will be one long remembered as one of inspiration for Bishop Smith is renowned as a preacher of remarkable ability. The following Sunday the Rev. M. D. Clayburn will preach, and the announcements concerning that Sunday will be made in the paper next week. The public is cordially invited to all of the services and activities of the Commencement days. All Alumni are asked to be sure to come for the Alumni Banquet on Tuesday, May 12, in the evening. Notices are being sent out to all by the president and secretary of the Baxter Seminary Alumni Association.

Seminary Y.M.C.A.:

The Baxter Seminary Y.M.C.A. has had a busy and successful year. New members were in the last meeting, making a total of 30, who have as their motto, "Serving Christ."

Learning to tithe, the organization has purchased a large Bible and have dressed and sent dolls to foreign missions. Mayme Jared has been president for the last semester. An enjoyable recent affair was a Mother-Daughter meeting.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 May 1931

COMMENCEMENT AT BAXTER SEMINARY FRIDAY NIGHT:

Dr. J. L. Robb, Head of Tennessee Wesleyan College, To Deliver The Address:

TWENTY-ONE SENIORS

Commencement exercises will be held at Baxter Seminary, Friday night, when Dr. James L. Robb, president of Tennessee Wesleyan College at Athens will deliver the address, and twenty-one seniors will receive diplomas. They will receive also a Bible, a tradition at Baxter Seminary. Ruth Hall, of Baxter, is valedictorian, and Adelle Maxwell, of Silver Point, is salutatorians.

Students elected to the Honor Society were Ruth Hall, Adelle Maxwell, Lucile Willoughby, seniors and Anna Mae Moss and John Henry Denny, juniors. Faculty-elected honor students in the sophomore and freshman classes were Arie Carr, Finis Johnson, Alfred Jones, and Frances Bockman. The Honor Society, of which, Robert Crowell is president, was given a dinner in the Shanks Hotel at Cookeville, Monday evening.

Graduating weeks has been filled with class activity, the alumni banquet Tuesday evening, the get-together day on Wednesday, the junior Clash Day exercises Thursday, and the senior Class Day will be observed Friday morning.

Meanwhile, the campaign for funds for the proposed academic building has been quietly carried on until it has reached the halfway mark. Work will begun in July, according to president Upperman, on the structure, which will be placed on the Southeast corner of the 12 acre campus.

Gifts have been received from all over the United States to apply on the building project, and Dr. Upperman has been promised from another source an additional fifty cents on each dollar he raises. The building is expected to be finished in time for occupancy next fall, when he expects an enrollment of over 300.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 June 1931

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR BAXTER SEMINARY:

Many new plans for improvement at Baxter Seminary during the summer months, will be worked out during the summer and throughout the coming year. At the present time President and Mrs. Upperman are traveling over a large portion of the country and they find large numbers of people wherever they go who are interested and anxious to hear more of the work of this growing institution. Much new equipment has been secured; between \$1800 and \$2000 has been raised on this trip toward the new academic building, and more friends are being made every day. More and More it is true that funds can be secured from friends far and wide when they see the immediate section also putting great effort and support into educational development. A new and adequate water system will be installed which will take care of the entire needs of the school, make a thorough protection in the event of any fire, and perhaps can be enlarged to offer protection to the entire town. The erection of an academic building will bring many new and varied opportunities along all lines. This program of expansion will be in progress all throughout the coming year, with the beautifying of the campus, the enlarging of the dormitories to make it possible to care for more young people, the improving of the farm, all of which will enable this institution to render greater service to a much larger group of boys and girls, so that it is hoped that it will be possible to find room for everyone who applies for entrance. Any students who wish to enroll in this institution fro the coming year should make application immediately.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

23 July 1931

CLUB WOMEN ARE IN 4-H CAMP AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Names of Boys and Girls To Attend State Camp Announced: STYLE SHOW SATURDAY.

Four H Club women of Putnam county gathered at Baxter Seminary yesterday for the third annual women's encampment, under the leadership of Miss Wilma Schubert the home demonstration agent. They will break camp Friday afternoon.

Winners of the various club contests which have been held here announced by Miss Schubert, who will accompany them to the state 4-H camp at Knoxville during the week of July 27 – August 1. The winners are: Lola Belle Brown, of Brown's Mill; Lucille Buck, Salem; Wannetta Clouse, Salem. Miss Brown was awarded the trip by the First National Bank. Miss Buck receives her trip from the Citizens Bank, while Miss Clouse won her trip from the Chattanooga Fair Association.

Others who will make the trip are Zeb Walker, Frank Boatman. Eveyln Stanton, Mabel Spencer, and Edith Breeding.

Announcement of the holding of a style dress review to be held in the courthouse here Saturday has been made. Two models will be given those adjudged winners, one, a silver medal, and the other, a bronze medal. Ten girls will enter, and winners will go to Chattanooga to compete with winners from other districts.

Miss Ona Worley, district agent at Knoxville, will be judge in the 4-H Clubs. The district contest will be held at Chattanooga on August 4th.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 August 1931

NEW BUILDING AT BAXTER SEMINARY GETTING UNDERWAY:

School Will Begin September 1, When Opening Program Will Be Given:

Plans for the new academic building at Baxter Seminary are complete and work will begin next Monday, President Harry L. Upperman announced to the Herald Wednesday. President Upperman has traveled extensively during the summer months in the interest of the new building, and his reports are that he made many friends for the institution.

The new building will house the school, including the chapel, study hall, class rooms, library and offices, which will leave the building now being used both for the school and girls' hall, entirely for the girls' dormitory, boarding hall, and laundry.

An independent water system with a standing capacity of 15,000 gallons will be one of the important features of the construction program. It will be built to conform to state sanitization laws and will give ample supply for the needs of the school.

School will be opened Tuesday, September 1, Dr. Upperman has also announced, on which day he expects to enroll about 160 students. With a farm and dairy that gives work to boys and girls in Baxter Seminary, students are given the privilege of working their way through the entire four years of study. More than a thousand quarts of fruits and vegetables have been canned from trees in the farm orchard.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 August 1931

BAXTER SEMINARY'S ACADEMIC BUILDING PROJECT BEGUN AT CHILDREN PULL PLOW:

Event of 21 Years Ago Lived Over. City Turns Out To Witness Dedication Exercises, President Upperman, Wife, Faculty Praised.

Twenty-one years ago on "The Hill" at Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Tenn., 200 young men pulled a plow that broke ground for the present administration building. That was an event which has never lost its fascination in the hearts of those boys, many of whom are living today.

Baxter Seminary has grown since those two decades have passed, and Tuesday a repetition of the ground breaking was held in dedication of the new academic building, which will be erected on the Seminary campus within a few months.

Hundreds gathered on the building site Tuesday morning to watch 300 children of the Baxter grammar school pull a plow that laid out the foundation of the building which they will use for study as they pass on to high school age. It was the biggest single event that has happened in Baxter since the ground-braking of 21 years ago, and it marks another step in the great strides which are being taken in Putnam county education.

Under the direction of Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, the boys and girls happily pulled the plow; Dr. J. T. Moore, chairman of the county board of education; L. S. Dunavin, county superintendent of schools, and Magistrate W. S. Swallows chairman of the board of trustees of the school, acted as ploughmen. They were, to sum it n the words of Dr. Moore, "Thrilled from the tops of their heads to the bottoms of their feet."

Speeches were made by men who appreciate the efforts of Dr. Upperman, who has brought Baxter Seminary from an obscure little high school to an institution that is rapidly forging its way into the front ranks of leading schools in the state – and the South. The Rev. M. D. Clayborne was first speaker after the ground had been broken. Rev. Clayborne is district superintendent of the M. E. church, and one of the staunchest supporters of the schools.

It would be redundant to state that the others who spoke on that eventful morning were also supporters of the Seminary, but they were so effusive in their attitude of co-operation, and so enthusiastic in their approval of the institution's head that their words helped bring anew life to the drive which Dr. Upperman has made for the school.

Other speakers were mayor J. W. Brown, of Baxter, Magistrate W. S. Swallows, the Rev. H. P. Keathley, pastor of the Baxter Methodist church; Chester Patton; J. P.; the Rev. W. V. Jarratt, of Cookeville, presiding elder of this district; Dr. J. T. Moore, of Algood; L. S. Dunvin, Robert Richardson, S. L. Gipson, the Rev. J. D. Harris, J. M. Holloway, of Monterey, and the Rev. J. A. Harris, of Baxter, who in brief but forceful address stated the principles for which Baxter Seminary stands, and pleaded with his hearers to stand firm for their convictions and let their convictions be for right and only right. He also said that Baxter Seminary is founded on the proposition that Godliness alone reigns within its walls; that it does not teach boys and girls in the worldly ways of life concluding with: "Let us stand firm for the principles that Jesus Christ taught."

Dedication of the grounds on which the new academic building will be placed marks a step in the development of Baxter Seminary that is the most outstanding preparatory school event in the county since the laying of the corner stone at Tennessee Polytechnic institute at Cookeville in 1915. Since that time T.P.I. has become one of the greatest colleges in the state, and Baxter Seminary, since the coming of its present president, has made similar strides.

The school is sponsored by the church, but is non-sectarian. It is open to any boy or girl who desires an education. It affords labor to its students so that they may pay their way thru. It is a singular fact that out of more than 200 pupils registered there during the school year of 1930-31, only a comparative few paid their tuition, except by work.

And so it stands, a monument to education, a foe of illiteracy, a friend of Christian ideals, and a growing, solid wall of usefulness that is spreading its strength and environment and good through Tennessee and the South.

With cooperation that it has received in the past five years, and with the guiding genius of its president, and Mrs. Upperman, Dean Hill and faculty, it can and will become one of the most important schools of its kind in the country.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 September 1931

BAXTER SEMINARY HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT TUESDAY MORNING:

One hundred-fifty pupils were enrolled at Baxter Seminary when the school opened there Tuesday morning. President Harry L. Upperman, has announced. All dormitories are filled, and property houses on the campus are being used to house students who failed to get rooms in the dormitories. Four states and eight Tennessee counties are represented in the enrollment.

New courses have been added in mathematics and English, and better recreational facilities have also been added. The school will have a football team this year, it first one, and coach W. D. Prickett started work Tuesday afternoon with about 65 candidates reporting for positions on the team.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 October 1931

UPPERMAN GOES TO REPRESENT CHURCH IN ATLANTA CONFERENCE:

Dr. Harry Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, is representing the M. E. church at the Methodist Ecumenical (World-Wide) Conference now being held in Atlanta. He was appointed by Bishop F. D. Leete, of Omaha, NB. The selection of Dr. Upperman comes as a distinct honor to Baxter Seminary as well as to himself, as being a delegate at this great assembly of Methodism is a rare and high honor, only a few representatives from each branch of the church from all parts of the world being enrolled as delegates. Dr. Upperman will serve on a committee with European delegates.

Before his return home, Dr. Upperman will be initiated into Kappa Phi Kappa, national honorary teachers fraternity, meeting at Birmingham-Southern college in Birmingham, AL. He was elected from Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 February 1932

BAXTER SEMINARY BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION: (picture in paper)

The new administration building at Baxter Seminary is nearing completion. It is hoped to have the structure finished within the next four months. "The building is up," said President Harry L Upperman, Saturday, "but there are some details remaining to be finished. It was erected through the generosity of a great many friends of Baxter Seminary. There are still some additional sums of money to be raised and I am working on that problem." Architects of the new building are Tisdale & Pinson, of Nashville. According to Mr. Upperman they have done an admirable piece of work. The picture is a courtesy of the Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 April 1932

GRADUATION EXERCICES AT BAXTER SEMINARY TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH:

May 8-13 Set For Commencement Activities: School Folders Are Issued By Upperman:

Class Numbers Thirty-Three:

Graduation exercise at Baxter Seminary will be held Friday, May 13, it has been announced by President H. L. Upperman, when thirty-three students will receive diplomas.

Commencement exercise and activities will take place during the week of May 8-13: On Sunday, May 8, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. M. D. Clayburn, of Baxter, district superintendent of the Methodist Church. Throughout the week the four classes will present their programs, consisting of plays, etc.

Goodrich Speaker:

The graduation address will be delivered by Dr. F. S. Goodrich, professor of Biblical literature and history at Albion College, Albion, MI. Prof. Goodrich will make his second appearance at Baxter Seminary on that date. Honor students in the four classes have also been announced by Dr. Upperman, the valedictorian being **John Henry Denny**, and the salutatorian being Mary Sue Sadler. Others received honors are Edna

Jones, Prentiss Burgess, Donnell Neville, James Bain, Eulene Carr, and Artie Carr. The announcement was made Friday in chapel at Baxter. Dr. Upperman declared that the average grades of the students, and the entire senior class during the four years, are remarkably high.

Gets Out Folder:

A ten-page folder describing Baxter Seminary, its aims and ideals, has been issued by the school, and includes picture stories of the work of the school in both class rooms and in the field, and also shows rooms in the boys and girls dormitories, with a picture of the new academic building.

“Baxter Seminary will offer an opportunity,” the folder states, “to become a useful citizen. If you come to Baxter Seminary with a determination to get an education, with your mind made up to work, with an eager mind you will succeed.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 7 July 1932

BAXTER SEMINARY HOST TO 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS:

Annual Three Day Encampment To Begin Today Under Experts:

Baxter Seminary boys' and girls' dormitories began filling this morning with boys and girls of Putnam County 4-H Clubs who are gathering for their annual three-day encampment under the direction of H. J. Childress, county agent, and Miss Wilma Schubert, home demonstration agent.

More than 200 boys and girls are expected to attend the camp this year, which is being held at Baxter because there was not room at the agricultural fair grounds here, and many activities will fill the three days.

Representatives from the Extension Service of the University of Tennessee will supervise the organized recreation, and Mr. Childress will lead the boys in stock judging, poultry culling, and field judging.

Girls will be given demonstrations in canning, handicraft, and clothing work, and will hear lectures on the subjects.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 1 September 1932

Baxter Seminary Will Open Tuesday Morning:

Baxter Seminary will open for the school year 1932-33 at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 6. All students should be in their places by that time for enrollment, and parents and friends are invited to be present to take part in the opening program. Students should come prepared to pay their school fees in order to be able to enroll immediately in their classes without loss of time from their school work.

There has been a great deal of repairing and rearranging of the rooms in the dormitories in order to care for as many as possible of the students desiring to live at the school. All buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and fumigated and enrollment will open for the year on September 5, the first meal being served on Monday night, and dormitory students should come on that day in order to be ready for class work the following morning.

The new academic building will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks, which will assure better class work than ever before, make it possible to care for more boarding students, and add much to the comfort, of living conditions.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 13 October 1932

DEDICATION OF BAXTER BUILDING TO BE TUESDAY

Notables To Aid In Ceremonies Marking Milestone in the School's Growth

BROWN WILL PRESIDE

Dedication of the new Academic building at Baxter Seminary, marking a milestone in the growth and importance of the school, will be held next Tuesday with a program arranged to continue through the entire day.

Plans for the dedication services and accompanying services are being completed this week, and Baxter will be ready for the occasion in gala dress and happy spirit. Under the chairmanship of Joe Nichols, the town has united in preparing for what will probably be the biggest event in its history.

The formal dedication service will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, lasting for one hour, and will be presided over by Bishop Wallace E. Brown, of Chattanooga. The cornerstone, containing a receptacle in which various papers connected with the conception and construction of the new building, a Bible and other articles, will be laid at this time.

Mitchell Speaker:

Other speakers on the program are Congressman Ridley Mitchell, and probably Senator Cordell Hull, of Carthage, although certainty as to his ability to be present was not felt. Business men of Baxter, Cookeville, Nashville, and other cities will also address the assemblage, with representatives of the county school board, and Q. M. Smith president of Tennessee Tech.

The student body of Baxter Seminary will take part in the proceedings.

Representatives; Charlie Green, on behalf of the Baxter Church of Christ; R. L. Richardson, on behalf of the Masonic Lodge; W. W. Jared, the Rev. E. M. Steel, pastor of the Cookeville Methodist Church; County Judge B. C. Huddleston, and James Bain, supervisor of construction of the new building. A reading was given by Miss Margaret Rose Gover, Student at Baxter.

Congressman Ridley Mitchell; P. L. Harned, commissioner of education, and W. A. Bass, state high school supervisor, were other speakers of the morning.

Serve Lunch:

At noon a luncheon prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Joe Nichols, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. Charles Green, Mrs. Lawrence Grace, and Mrs. M. G. Hunter, was served the entire assemblage of about 600.

Following the luncheon, the corner stone was laid.

Preceding the dedication sermon by Bishop Brown, the afternoon was taken up with addresses by H. W. Stanley, president of the Tennessee Central Railway, who came with a special train; Q. M. Smith, president of Tennessee Tech; the Rev. J. D. Harris, D. M. Clemments, R. L. Bynum, of the state department of education; W. W. Pinson, of Tisdale and Pinson, architects who designed the building, and Ruthledge Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, well known evangelistic singers, appeared during the afternoon services.

Completion of the building is the culmination of a dream for better facilities necessary to the successful operation of the school, which is growing in scope as boys and girls from widely separated sections of the country come to avail themselves of the opportunities it provides.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 November 1932

BAXTER SEMINARY HAS 'OLDE KUMBAK' PARTY:

An annual party to be held every year under the name of "Ye Olde Kumbak" had its premiere at Baxter Seminary Tuesday evening when more than 300 persons gathered for an appreciation event put on by the school.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president, and his faculty and student body put on a program for citizens of Baxter and surrounding communities in the auditorium of the new academic building, Pfeiffer Hall.

A program of stunts was presented by the three literary societies of the school, following a dinner prepared for the guests. Games and other amusements were added diversions of the evening.

Dr. Upperman has announced the new names of the buildings on the Seminary campus as follows: Girls' Dormitory, Founders Building, or Ivy Hall; Boy's Dormitory, John A. Patten Hall. Dr. Upperman has recently returned from an extensive tour in the interest of the school, seeking funds with which to complete the interior of the new building, further the work of the present session, and complete the wide farm program inaugurated there.

Improvements are being made on the school property at present, and Dr. Upperman declared that the present term thus far has been "very satisfactory."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

16 March 1933

BAXTER SEMINARY GOING STEADILY ON:

Despite the present financial stress, Baxter Seminary is pushing its work steadily forward toward completion of a successful year. A glance at the institution's present activities shows that students are being admitted in exchange for farm produce and work on the school farm and plant.

The girl's basketball team is in Livingston this week playing in the regional tournament, and the debating team has just completed a series of two debates with Livingston Academy, one of which the Baxter team won.

The school is conducting a community welfare project by which men in and around Baxter are given work and paid in food. This work has been done for the past eight years, and it does not tend to support paupers.

Students are busy at the Seminary preparing to plant a crop over the sweeping farm, and a visit through the school shows students busy in all departments.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 23 May 1933

BAXTER SEMINARY WINS IN HEROIC STRUGGLE

Baxter Seminary's commencement exercises on May 19, when Dr. Alva W. Taylor, of the School of Religion, Vanderbilt University, delivered a masterful commencement address, thirty-one seniors were graduated, and many prizes and merits were awarded to outstanding students of the school, closed the most heroic and dramatic year's work in its entire history.

Beset by one calamity after another-the loss of all its funds in a bank failure, the shrinkage of gifts from friends over the country who have upheld the work for years, the unusual necessity of letting its students work instead of paying cash, the shortage of food, the lack of even heat and light-it has lived out a modern miracle, in moving steadily ahead, never losing a day of school, holding up its same high scholastic standing, emphasizing its ideals of character and service more than ever before.

A loyal faculty, a student body determined that their education should not be interfered with, the backing of a loyal community, the sympathetic interest and timely help of scores of friends, many of whom are themselves in dire need, all bound together by a great circle of prayer, in our Heavenly Father's keeping, have made this heroic victory possible, and now enable the Seminary to face ahead, to another year of service knowing full well that many testings await, but with the assurance that the same sources of strength that were its support in the past year, will be its undergirding in the future years. With gratitude to the Heavenly Father, to every friend everywhere, to the immediate community and to all who have had any part in the past year's accomplishments, Baxter Seminary faces the years ahead with a new determination to open larger opportunities to more and every more young people who need its help and guidance.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 August 1933

NEW YEAR STARTS WELL AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Considerable New Equipment Added. Has Splendid Enrollment On Opening Day:

In through co-operation with the opening of the Grammar School at Baxter at 8:30 Monday morning, August 21, Baxter Seminary followed by holding its opening exercises at 10 o'clock. Special music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Ethel Bolen, head of the Music Department of the Seminary, and the following were the speakers of the morning: Prayer and a short address were given by the Dean; W. S. Swallows spoke for the Board of Trustees; Newt Nash represented the County Board of Education; W. J. Fesmire and Edgar Fields spoke, representing the churches of the town; Mr. Starnes, the principal of the grammar school and Mrs. Vada Pope represented that school; short addresses were given by each member of the faculty; Rev. J. A. Harris brought the message of the morning in a very timely address.

The work for the new year was started and a very fine enrollment made. The Seminary opened early in order to accommodate the boys and girls who will be needed early next spring on the farms. The school emphasizes inexpensive clothing, and is willing to accept produce and other useful products in lieu of money. The school is starting its best year and is looking forward to many advances. Under the direction of O. J. Mattil, the manual arts department is getting a good start. Coach Prickett has called a meeting of the men interested in football at which there was a very fine turnout. The chapel now has new seats and the rooms have all been numbered and lettered according to departments.

In keeping with the purpose of the school, the whole program was opened with a prayer and closed in the same manner.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 August 1933

UPPERMAN BEGINS ELEVENTH YEAR AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Dr. Harry Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, was re-elected president at the Central Tennessee Methodist Church Conference held at Lawrenceburg last week. Dr. Upperman is beginning his eleventh year as head of the school.

Through Dr. Upperman's efforts, many improvements have been made at Baxter Seminary, and his enthusiasm and sincerity have done much to put the school in the ranks among the first. His work has made rapid advancement possible, and enrollment has grown since he has had charge. The many Cookeville and Putnam county friends of Dr. Upperman will be glad to learn that he has been re-elected president, and hope that his work will be recognized even more in the future than it has in the past.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 September 1933

UPPERMAN NAMED HEAD OF COUNTY TEACHERS:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, Saturday was elected chairman of the Putnam County Teachers Association at its meeting in the Cookeville City Schools. Tillman Phillips was elected vice-chairman, Wesley Flatt, county superintendent, was elected secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Flatt was named assistant secretary-treasurer.

Primary group officers were elected as follows: Mrs. H. S. Barnes, chairman; Miss Gladys Bohannon, secretary-treasurer; intermediate group, Harry Brown Ferrell, chairman; Travis Phillips, vice-chairman; Mrs. Curtis DuBois, secretary-treasurer; high school group, Tillman Phillips, chairman. A program committee was also appointed for programs at each meeting during the year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 May 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman, Miss Margaret Rose Gover, Frank Grace, Denver Garrison have just returned from Topeka, KS, where they represented eleven states in dramatic reading and debate contests in the National Speech Tournament of the National Forensic League.

They made a splendid showing and did an excellent piece of work, going to the fourth round in both reading and debate and being among the upper twenty-five groups of the United States. They secured many new ideas for the development of forensic work another year. About five hundred young people from various high schools from all over the nation were gathered at the tournament.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

16 August 1934

MANY IMPROVMENTS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

At the opening of the school year at Baxter Seminary faculty and students will find many improvements throughout the buildings and campus. A quantity of furniture has been secured to better equip the living rooms and the dormitory rooms of both boys and girls halls. Furniture has been added to the social hall and to the faculty parlor. Two pianos have come as gifts. Additional refrigeration has been installed for preservation of food in the boarding hall. Several new rooms have been equipped for the use of more students and faculty. In the school building there is a new grand piano and a new radio. The new dairy barn will soon be ready for use and additional cows are being secured to provide more butter and milk for the dining hall. The flock of poultry of a higher grade has been doubled in size. All of these various changes and additions will greatly improve the living conditions and make for a finer life among students and faculty throughout the coming year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 October 1934

UPPERMAN IN WASHINGTON AT METHODIST MEETING:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, left Tuesday for Washington, where he will be a delegate to the sesqui-centennial of Methodist Episcopal Church. All the branches of Methodism will be represented at the meeting.

Dr. Upperman was also a speaker at the convocation of students at the University of Chattanooga Monday, returning to Baxter Monday night. He will be in Washington all this week.

We'd rather do business on the word of a man whose word can be depended upon, than on the signed contract of the other kind.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 October 1934

INTERESTING SPEAKER TO MEET WITH LOCAL TEACHERS:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, has announced that Dr. Joseph Roemer, director of Peabody Demonstration school at Nashville, will meet with Putnam County teachers at their next regular meeting, October 20.

The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock in the City School Auditorium, and Dr. Roemer will speak at 11 o'clock. He will be a guest of Dr. Upperman at a luncheon to be given at noon at the Hotel Shanks.

Besides being director of Peabody Dr. Roemer is chairman of the Southern Association of College and Secondary Schools. All teachers are urged to be present, and Dr. Upperman said that he desired the presence of all school officials and members of the Putnam County Court.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 7 February 1935

BAXTER SEMINARY OFFERED NEW FUND IN DRIVE FOR CASH

Each Dollar Raised in County To be Matched With Two More:

LEADERS ENTHUSIASTIC

Promise of wider expansion and a greater service to the people it serves has been given by Baxter Seminary through its president, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, who has announced an offer by interested friends who have pledged \$2 to each \$1 raised in Putnam county, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

The drive for funds has been started, and friends and leaders of the school are enthusiastic over the plan and have pledged their solid support in creating the fund.

Hundreds of friends of the school, interested in the type of education the school gives, are working now and it has been indicated the fund will be reached. The Lions Club at its regular meeting Monday night appointed a committee to aid Dr. Upperman in furthering the drive.

Hold Special Chapel:

The matter was thoroughly discussed and announced at a special meeting at chapel exercises at Baxter Friday morning. Representatives of more than twenty organizations spoke in favor of the plan, and urged the consolidation of effort to make it go through to success.

Students have been offered an incentive to aid in the drive by a reward of \$5 to go to the student who individually secures the greatest amount of money, and friends have offered to add \$25 to the funds of the class that raises the largest amount before July 1.

With W. J. Huddleston as general chairman of the student drive, a "flying squadron" has been organized with representatives of each organization and group in the school taking part. A tube of thermometers made by the students in the Trade school will show comparatively the amount of cash raised, and will keep interest person in close touch with the drive as it progresses. Miss E. P. Hill will act as treasurer of the campaign.

Dr. Upperman is in his twelfth year as president of Baxter Seminary, and during his occupancy in the chair the school has made great strides toward higher educational standards in Middle Tennessee. Baxter Seminary has held up throughout the depression, and has grown every year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 August 1935

BAXTER SEMINARY TO OPEN AUGUST 19TH

Baxter Seminary will open for the school year of 1935-36 on Monday at 9:30 a.m., August 19th. All students should report to the Dean of the school at Pfeiffer Hall to make their entrance arrangements and receive their room assignments.

A great deal of thought and care have been taken in building the program for the coming year and it is believed that a great advance step in the life of the school, in better classroom work, and in all activities will be made throughout the year. The student body will be glad to know that the lockers for which they worked last year, are now installed and are ready for use. Students should come prepared to pay the expenses incident to the beginning of their classes, in order to enroll promptly. Parents and friends of students and all patrons of the school will receive a cordial welcome on the opening day.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 August 1935

Baxter Seminary entered upon its twenty-sixth year Monday morning, with prospects of rendering the best year of service and educational opportunity it has been able to render since it was founded. With the splendid buildings and equipment, and faculty of competent Christian men and women, as teacher, the school insures a through training of heart, head and hand.

A number of ministers and friends of the school from Baxter and elsewhere, were present at 9:30 for the opening of the institution. It was pronounced the best opening the school has witnessed. Not only the town, but other communities were represented for the formal opening exercises. The very ideals for which the school stands were stressed by the ministers from the chapel platform.

Those on the program included Rev. W. J. Fesmire, Rev. J. D. Harris, Squire W. S. Swallows, Rev. B. W. Covington, Rev. J. A. Harris and Rev. J. F. Neville.

Concluding the program Dr. Upperman announced that he was dedicating the entire year's work to Miss Anna M. Gibson, who died recently. He declared that this Christian lady had done so much in a financial way to save the school during the past 10 years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

23 April 1936

BAXTER SEMINARY TO HAVE BACCALAUREATE SERVICES SUNDAY:

All alumni and former students of Baxter Seminary are asked to take notice of the fact that the Alumni Dinner will take place at Ivy Hall at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday night, April 25. The business meeting of the alumni will be held at three o'clock the same afternoon.

The baccalaureate service will be held at Pfeiffer Hall on Sunday morning, April 26th at ten o'clock. Dr. Horace Sprague, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Louisville, Kentucky, will preach the sermon to the graduating class, their parents, friends and patrons of the school. At three o'clock in the afternoon, of Sunday, April 26th, Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville, will speak in Pfeiffer Hall.

Monday, April 27th is class day. The juniors will give their class program at ten o'clock, and the senior class exercises will occur at 2 o'clock, both being in Pfeiffer Hall.

Monday evening at 7:30 the senior class play will be given. It is entitled "The Valley of Ghosts." Admission will be 25 cents and 15 cents.

Tuesday, April 28th is Commencement Day, Dr. Bruce R. Payne and Dr. Joseph Roemer, both of Peabody College, will be the speakers. The exercises will begin at ten o'clock and will be held in Pfeiffer Hall. At that time prizes, honors and merits will be awarded and Bibles and diplomas presented to the graduates. There are forty-seven seniors.

Parents and friends of the graduates and of the student body, patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited and urged to be present at all the exercises of Commencement Days. The President and Faculty and students appreciate the cooperation of the community and all friends in making the closing school year a success.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 November 1936.

BAXTER SEMINARY DORMITORY BURNS: Damage Estimated at \$10,000 Only Partially Covered By Insurance:

The boy's dormitory and contents at Baxter Seminary were destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

The fire was discovered when the boys returned to the building after eating breakfast in the dining hall in the girls dormitory.

The damage estimated at \$10,000 was partially covered by insurance, it is understood.

The new John W. Lowe trades department building has been fitted up with beds for the Baxter Seminary boys who were routed out of the dormitory, Patton Hall, by the fire.

Harry L. Upperman, president of the school, and other officials hope for a new dormitory soon.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 December 1936

Willie Marcum Obt.

b. 25 February 1918, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 December 1936, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Sidney Marcum & Sarah Gentry.**

Funeral services were held Sunday for Willie Marcum, 18, who was instantly killed when a burning tree fell on him, breaking his neck, while he and several others were fighting a forest fire three miles northwest of Silver Point Saturday.

Marcum was a junior high school student at **Baxter Seminary.**

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Sidney Marcum, and two sisters, Mrs. Nero Steel and Mrs. William Bozarth.

The funeral service at the family cemetery near Silver Point was conducted by the Rev. Trobough, assisted by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

26 August 1937

BAXTER SEMINARY OPENS NEXT MONDAY: The opening days of Baxter Seminary will be Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31.

“On Monday the registration officers will be open to all students who will live in the dormitories and to those students who live within a mile of the Seminary,” states Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of the

school. "Students who have made their plans to live in the dormitories should register in the office of the dean in Pheiffer Hall on Monday, where they will receive their room assignments. The new boys' dormitory is completed and ready to be occupied. The first meal in the boarding hall will be served Monday night. Students who live within a mile of the Seminary should register for their classes between nine and twelve Monday morning or from one to three in the afternoon."

On Tuesday all day students who come from a distance greater than one mile from the Seminary should plan to register for their classes beginning at eight o'clock in the morning. At that time the schedule of classes will be worked out and the organization of classes begun," Dr. Upperman said.

Parents and friends of the students are cordially invited to attend the opening of the school in Pheiffer Hall at 9:30 on Tuesday morning.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 December 1937

Baxter Student Is Killed Accidentally:

Ralph Waller, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oplus Waller of near Baxter and sophomore at Baxter Seminary, was found dead near his home Saturday, apparently the victim of a hunting accident.

Young Waller had started squirrel hunting and had gone only a short distance from the house when the accident happened. The parents heard the report of the gun and saw the boy lying on the ground. It is believed the gun was accidentally fired as the boy walked along swinging the weapon. The discharge took effect in the chest, killing him instantly.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Jim Roberson. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, a younger sister, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ellar James.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 January 1938

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Dr. Samuel H. Thompson, who is in charge of Indian affairs for the United States Government, and who was the Commissioner of Education for the State of Tennessee a number of years ago, spoke in chapel on Monday, the 10th. He gave the students a very clear picture of the work being done among the Indians, especially along lines of education. Not until he spoke was it realized that there are so many Indians existing in America and that they are so widely scattered over the nation.

Bishop and Mrs. Wallace E. Brown of Chattanooga, and Dr. Ezra M. Cox of Philadelphia, who represents the Board of Home Missions and Church extension of the Methodist Church, visited Baxter Seminary on Monday, where they spoke to the student body. They also conducted a meeting for the ministers of this district, and presented the nation-wide work of the Church in an evening service on Monday night.

Following is the honor roll for the past six weeks and also for the semester:

Six Weeks – A list – Ora Mae Bean, Dorothy Hughes. B list – Edith Askew, Dimple Jones, Joe Rhea Patton, Ruth _____, Virgil Flatt, Bobby Tittsworth. C list – Phyllis Bain, Benton Bullington, Jean Julian, Dimple Maddux, Myrtle White, Berchie Massa, Myrtle Maxwell, Lorraine Nash, Dorothy Pinkston, Ethel Stamps. Lionel Johnson, Clifford Wallace, Nancy Grace, Hazel Minton, Robert Resmire, Bobbie Grace, Catherine Gentry, Annie Dale Jones, Gertrude Palmer.

Semester – B list – Edith Askew, Ora Mae Bean, Dorothy Hughes, Dimple Jones, Joe Rhea Patton, Bobby Tittsworth, Bobby Grace, Robert Fesmire. C list – Benton Bullington, Phyllis Bain, Jean Julian, Dimple Maddux, Frances Maddux, Myrtle White; Lorraine Nash, Ethel Stamps, Virgil Flatt, Lionel Johnson, Clifford Wallace, Nancy Grace, Hazel Minton.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 17 February 1938

DR. UPPERMAN ACCEPTS NEBRASKA WESLEYAN POST:

Baxter Seminary Head Is Named Chancellor of University.

At Seminary 15 Years.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, who has been appointed chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb., spoke at the Putnam county teachers association in Cookeville Saturday morning saying that he had accepted the position and would make his first appearance at the University in Nebraska, February 16. He has been named chancellor for a ten-year term and will be inaugurated next fall. He succeeds Dr. E. Guy Cutshall, who resigned.

Dr. Upperman will continue to serve as president of Baxter Seminary until the close of the present school term. He expressed his regret on leaving Baxter, but said that he was taking the position after three times refusing to leave the Seminary.

A native of Baltimore, Dr. Upperman was educated at Syracuse University. When he came to Baxter Seminary fifteen years ago, the school had only 37 pupils and a plant valued at \$35,000. The school now has an enrollment of 250 students and two dormitories, a new administration building, industrial arts building, and \$18,000 gymnasium, football field, two tennis courts, a large dairy barn, several hundred acres have been bought and the school has a plant valued at \$210,000. The school has no debts and during the past year an endowment fund of \$100,000 was established. The modern water system now under construction has also been paid for.

Dr. Upperman's contacts over the nation have resulted in frequent contributions towards maintenance and development of the school.

Dr. Upperman has made an excellent record as president of the Seminary and deserves credit for the building and development of that institution.

He is a former president of the Putnam County Teachers Association having served two years in that capacity.

Dr. Upperman is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Shriner and a member of the Lions and Rotatary clubs.

DR. UPPERMAN'S REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BAXTER SEMINARY:

In an interview with Dr. Harry L. Upperman, Tuesday, Dr. Upperman stated that he has to be out of town for three days to a weeks speaking engagement made several months ago, plus a sudden request engagement.

In regard to his call to the Chancellorship of Nebraska Wesleyan University of Lincoln, NB, Dr. Upperman requested the editor of this paper to permit him the privilege of writing a public letter to the many good friends of Baxter Seminary all over this county, who so kindly wired him relative to this call. This letter should appear in an early issue of the Herald.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 17 February 1938

BAXTER CITIZENS ENDEAVORING TO KEEP DR. UPPERMAN:

BAXTER – Citizens of this area are making an effort to induce Dr. Harry L. Upperman to continue as president of Baxter Seminary, instead of going to Nebraska Wesleyan University as chancellor, to which post he has been elected.

The Alumni association, student body and faculty of Baxter Seminary have appealed to Dr. Upperman to remain here, as have also the school's board of trustees, the grammar school faculty here, business men, lodges, Rotary and Lions clubs and the Central Tennessee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Petitions bearing signatures of more than 1,000 persons are being presented to Dr. Upperman and sent to the church board of education at Chicago. Dr. Upperman has received telegrams from Baxter and Cookeville officials and from other Putnam county leaders urging him to reconsider and continue at the helm of the Baxter Institution.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 24 February 1938

ROTARY CLUB VOTES DR. HARRY L. UPPERMAN A LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Seminary President States That He Had Definitely Decided To Accept New Post:

Last night, at its regular weekly meeting, the Cookeville Rotary Club accorded to one of its members, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, a hearty testimonial of its affection for him and of its appreciation of his fifteen years of service and achievement as President of Baxter Seminary.

At the conclusion of the club's weekly supper, the regular order being dispensed with, President Gideon H. Lowe called upon Judge E. H. Boyd to speak in behalf of the entire club membership concerning their appreciation of the contribution which Dr. Upperman has made to the educational, religious and civic welfare of Putnam county, and of the affection entertained for him by his fellow Rotarians.

At the conclusion of Judge Boyd's address, which was a feeling tribute to Dr. Upperman and to his fifteen years of untiring and constructive service as President of Baxter Seminary, upon motion of Henry Foster, Dr. Upperman was accorded, by the unanimous vote of the club, the highest honor within the gift of the Cookeville Rotary Club, that of honorary life membership in the club.

To the expression, by his fellow Rotarians, of their personal esteem for him and appreciation of his work, Dr. Upperman responded in a most feeling manner. During the course of his remarks he stated that after much consideration, he had definitely determined to accept his election to the Chancellorship of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, at Lincoln, NB, but that he would continue with Baxter Seminary until July. He invited the club to be his supper guests in the near future, and to attend the Baxter Seminary commencement in a body, and also to attend his inauguration as Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Dr. Upperman spoke with confidence concerning the continued growth and future development and usefulness of Baxter Seminary.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 10 March 1938

SPECIAL GUESTS OF BAXTER SEMINARY:

A dinner was given on Thursday night at Baxter Seminary, honoring Colonel Harry S. Berry, State Administrator of the WPA. His special guests, including William H. Wall, attended the dinner as did also

members of the Rotary Club, the Reserve Officers Club the Board of Trustees of Baxter Seminary, the County Board of Education, the Faculty of the Seminary and the students living in the dormitories. After the dinner the guests attended the courtesy basketball game between the Agriculture and Trades Departments, played at seven o'clock in the gymnasium, at which time Colonel Berry spoke. The student body of the Seminary, the Faculty of Baxter Grammar School and everybody who worked in any way in building the gymnasium, the athletic field and grounds, were also guests at the game.

Colonel Berry and his friends were the over-night guests of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

5 May 1938

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT BAXTER SEMINARY START TUES.

The commencement activities for Baxter Seminary will take place during the week of May 10th to 17th. In a very beautiful initiation service five members of the senior class: Ora Mae Bean, Edith Askew, Dorothy Hughes, Phyllis Bain, and John Henry Buckner, will become members of the Nation Honor Society, being presented with keys of that organization. Their election to this group is based upon their achievements in character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

On May 13th the fourth annual spring music festival will be presented by the glee clubs, and the occasion will draw alumni and patrons of the school from many neighboring communities. The glee clubs, since the inception of the music festival four years ago, have grown from a membership of twenty to one of nearly forty selected voices. Each successive year the standard of performance has been raised, and more lovers of good music have been attracted to the event. The clubs are directed by Miss Constance Ohlinger, head of the Music Department at Baxter Seminary. The occasion is outstanding at Baxter Seminary, not only for its music, but for the beauty of the setting, as the clubs strive to make the festival appeal to both ear and eye. The program will feature not only both glee club, but also smaller ensembles, in compositions by Speaks, Hahn, Brahe, Seitz, Lemare, and Lehar.

The festival will take place in Pfeiffer Hall, at eleven-thirty o'clock. Tickets will be fifteen and twenty cents.

Saturday, May 14, is Alumni Day when the largest group of alumni and former students ever assembled for this occasion will gather for the banquet and to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Upperman for their immeasurable service of the past fifteen years.

There will be a business meeting of the alumni at 4 o'clock in Ivy Hall, and it is hoped that all alumni and former students will visit about the campus and among themselves as they desire throughout the afternoon. The alumni dinner will be served in the dining hall at 6 o'clock that evening. The price of this dinner is 50 cents a plate, and all alumni and former students who wish to attend should reserve their places before May 10th by sending a card stating that fact to the office.

On Sunday morning, May 15th, Dr. William J. Davison of the Methodist Board of Education in Chicago will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon in Pfeiffer Hall.

On Monday, May 16th, the Junior and senior classes will hold their class day exercises in the chapel, the junior class day being at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, and the senior class day being at 1:30 in the afternoon.

On Monday night the annual senior class play, "The Man From Nowhere," will be presented at 7:30 in Pfeiffer Hall. Seats may be reserved at a price of 30 cents; general admission is 15 cents and 25 cents.

On Tuesday, May 17th, the commencement exercises will take place in Pfeiffer Hall at 10:30 o'clock President Q. M. Smith, of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, will deliver the address. There are thirty-four

seniors to be presented with diplomas and Bible. Several medals, prizes, honors, and merits will also be given out. Seats will be reserved on this occasion also as they are at the Baccalaureate sermon.

During the present school year a great many much needed improvements have taken place. Ever since the erection of Pfeiffer Hall and the transference of the school into that new building there has been a great need for remodeling and improving the old building which has since been used as a girl's dormitory. During this year the rooms and furniture have been painted, new floor covering has transformed the appearance of the halls, the dining hall and kitchen have been refinished, an adequate cold storage space has been installed, and the social hall has been completely rebuilt and refurnished. All of this work has been done by the boys in the Trades School under the direction of Mr. Claude Garrison. Old furniture was secured, reworked and repainted so that it looks like new and then used to furnish the social hall.

Through the kindness of a friend of the school, a large number of new and very beautiful pictures have also been placed upon the walls which greatly add to the attractiveness of the building. The latest project of the Trades School is a beautiful drinking fountain being erected on the campus in front of Pfeiffer Hall to be known as the Anna M. Gibson Memorial Fountain.

About twenty-five members of the Baxter Chapter of the Future Farmers of America attended the state convention in Nashville last week. There are six thousand boys who are members of the State Future Farmers' organization. Mr. John Henry Buckner, the president of the senior class at Baxter Seminary, was one of twenty-six boys to receive the State Farmer Degree.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 September 1938

BAXTER SEMINARY HAS 282 ENROLLED:

Baxter Seminary has opened for the coming school year with an enrollment of 282 students, by far the largest number in the history of the school. The opening program took the form of a special thanksgiving service because of the return of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman to take up the presidency, and begin with the singing of the Doxology, followed by a prayer by Rev. J. A. Harris.

The Seminary welcomes to the faculty Mr. E. J. Robinson who comes to take the place of Mr. W. N. Pirkle; also Mr. Robinson's wife and their daughter, Mary Margaret.

The Orientation Program, which followed the opening of school, in charge of the members of the National Honor Society, was felt to be a distinct advantage to freshmen in helping them to get the right start in their high school life.

Rev. John O. Ensor, who is conducting revival services at the church during this week, is bringing some very helpful messages to the student body each morning in chapel, which are greatly appreciated.

One of the greatest ovations ever given anyone was given to Dr. and Mrs. Upperman when they returned to the chapel service the first time on Monday morning.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

13 October 1938

Dr. Harry Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, has been named as executive chairman of the secondary school section of the National Stewardship convention, which will be held in Chicago, November 13. Some of the leading educators and ministers of the nation will appear on the program.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

9 February 1939

SEMINARY ANNUAL STAFF IS ELECTED:

The editorial staff of The Highlander, school annual of Baxter Seminary has been elected for the year as follows:

Editor-in-chief, Miss Norine Bruce; assistant, Miss Ethel Stamps; business manager, James Austin; assistant, Harding Gentry; editor of class organizations, Miss Loraine Nash; editor of club organizations, Miss Robbie Denny; sports editor, Byrd Ashburn; art editor, Howard Roberts; typists, Leonard Nixon and Miss Frances Herrin and sponsor, H. H. Payne.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

16 February 1939

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

On Sunday morning a quartet from the Baxter Seminary Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Constance Ohlinger, furnished special music at the Methodist church in Livingston where Dr. Harry L. Upperman spoke at the Young people meeting. The group were royally entertained by the Livingston young people and returned with much enthusiasm for the work there.

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman attended the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Noel Hotel on Thursday of this week, where they presented information on the work of Baxter Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. John Wengatz, of Rome, NY, who have spent many years as missionaries in Africa and who are now home on a furlough and will soon return to their work in Africa visited the Seminary on Tuesday and for over an hour spoke in a way that thrilled their audience, of their many and various experiences in their missionary work.

A most interesting demonstration of television was given by Mahlon Cain and Mr. Davis of the American Television Institution in Chicago.

In a special chapel service Monday the basketball team was honored for winning the Upper Cumberland Championship. They are playing in the Regional Tournament this week, at Lebanon.

Professor John Meadows of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute gave an address on the value of the study of foreign languages in chapel on Monday.

The Seminary Glee Clubs thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute chapel service last week. they especially mentioned the fine spirit of the audience which inspired them to do their best in presenting the program. They will broadcast a program over WLAC on March 18th.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman has been made a fellow in the Institute of American Genealogy. This election is based upon research work which he has done in connection with the history of the Baxter family.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

13 April 1939

SEMINARY HOLDS ANNUAL LABOR DAY PROGRAM:

Many People Were Guests of The School During The Day:

MAJOR SMITH SPEAKER –

The Second Annual Labor Day Demonstration was held at Baxter Seminary on Wednesday, April 4th Activities of the morning were given over to the various academic departments, and the program opened in the chapel at Pfeiffer Hall with a group of songs by the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Constance

Ohlinger. This was followed by several selections by the band. This band, directed by Albert Brogdon, has been organized but a few weeks, and both the director and the band are to be most highly commended for their accomplishments in this short time.

The library Department, directed by Miss Marjorie Kanable, presented a pantomime from "Tom Sawyer," a Book Character Parade, and explained the cataloguing of a book. Miss Mabel Hendrix, assisted by Miss Vada Richardson of the Home Economics Department, presented the girls of the freshman class in a fashion parade.

The value of Latin was demonstrated in a miscellaneous group of activities by the first year students, the dramatization of a Latin story by three boys, and the singing of two well-known songs, in Latin. Following this the French classes, directed by Miss Ohlinger presented a scene in French – "M-Julian est malade."

The Department of English under the direction of Miss Clinton Reed and Miss Anna Ruth Morley, dramatized parts of "Silas Marner" and gave a talk on "Folklore," illustrated by Vernice Ragsdale, who impersonated "Uncle Remus" and sang to a group of the faculty children who gathered around him.

The high point of the morning came when Major Rutledge Smith, of Nashville, addressed the audience, taking as his subject, "The Dignity of Labor," using personal experiences, he showed how it is possible for a young person to really accomplish what he wills to accomplish, closing with the thought that he who thinks he can, can.

About forty guests joined the faculty and students at the lunch hour in the dining hall. The lunch was prepared and served by students under the direction of Miss Edith Askew and Miss Tommy Rogers, graduates of the Seminary and now dietitians of the boarding hall.

Representing the Dramatic Club, Miss Christine Nash gave a reading "Tom Sawyer's Love Affair," and the afternoon was filled with many contests representing all types of labor carried on daily at the school.

Many friends were the guests of the school during the day, the ministers of Baxter were hosts of the occasion and did much to aid in making the day a success. Claude Garrison, head of the John W. Lowe Trade School and Dean of Labor, directed the entire Labor Day Program. He was assisted by W. D. Prickett, W. J. Huddleston, Miss Ethelyn P. Hill and Miss Clinton Reed; all members of the faculty took charge of various parts of the program. The Labor Day Program is an annual event designed to show patrons and friends of the school just what Baxter Seminary is doing in training young people and giving them a chance to learn and earn.

The faculty attended the State Teachers Association in Nashville last week-end. Many students took advantage of the vacation to visit their homes.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 April 1939

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

The B Letter Club Dinner, held on Friday night, was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Miss Ruth Grace was elected President for the coming year, Eugene Boyd, vice-president; Mrs. J. T. Johnson, secretary and treasurer. A committee for the purpose of working out a plan of inducting new members into the club in the years to come, was appointed. This committee consists of V. D. Nunally, Elise Dunavin, and Ruth Lee Saddler. The students who reach a certain standard in literary activities, athletic, and public musical events, are eligible to election to the B Letter Club.

On Saturday, Misses Loraine Nash, Myrtle Maxwell, Robbie Denny, Ethel Stamps, and Marion McMaster, attended the Girl Reserve Conference held at the Junior High School in Lebanon where they had an opportunity of meeting over seventy-five other Girl Reserves. Miss Elizabeth Herrin, the National Registered Girl Reserve Secretary, Mrs. Helen McCandless, Secretary of the Kentucky District of the Girl

Reserve, assisted by Miss Esther Morrison, conducted a most interesting and entertaining program of games, songs, discussion groups, and conferences. The Seminary group had charge of the devotional period.

On Monday night ten girls represented both groups of the Y.W.C.A. at the Southern Regional Conference of the Y.W.C.A held at Scarritt College in Nashville.

The National Honor Society was greatly honored on Saturday night by having as their guests at the Annual Dinner, President and Mrs. J. M. Smith of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. President Smith gave a most inspiring address, emphasizing the value of building up a good record in the matters of character, leadership, and scholarship. Among the alumni who were able to return for this event, the Society was glad to have present Mrs. Howard Seymour of Camas, WA. New members inducted into the Society were: Misses Myrtle Maxwell, Ethel Stamps, Loraine Nash, Mr. Joe Rhea Patton, Mr. Byrd Ashburn, and Mr. James Anderson.

On last Friday word was received of the death of Mr. Henry Pfeiffer of New York City, after whom Pfeiffer Hall is named. The Seminary deeply regrets the loss of this great friend, and Dr. Upperman left immediately to attend the funeral, which prevented him from being present at either the B-Letter Banquet or the National Honor Society, both of which he was sorry to miss.

The faculty and students of Baxter Seminary were greatly honored on Monday evening by a visit from the members of the Lions Club of Cookeville. A very fine dinner was prepared and served by students. Following the dinner many addresses by members of the Club and by Faculty and students of Baxter Seminary were delivered, after which the business session was held. The meeting was in charge of Mr. P. V. Overall.

Honor Roll Second Six Weeks:

A grade – Virgil Flatt.

B grade – Joe Rhea Patton, Frances Herrin, Berchie Massa, Ethel Stamps, Nancy Grace, Robert Fesmire, Martha Bussell, Christine Farris, Mary Jo Law, Gertrude Palmer, Freeman Waddell, Meunice Holden, Louise Medley, Cleo Nash, Ruby Plunkett, and Mary Ruth Sherrell.

Honorable Mention – James Anderson, Howard Roberts, Norene Bruce, Stella Clemons, Robbie Denny, Lola Hickey, J. T. Askew, Clifford Wallace, Cornelia Bartlett, Sue Duke, Florence Dyer, Nelda Martin, Lloyd Maxell, Tavic Clemons, Corda Steele, Ollie Steele, Ann Medley, Alva Sue Stamps, Lillian Pearl Thomas, and Etta Dean Whitehead.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 May 1939

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

The annual reception of the Junior Class to the Seniors and Faculty was given on Saturday night, May 6th. It was a very beautiful and unique reception, being worked out after the order of a journey on a ship. The invitations were in the form of a ship, requesting all to be on deck at the proper time. The guests entered the reception over a gang plank, and the program was carried out under sailing orders. Each guest was given a shiplog with which to keep a record of the “voyage.” The table decorations were small anchors, tiny ships, and life-savers, while the windows had been arranged to look like portholes.

A great deal of credit is due the Junior Class and their two sponsors, Miss Elsa Bowden and Mr. W. D. Prickett.

A meeting was held on Saturday night, at Pfeiffer Hall, of the Putnam County Farm Bureau. About one hundred farm men, women, and young people attended. The program was celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the agricultural extension work in America. The principal speaker was Mr. H. S. Nichols,

Assistant Director of the Agricultural Extension work in Tennessee. Talks were made by various farmers who co-operated with the county agent in starting the extension program in Putnam County twenty-five years ago. Following the program, the group was lead in a number of games by Mr. John Primm of the Extension Office at Nashville. Refreshments were served by some of the Farm Bureau ladies.

All the Alumni and former students who are planning to attend the Alumni Banquet of May 20th are very definitely urged to send their reservations to the office of the Seminary, as that they will be in the office by Mary 17th. This is necessary in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for taking care of all who wish to attend. It is hoped than many, many alumni and former students will attend.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

13 July 1939

ANNIVERSARY OF DR. UPPERMAN'S RETURN TO BE OBSERVED AT SEMINARY:

September 10th will be the first anniversary of the return of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman to Baxter Seminary after they had accepted a call to the Chancellorship of Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln, Nebraska. At the time they returned a year ago, a number of friends suggested that it would be most fitting to observe the anniversary of that day each year by a fitting services of appreciation. In accordance with that suggestion the Board of Trustees of the Seminary early this year officially set aside that day as a "Day of Thanksgiving Personal Consecration and Sacrificial Giving." Following up this action the entire community has decided to join in union services on Sunday morning, September 10, at 11 o'clock, to be held in the chapel of Pfeiffer Hall.

The following program will be carried out: Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I have;" Scripture lesson, Rev. J. A. Harris; prayer, Rev. Houghton. J. A. Harris will speak in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman on the behalf of the community, and Chester Patton will speak in the name of the schools. These talks will be followed by a song, "Give of Your Best to the Master;" Prof. J. M. Hatfield of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute will give the principal address of the morning. Mrs. Lawrence Grace will speak works of appreciation from the community to Mrs. Upperman. Dr. Upperman will speak briefly in response to the various talks and the services will close with the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." The purpose of the entire program is to show gratitude of friends far and wide for the continuance of Baxter Seminary under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman, and at the same time emphasizing very definitely the need of personal consecration on the part of all concerned to the Kingdom of God and the advancement of righteousness.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman and of Baxter Seminary, are not only most cordially invite, but are definitely urged to make a special effort to be present to take part in this service of thanksgiving and consecration on that day, and it is hoped that many friends from other places as well as from the immediate community, will be present.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 August 1939

ENGLISH ARTIST VISITS DR. UPPERMAN AT BAXTER:

James Bould, artist and dramatic critic of Manchester, England, was the guest of Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary last week.

Bould has been in America since July and will sail for his homeland the latter part of this month. He and Dr. Upperman met on the Steamship Bremen in July, 1937, when they were enroute from England to America.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 August 1939

ANNIVERSARY OF DR. AND MRS. UPPERMAN'S RETURN TO BE OBSERVED SUNDAY:

The return of Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman to Baxter Seminary which occurred September 10, 1938, will be celebrated in an anniversary service to be held in the Pfeiffer Hall auditorium at Baxter Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A worship service on the theme of "Thanksgiving Personal Consecration and Sacrificial Giving." Will be held, with J. M. Hatfield of the T.P.I. faculty giving the principal address.

All friends of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman and of Baxter Seminary are invited to attend the service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 November 1939

BAXTER SEMINARY HEALTH HOUSE TO BE D.A.R. PROJECT:

State Chapter to Erect Memorial In 50th Anniversary Year:

COMPLETE UNIT BY 1941

The state chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in session last week at Knoxville, adopted plans for establishment of a Health House, or clinic, at Baxter Seminary as the Jubilee Project of the organization for 1940.

Adoption of the proposed project was by a unanimous vote of the state body after it was selected by the state board at a recent meeting from a list of projects submitted by chapters throughout the state. The building will be a memorial to the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the D.A.R. in Tennessee.

Mrs. Robert W. Lowe, chairman of the resolutions committee made the motion to adopt the project and Mrs. J. Lee Epperson, regent of the Old Walton Road Chapter, seconded the motion.

The corner stone of the central unit of the building will be laid next March. The unit will be completed early in 1941. Plans call for erection of wings on both sides of the central unit.

A large portion of the labor will be furnished by students of the Baxter Seminary trades school. Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of the school, has announced. Equipment for many of the rooms has already been pledged, Dr. Upperman said.

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman attended the meeting at Knoxville and Dr. Upperman outlined the program and needs of the school, which is on the approved list of the D.A.R. in an address before the convention.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 January 1940

BAXTER SEMINARY TO HAVE FAMOUS ARTIST AS GUEST INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. John T. Morgan, artist, will be guest instructor at Baxter Seminary for two weeks, beginning January 21, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president has announced.

Dr. Morgan comes to the school under the auspices of the Conference of Southern Mountain Worker, with offices at Berea College, Berea, KY.

Dr. Morgan will teach volunteer students several types of sketching, painting and basic work. He will also set up a stained glass window depicting life at the school. This window is to be done with the aid of student and teacher committee.

Classes in folk games and music, in the manufacture of shepherds pipes and various other crafts will also be included in the schedule.

Dr. Morgan has had many years experience in the building of stained glass windows, having worked with the master of the craft, Dr. Swanney of Chicago. Three of Dr. Morgan's windows were displayed at the Chicago World Fair and another is in place at the Methodist Headquarters Building in Chicago.

It is planned that students who take his course will furnish churches at Baxter with a series of stained windows.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 January 1940

NEWS OF BAXTER SEMINARY

Dr. Harry Upperman was guest speaker for the college day program at Donelson Methodist church on January 14.

Dr. Upperman's address stressed the vital benefits derived from a co-educational, Christian, and vocational school such as Baxter Seminary.

At the Sunday school hour, Dr. Upperman gave a brief history of the Seminary, and an outline of the work of the school to the women's Bible class at McKendree Methodist church in Nashville. Miss Meunice Holden, a sophomore, spoke briefly from a student's point of view. Mrs. Upperman also represented Baxter Seminary at the class.

LBION COLLEGE BIBLE TEACHER TO BE GUEST OF BAXTER SEMINARY:

Dr. Frederic S. Goodrich of Albion College, Albion, MI, will be guest speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, which will be observed at Baxter Seminary during the week of February 8 to 14. Miss Ethlyn Hill, dean, announced today.

Dr. Goodrich, Professor Emeritus of the English Bible at Albion College, will speak each day at the chapel hour and will conduct all Bible classes. He will also conduct a series of private conferences on personal and religious problems with students and any others who may wish to see him during conference hours.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 February 1940

BAXTER SEMINARY:

Elsewhere in this edition of the Herald will be found the resolution passed by the State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 2, 1939, endorsing unanimously the erection of a Health House in connection with Baxter Seminary and placing it ahead of all proposed projects as the Golden Jubilee objective of the State organization for 1940.

This worthy and commendable project originated with the Old Walton Road Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, but was readily accepted by the State Chapter as its main objective in 1940. The Herald herein commends the movement to the fullest extent and has dedicated this edition to the promotion of such a worthy cause.

We remember very well when the Seminary was established at Baxter in 1906 and have since been aware of its early struggles for very existence. We appreciate what it has done for the Baxter section of our county and for this whole Upper Cumberland section in raising the standard of living and promoting the cause of education for the boys and girls of these mountain counties. When Dr. Harry L. Upperman, its efficient and enterprising president, came with the institution in 1923, business really began to pick up. He has wrought wonders since he has been its head, bringing it up from an unknown church or private school with no building or facilities of consequence, to a nationally known Christian school, recognized as a

worthy member of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. This year the student body has reached 325 with boys and girls from more than twenty counties of the Upper Cumberland section and with a commensurate faculty teaching a course that ranks among the best.

All during this depression when many schools were suffering and in many instances closing for lack of funds, Dr. Upperman turned up with propositions of friends from all sections of the nation whom he had sold on the school, to match or double every dollars that he could raise from any other source and by this means has been enabled to continue his building program, and now has a well rounded institution capable of housing and teaching more than 300 students, in fundamental and cultural subjects and offering trades and vocational training in many occupations.

Not that he is through or considers this Health House as the completion of his program. Oh, no! He and all his friends and associates appreciate this recognition by the State Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, as an approved school and their sponsorship of this much needed Health House, but consider it as the beginning of a new era, a most important milestone in the life of the institution. It is Dr. Upperman's dream to make Baxter Seminary a combination of both Martha Berry and Berea, so that both boys and girls without funds may obtain an education and learn a trade, fitting them for some worthy vocation that will carry them though a new and elevated future.

The laying of the corner stone of the Health House is scheduled for March 6, at 2:30 p.m., with the State Regent, Mrs. Walter Berry, of Memphis, officiating and delivering the principal address. We trust a large crowd of Cookeville and other interested citizens will be present and that every effort will be made to show our appreciation of what is being done for this most worthy school.

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29 February 1940

ACHIEVEMENT DAY TO BE HELD ON MARCH 6 AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Baxter Seminary's annual Achievement Day will be held on Wednesday, March 6, the date to coincide with the breaking of ground and the sealing of the cornerstone for the D.A.R. Health House. The program will begin at 8:30 Wednesday morning and will continue throughout the day.

The purpose of the program is to show "Baxter Seminary on Parade." Visitors at the school on this occasion will have an opportunity to gain an insight into the working of all phases of school life at the institution, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president has announced.

A committee from the Seminary faculty named to arrange the day's program, includes, Claude B. Garrison, chairman; W. D. Prickett, W. J. Huddleston, Miss Clinton Reed, Miss Dorothy Adcock and Miss Lola Fenn.

Honor Winners:

Special honors will go to the following students:

D.A.R. representative, Miss Nancy Grace; A-students for first semester, Miss Meunice Holden and Miss Louise Medley; B-students for first semester, James Alcorn, Charles Gentry and Leland Holland; best all-round boy athlete, Bill Lee; best all-round girl athlete, Miss Wanda Smith; most cooperative girls in Ivy Hall, Miss Holden, first, Miss Ann Blake, second; outstanding in girls' work for regularity, initiative and reliability, Misses Holden, Blake.

BAXTER SEMINARY ORGANIZATIONS:

The Y.M.C.A strives to help the boys of Baxter Seminary learn how to live better in the dormitory and to form the proper outlook on life. Meetings are held bi-weekly and programs are planned to include different members on each program. Guest speakers speak on some phase of life's work that interest each member.

Each spring a meeting is held in the open featuring a special farewell address by Rev. J. A. Harris.

The Association is under the leadership of Robert Walker, president; Glynn hale, vice-president and Robert Fesmire, secretary. Mr. Johnson was selected as sponsor.

ALPHA ALPHA LITERAY SOCIETY:

The Alpha Alpha Literary Society was organized in the Seminary fourteen years ago to train students in leadership, public speaking, organization, cooperation and initiative.

Throughout the year contests are held between the literary societies; at present, the Alpha Alpha exceed the other societies by fifty-five points.

The society meets every two weeks. Officers are chosen each semester. The present ones are:

President - Nancy Grace.
Vice-President – Mary Jo Law.
Secretary – Florence Dyer.
Treasurer – Christine Nash.
Chaplain – Vernice Ragsdale.
Sponsor – Viola Rodgers.

FRESHMAN LITERARY SOCIETY:

The Freshman Literary Society was organized as a training society in speech activities. It meets every two weeks, having varied programs of debates, pantomimes, dialogs, monologs, plays, speeches, readings, and contest, in an attempt to give the students practice in speaking before a group of people.

The present officers are as follows:

President – Elizabeth Bain.
Vice-President – Gylma Johnson.
Secretary – Hazel Dyer.

Remaining contests to be held:

Boy's original oration – March 4.
Girl's original oration – March 11.
Extemporaneous speaking – March 19.

Essay, "What Baxter Seminary Means to Me" – April 1.

First place winners of the contests will compete in the district meet at Cookeville, March 30.

Y.M.C.A

The Baxter Seminary Y.M.C.A. has a membership of about a hundred girls. It is divided into two groups, one meeting in the daytime and one at night, in order to give all the girls in school an opportunity to participate. They take the lead in upholding the Christian ideals of the school and try to put these ideals into practice by working out many projects that make for happier living conditions about the school.

Zetathenian Society:

The Zetathenian Literary Society has been though the years one of the rival organizations working for forensic honors in local, district and state contests. It has a membership of about forty students. The

officers this year are Elsie Maddux, president; Effie Lou Maxwell, vice-president; Nelda Martin, secretary; Nannell Harding, treasurer; Miss Wood, sponsor.

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MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED AT BAXTER SEMINARY ON HEALTH HOUSE PROJECT:

Some of the messages are as follows:

Congratulations, Baxter Seminary on the addition of a Health House to minister to your needs. This gift, through the generosity of the D.A.R. of Tennessee will enable the Seminary to produce healthy minds and healthy bodies guided and controlled by healthy souls.

A. G. Odell, M. D., President, National Board of Trustees, Clifton, Springs, NY.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the state D.A.R. for making it possible to erect a clinic or health house at Baxter Seminary. I also congratulate Baxter Seminary and its president, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, as well as the entire Cookeville District on its erection in our midst and the work to which it will be dedicated.

John Durrett, Superintendent, Cookeville District Methodist Church.

We appreciate the decision of the D.A.R. to locate the Health House at Baxter Seminary. We need it and will do the best we can to merit it.

Sen. W. S. Swallows, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

We wish to express our appreciation to the D.A.R. for their interest in Baxter Seminary. We would rather have instilled into the lives of our children the principles for which Baxter Seminary stands than all the learning science can give without those principles.

Lawrence Grace, Treasure, Baxter Seminary

It is with pride that the citizens of Putnam County view the beginning of this important step in public health. I feel sure that it will lead to greater things for the people of the county. For that reason I congratulate Baxter Seminary and the D.A.R. on the construction of a clinic.

Dr. Fred Terry, County Health Officer

Congratulations, Baxter Seminary and congratulations D.A.R. Putnam County appreciates what you are doing at our school.

B. C. Huddleston, County Judge

The D.A.R. is undertaking a worthwhile project which will pay off in benefits through all the years to come in the erection of the Baxter Seminary Health House.

W. L. Swallows, Chairman, County Board of Education

The D.A.R. is wise in placing confidence in Baxter Seminary and Dr. Upperman. I am confident that the location of the Health House project at Baxter Seminary will serve the purpose for which it is intended.

J. M. Smith, President, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute

It is with gratitude that we see the beginning of a health house project in one of our high schools. It is my hope that the completion of the project may be successfully attained and that all the schools of our county may some day have access to a health clinic. We thank you, D.A.R.

Frank E. Adams, County Superintendent of Education.

The Baxter Seminary Alumni Association wishes to express our appreciation to the D.A.R. in locating this needed project at the school.

Earl Nash, President & Mrs. Joe Banks, Secretary.

Speaking for the citizens of Baxter, let me express the appreciation of the entire community for the interest of the D.A.R. in Baxter Seminary. The location of the Health House here will prove of lasting benefit.
W. T. Sewell, Mayor

This is one of the greatest things that has ever come to this community. No words can express our appreciation.
Dave Maxwell, President, Baxter Civic Club.

On behalf of the Baxter Grammar School faculty and student body, let me express our appreciation for the D.A.R. Health House. It will benefit us all equally.
Dallas Leftwich, Principal, Baxter Grammar School

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 April 1940 (*See Titanic and the Bateman Bible at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>)

Bible Which Belonged to Man Who Gave His Life to Save his Sister When the Titanic Sank, Now is in Baxter Seminary Library: By Albert W. Brogdon.

As far as is known, the only Bible saved from the Titanic when the great liner sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean 28 years ago Sunday, on Sunday night, April 14, 1912, which was owned by a man who gave his life that his sister might be saved, is now in the library of Baxter Seminary.

The Bible was owned by the **Rev. R. J. Bateman**, a Wesleyan minister of near Birmingham, England, who was on his way to this country to live. Mr. Bateman carried his Bible, which was an unusual book, when he took passage on the ill-fated Titanic. The book is "The Emphatic Diaglott, containing the original Greek text of the New Testament with an interlinary word for word English translation based on the interlinary translation, on the rendering of eminent critics, and on the various readings of the Vatican manuscript in the Vatican library."

The minister may have been reading from his Testament at 11:40 p.m. on that fateful Sunday night or may have already read a few passages of Scripture and retired. It is not known what may have transpired in his cabin before the giant ship struck an iceberg, but his Bible was not far from his hand, for when the passengers were summoned on deck after the collision, he carried the book with him.

A sister of the minister, a **Mrs. Wells** of Overlea, MD, who had been to England on a visit, was returning home aboard the ship. In the ensuing panic the man became separated from his sister, whom he thought had been placed in a life boat. He subsequently found a seat in a lifeboat which was ready to be rowed away from the doomed vessel when he looked back and saw his sister still aboard.

He insisted on being allowed to exchange places with her, and as he helped her into the boat, gave the Bible to her. Mrs. Wells was saved, but her heroic brother and 1,517 others went down with the ship as the band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

Dr. Upperman was told the story and was given the book by Bateman's wife, who later came to Baltimore to live. She presented the book to him during her last illness and had him sit by her bedside and pen the following inscription on the flyleaf of the Bible:

"To **Harry L. Upperman**, a gift from Mrs. Bateman as a remembrance of her husband who got up out of a rowboat as the Titanic was sinking, and gave that seat to his sister, who he though was in another boat, but who had really been left on the Titanic. Mr. Bateman got back on the Titanic and lost his life as the boat sunk."

"The drama, as I see it," Dr. Upperman declared, "was in that man, who, in the darkness of the night, knew that if he got back on that boat, he would die."

By a strange coincidence, Dr. Upperman will preach in a Baltimore church on Sunday, the 28th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, and has announced his intention of reading his text from the historic Testament.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

May 1940.

MASONS OF FIVE COUNTIES TO HOLD FESTIVAL AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

The annual St. John's Festival of masons of this district will be held at Baxter Seminary on June 24, Sam Bartlett of Buffalo Valley, district chairman, has announced.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of the school, will preach during a program beginning at 2:30 p.m., at which time the public is invited to attend. Music will be furnished by the Baxter Seminary band and glee club. Mayor Will T. Sewell will give the welcome address. The invocation will be given by the Rev. H. L. Goodpasture of Cookeville.

A dinner will be held at the school at 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of Master Masons only will be held at 6:30 p.m., at which time reports will be made by county chairmen, as follows: Clay County, G. D. Phillips; Jackson County, E. B. Young, Overton County, Roy White, Pickett County, L. B. Hasier; and Putnam County, Joe F. Hudgens.

Grand officers of the order are scheduled to speak as follows: Junior Grand Warden Arch McClanahan of Nashville; Senior Grand Warden Will W. Herron of Trenton; Deputy Grand Master Sam H. Cooper of Knoxville; Grand Secretary T. E. Doss of Nashville, and Grand Master Paul F. Lanus of Nashville.

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22 August 1940

Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman have returned from an extensive trip throughout the nation during which they visited educational institutions of all types and many men and women of note in the United States. "We have returned with a deep sense of the great value of the work for boys and girls as is carried on by Baxter Seminary," Dr. Upperman said today. "More and more two important points are becoming worthy of increasing emphasis," he said, "First, that the institution should stress practical usefulness to its students who seek to train themselves for life within its halls; second, the making of Baxter Seminary a gem of beauty, with good buildings, well built, artistically arranged and set in a park-like campus. All the work of development is and will be done by students, thus giving them the training which they can use later for their own work."

Through the Trades School and various department of the Seminary a new program will go into effect for the development of all arts and crafts found throughout the Upper Cumberland section, both of inside and outside design, Dr. Upperman stated.

The Seminary will work to have the most inexpensive school of its kind in all this country, emphasizing constantly the self-help program and discouraging the personal spending of students, so that no student will need to come to Baxter Seminary and use a great deal of money to live or attend, either as a day student or a boarding student. All school expenses will be held to the very low level of just the equipment necessary to conduct classes involved by students, he declared.

As the summer comes to a close the Health Houser, the interior development and improvement of buildings, the sidewalks, the changing of several houses about the campus, are all indicative of the effort being made to more than ever beautify Baxter Seminary and to begin with more enthusiasm than ever, a program of development and expansion hitherto undreamed of at this institution.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

2 January 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY NEEDS (An Editorial)

For many years Baxter Seminary has served Putnam county and all sections of the Upper Cumberland part of Tennessee as well as serving an educational institution for many other worthy young people who came seeking to aid themselves to earn a living while studying the regular school course. The President of Baxter Seminary, Harry L. Upperman, for eighteen years has tried to bring the highest and best to thousands of these young people. A notable faculty of highly trained men and women have given years of constructive unselfish service.

Throughout these years various buildings have been constructed, using student labor to a large extent. As each building went up the furnace for that building was, of course, necessary. In the academic building, which serves the whole student body, the furnace burst right in the middle of the cold weather of the winter, and throughout the vacation period into the New Year, Baxter Seminary is definitely struggling to maintain good heating service. This it is doing with a make shift temporary heating plant. The time now appears to all interested in Baxter Seminary to be ripe for a central heating plant which will service all of the buildings. By means of student labor a building is possible if the central heating plant can be secured by contributions of material and money.

We understand that a campaign to meet this great emergency is about to be launched and we wish to render our hearty support and endorsement, knowing as we do intimately that this situation exists.

Dr. Upperman, by untiring efforts, has solicited funds throughout the north, east and west to build this wonderful school plant, whose faculty from the president down is especially trained for instructing the students, who attend this school, in Christian ideals.

Although this school is under the management of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church, all denomination attend. There never was a time in the history of this republic when religious training and the principles of Christianity were needed to be taught in our public schools and colleges more than now. Dr. Upperman, we are behind you in your great work and hope that our people in this county and throughout the state will show their appreciation of this school by helping to install a central heating plant to serve all the buildings of this institution.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

16 January 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Miss Hill to attend Christian Mission: Miss Ethelyn P. Hill, dean of Baxter Seminary will attend the Preaching Mission held in Louisville, KY, from January 19 to January 26.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary to India will be among the important speakers on the program. He will deliver the opening address on Sunday morning and will speak to the Ministers conference on Monday. Over two hundred meetings are scheduled to be held during the week.

Special women's' forums will be held each morning and seminar courses will be given each afternoon.

National Honor Society Dinner: The honor students of Baxter Seminary will be guests of the school on Tuesday evening for the dinner hour when a special National Honor Society dinner will be held for all local members of the society.

New Trades School: Dr. Upperman has announced that the plans for the new front of the Lowe Trades School are going forward and building will begin sometime within the next few weeks. The building program is scheduled to be finished sometime in the spring.

Claude Garrison, head of the Lowe Trade School will be in charge of the building program.

Mrs. Flemming to Join Staff: Mrs. Flemming will join the staff of Baxter Seminary as dietitian on January 19. Mrs. Flemming will replace Miss Anne Blake, who will enter nursing school for training.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

23 January 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Miss Clark DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Representative: Louise Clark, senior at Baxter Seminary, has been elected by popular vote to represent the school at DAR conference to be held in Nashville on February 22.

Miss Clark has presented a splendid record having served her class in various capacities. She is a member of the annual staff and an officer of the Alpha Alpha literary society.

The girl selected from the group at the meeting in Nashville will be given a trip to the DAR Convention held at Washington, as the page of Mrs. Walter Berry, state regent for Tennessee.

Honor Students Guests At Dinner; The members of the local chapter of the Baxter Seminary National Honor Society were guests of the school on Tuesday evening.

Plans for installing new members were discussed and a committee on arrangements was appointed by J. N. Maddux, president of the chapter. They are: Mrs. J. N. Phillips, Mary Sue Sadler, Glynn Hale and Jim Bain. Initiations of the new members will take place later in the springs.

T. P. I. Guests of Baxter: The Christian association of T. P. I. will be guests of the combined Y. W. – Y. M. C. A. of Baxter Seminary on Thursday night at the Girls Dormitory.

The program will be furnished by members of the T. P. I. group. After the program, members of the Y. W. C. A. will serve light refreshments to the guests.

Mrs. Flemming has joined the faculty at Baxter, replacing Miss Ann Blake as assistant dietician. Miss Blake will begin her nurses training on the 27th.

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30 January 1941

H. K. Kirchoff of Chicago with his wife, was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman at Baxter Seminary for two days last week. While at Baxter, the Kirchoffs were honored at a dinner for the Trustees on Monday evening. Mr. Kirchoff spoke to the student body on Monday afternoon on the subject "Keep Your Record Clean." He also addressed the Y.M.C.A. in the evening.

Visitors From Berea: Miss Gladye Jamison of the music department at Berea College, Berea, KY, and Miss Margery Lee, head of the music department at Witherson College, Buckhorn, KY, were guests of Miss Harriet Wood and Baxter Seminary over the week end. With them were two students of Berea College, Oleny Hartsel and Wellington Domes.

The guests were in charge of the vesper services at the Seminary on Sunday evening and conducted special singing classes in the school on Monday.

Polly Put The Kettle On: Gossip and superstition will thrill the audience who witness the production of Polly Put the Kettle On, a one-act comedy to be presented at Baxter Seminary next week. Members of the cast include: Cleo Nash, Frieda Bean, Louise Martin, Wilberta Denny, Nell Flemming, Mary Jo Law, Mary Lois Huddleston, Miss Harriette Wood in directing the production.

Rev. J. D. Harris spoke to the assembled students on Tuesday morning at the Chapel exercise at Baxter Seminary, taking the 4th chapter of Philippians, verse 8 as his text, he spoke on the subject of "Keeping Our Thinking Clear." He and Mrs. Harris were luncheon guests of the school.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 February 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Baxter Independents closed their season Monday night when they played Alpine Independents to a 55-16 win, in the Baxter Seminary gym. The Baxter team has been undefeated in Tennessee this year and has handed the decision for only one game to the Independents from Albany Kentucky, winning two games out of three played with this team. In the game Monday night high scores were made by J. Austin-16 and Maddux-16.

The County tournament for grammar school teams is being played off at Baxter Seminary gym this week. the schedule which began on Tuesday afternoon will run through Saturday night with two games each afternoon and three games each night. Semi-finals will be played off Saturday afternoon and finals Saturday night. Price of admission for the finals will be 15 cents for students and 25 cents for adults.

Outstanding teams in the tournament are: Double Springs and Carr's Chapel for boys who have been winning constantly for years. Buffalo Valley Girls team is undefeated for the second year. These teams will automatically play in the finals.

Members of the Baxter Seminary Double quartet made the trip to Maggart, Mt. Zion and Old Hickory on Sunday. They were accompanied by Dr. Upperman who preached the sermon at each of these churches.

Dr. Fredrick S. Goodrich will arrive at Baxter Seminary Monday of next week to spend a week as guest speaker at the regular week of Religious Emphasis held at Baxter Seminary from February 24 through March 3. While in Baxter Dr. Goodrich will speak at the regular chapel services each morning at 11:45 and will teach all Bible classes at the school.

He will be the guest speaker at the Y.W. – Y.M.C.A. banquet held on Tuesday night and will address the Wesley club, an organization of young ministers on the campus of Baxter Seminary.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Y.M.-Y.M.C.A. Banquet: The joint Y.W.-Y.M.C.A. of Baxter Seminary will hold their annual banquet at Baxter Seminary on Tuesday night of next week.

Dr. Fredrick S. Goodrich, professor Emeritus of Albion College, Albion, Michigan will be the guest speaker.

The theme of the banquet will be Music of the Bible and Dr. Goodrich will speak on the Thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Members of the Seminary Glee Club will take part on the program also.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 March 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY IN THE NEWS:

Honor Student Candidates Selected: Candidates for membership in the National Honor Society were announced this week by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary. They are: Bill Bain, Travis Clemons, Robert Fesmire, Christine Farris, Bob Grace, Irene Hall, Mary Jo Law, Christine Nash, Hester Nipper and Raymond Thomas.

These students selected from the upper third of the Senior class are outstanding in qualities of scholarship, leadership character and service.

Bill Bain has taken part in many activities of the school having played on the football varsity for three years, he is a member of the dramatic club, glee club and is president both of the senior class and the student volunteers, self government organization of the school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bain of Baxter.

Robert Fesmire, a son of former Methodist minister of the Baxter church, W. J. Fesmire. Robert is an outstanding student of French and represents the school as the correspondent for the Nashville Tennessean. He has also played on the varsity football team and this year made a remarkable record. He now serves as judge of the Student Council.

Bob Grace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grace of Baxter has become known throughout the county for his musical ability, he is a member of the glee club and plays a trumpet in the school band.

Raymond Thomas is an excellent public speaker and has won honors in the local and county tournaments of declamation and original oratory. He will represent Baxter Seminary this year in the county debate. Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas of Greenbrier, TN.

Christine Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Nash of Baxter is a member of the glee club and staff of the Black and Gold Buzz, school paper. For the past three years she has represented Baxter Seminary in the county tournament as a humorous reader. Having taken first honors again this year in the local tournament she will enter the tournament on March 15, at Cookeville.

Hester Nipper, a member of the debate team, dramatic club and glee club has won for herself a reputation of versatility and will represent the school in the county debate this spring.

Tavie Clemons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Clemons of Silver Point has distinguished herself as a student and leader during her years at the school. She has won a name for service in her work as an N.Y.A. student.

Irene Hall daughter of N. S. Hall, Monterey has won an enviable record and many friends among student and faculty

Jere Pippin Receives Diploma:

Jere Pippin, son of Mrs. Myrtle Pippin of Baxter, received his diploma from Baxter Seminary in special exercise held at the chapel hour Monday.

Jere, who graduated by special dispensation of the State Board of Education was granted his diploma because he was to enter national defense training at Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, this week. He left Cookeville with the troop train Tuesday morning.

E. B. Stahlman To Speak:

E. B. Stahlman, Publisher of Nashville Banner will be the guest speaker of the Civic Club banquet held at Baxter Seminary on Tuesday evening at 6:00. The subject of his address has not been announced.

Trophies Awarded:

Trophies for champion and runners up in the county tournament were presented the girls and boys team at Baxter Monday morning. Coach W. D. Prickett in accepting for the boys announced that they had been invited to take part in the Mid-South tournament to be held in Nashville next week but declined. The girls in the regional tournament this weekend.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 March 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY IN THE NEWS:

Bishop Paul Kern Visits: Bishop Paul Kern, of the Tennessee Conference was a recent guest of Baxter Seminary. While at the school, Bishop addressed the chapel on the subject of "How to Build a Successful Life."

Bishop was also, luncheon guest at Dr. Upperman and the Seminary.

Dr. Schofield Addresses Students: Dr. Charles E. Schofield, president of the Illif School of Theology, Denver, CO, was guest, with his wife and daughters, Mary Lee of Baxter Seminary on Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. Schofield spoke to the student body at the regular chapel exercises Tuesday morning on "Mountain Peaks of History", using as a basis of his addresses the 4th chapter of Philippians.

Cast For Play Chosen: Nell Fleeming and R. D. Starnes have been chosen for the leads in the contest play to be presented by Baxter Seminary at the county forensic meet in Cookeville on the 22.

The play, "Night Falls on Spain", is a story of the Spanish Civil War and presents a very powerful tragedy. Other members of the cast are Louise Martin and Lyle Jarrow.

Representatives for other events are: Mary Jo Law, girls declamation, Raymond Thomas, boy's declamation, Hester Nipper, extemporaneous speaking, Christine Nash, humorous reading, Wilberta Denny, dramatic reading, Gains Gentry, original oration.

Tennessee College Glee Club Sings: Tennessee College Glee Club of Murfreesboro were guests of Baxter Seminary on Tuesday morning presenting a program of songs and readings.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

27 March 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY IN THE NEWS:

Mrs. Wallace E. Brown: Mrs. Wallace E. Brown, wife of the late Bishop Wallace E. Brown was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman, Wednesday.

Debate Team Goes to Semi-Finals: Members of the debate team went to the semi-finals at the regional tournament of the National Forensic League, held in Memphis last week. Miss Mary Jo Law, Hester Nipper and Messrs. George Bennett and Raymond Thomas represented the school in debate, declamation, extemporaneous speaking and original oration against contestants from twenty-four schools in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

The Baxter Seminary chapter sponsored by Miss Louise Massy in the oldest chapter in the state.

Defense Classes Begin: Classes in the National Defense industries being taught, began Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Geisman of Nashville arrived on Sunday and Mr. Geisman has been teaching all classes this week. Mr. James M. Roach of Modesto, CA, will arrive some time next week to join Mr. Geisman in the work. The school is directed by Mr. Claude Garrison, head of the John W. Lowe Trades School at the Seminary.

Dr. Odell to Visit Here: Dr. Albert G. Odell of Clifton Springs, New York will arrive at the Seminary sometime next week to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman for a few days. Dr. Odell is an outstanding

friend and supporter of Baxter Seminary and his visit is looked forward to with much pleasure by students and members of the community as well.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 April 1941

BAXTER SEMINARY IN THE NEWS:

Board of Trustees Honor Dr. Odell: Dr. Albert Odell, President of the National Board of Trustees of Baxter Seminary was honored at a dinner of the local Board of Trustees held in the dining room at Ivy Hall, on Tuesday night. Seated with Dr. and Mrs. Upperman and Dr. Odell were, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin, and Sidney Jenkins, of Cookeville; Mayor W. T. Sewell, Lawrence Grace, Jim Bain, W. S. Swallows, and V. D. Nunally of Baxter.

While in Baxter, Dr. Odell has addressed the students in chapel exercise on Monday morning, and gave an illustrated lecture on the beauty spots of New York State on Wednesday. He was guest speaker at the evening hour in the Methodist Church on Sunday, speaking on the subject, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" He is scheduled to speak at various rural churches on Sunday.

Dean Hartley Speaks: Dr. Byron Hartley, Dean of the Green Mountain Junior College, at Poughkeepsie, VT, was guest of Baxter Seminary for the chapel exercises on Tuesday morning.

Dean Hartley and his wife were enroute to their home from the South when they made the stop over for a few hours.

"Avoid cock-eyed thinking," the Dean warned Seminary students in his address. He went on to explain that he meant emotional or rash judgment based on little or no study.

He made the statement that it was rural youth, especially in the South, that were the hope of America rather than the city bred young people who were "soft and spoiled by easy living."

Glee Club Guests of Tech: Baxter Seminary Glee Club is making a series of appearances in the churches and schools throughout Middle and West Tennessee this month.

The group appeared at the Youth Rally of the Methodist Church, held in the auditorium at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute on Sunday. They also sang for the students of the college on Wednesday morning at assemble. Other initiations include Monterey on Monday, a broadcast over WDOD, Chattanooga, April 15.

Tumbling Team to Buffalo Valley: The Tumbling team of Baxter Seminary, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Vail, Physical Education Director, will appear in their debut performance at Buffalo Valley school, on Saturday night, April 12.

The team has several very clever and exciting stunts and has already made a reputation of excellence in its private appearances. Members of the team include Jim Wilson, Francis Love, Dempsey Clemons, James Shinlever, Porter Knight, J. D. Harris, Floyd Mitchell, L. B. Garrison, and Houston White.

The movie of Baxter Seminary, "Strength of the Hills," will be shown at the conclusion of the exhibition.

New Teacher Arrives: W. E. Reach, of Odesta, CA, has arrived to take over his classes in aeronautics in the National Defense School, being conducted at Baxter Seminary.

Mr. Roach has had 300 hours in the air, and comes excellently recommended.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 April 1941

Louise Clark, May Queen: Miss Louise Clark, foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patton, has been selected to reign on May 3, when "the jewel Chest," the first May Pageant ever to be presented at Baxter Seminary, will be produced by the joint dramatic club and the physical education department.

Members of the court are also announced today. These students selected to represent their classes for qualities of character, scholarship, and service are: Freshman, Ralph Maxwell, Dell Tucker, Frances Ray, Jean Green; Sophomore, Charles Gentry, Brown Anderson, Ada Faye Alcorn, Mary Sue Starnes; Juniors, Dempsey Clemons, Bruce Bean, Avo Huddleston, Elizabeth Jones, Seniors, Robert Fesmire, Glen Hale, Irene Hall and Sue Frazier.

Members of the Baxter Seminary Glee Club were at Monterey Monday night for the revival services being held at the Methodist Church.

Student Presented at Fashion Show: Miss Dorothy Adcock, head of the Home Economics department at Baxter, presented Miss Sue Maynard and Miss Dorothy Ashburn at the High school fashion show being held at the University of Tennessee on Saturday. Both girls wore dresses of their own construction, and were presented certificates for excellent work. Miss Maynard's costume was a black tailored suit with black and white accessories. Miss Ashburn wore a soldier blue wool with navy accessories.

Senior Tree Planted: Seniors at the school planted a tree on the front campus at Baxter Seminary, Wednesday afternoon. This is a custom started by the Senior class of '19, and many trees have been set out during the years. Only three of these trees have been lost according to Mr. Garrison, head of the Lowe Trade School.

Faculty Attend Evaluation Meet: Members of the Baxter Seminary faculty attended the meeting of teacher and principals for the purpose of studying the evaluation program, under the leadership of Baxter Hobgood, State High School Inspector.

Dr. Odell Leaves: Dr. Albert Odell, who has been visiting the Seminary for the past week, was given a grand sendoff by the students and faculty on Tuesday, when he left for Georgia.

Annual Achievement Day, April 21:

Labor Day, annual affair at Baxter Seminary since 1936 when instigated by Claude Garrison, present had of the Lowe Trade School, will be held this year on the campus of the Seminary on Monday. Parents and friends of the school are invited to attend the meetings of classes and meet teachers in the morning hours, and witness a special program in the afternoon.

Teachers and students are preparing demonstrations in line with the regular class work for the morning. At one o'clock, the guests and students will assemble in the gymnasium for a program presented by the Glee Clubs, athletic and speech department. A display of work by the trades boys will be a feature of the day also.

It is hoped that parents will make a special effort to help the Seminary have the biggest day of this kind in its history. The purpose of such a program is to acquaint the parents and teachers and friends of the institution with the work being accomplished.

Mrs. Upperman to Springfield: Mrs. Harry L. Upperman, District Secretary of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Tennessee, will be in Springfield this week for the meeting of the body being held in Springfield. Mrs. Upperman is also in charge of the pageant, "The Kingdom is Coming," in which she will use two students from Baxter Seminary, Misses Elaine Whittemore and Nell Fleming. R. D. Starnes, also from the Seminary will represent the school.

Miss Ethelyn P. Hill, District Secretary of Spiritual Life for the W.S.C.S., is in attendance on the conference, with four other delegates from this district.

A Day in Holland: The Junior-Senior reception will be held in the social hall of Ivy Hall, at 7:30 tomorrow night. The Holland motif is being carried out in decorations, games and refreshments.

Miss Avo Huddleston, vice-president of the class, is in charge of entertainment. The class is sponsored by Miss Marjorie Vail.

Dr. Upperman occupied the pulpit of Burgess Memorial, near Sparta, on Easter Sunday, speaking on the subject of "The Touch of Jesus."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 May 1941

Baxter Seminary Future Farmers Win Honors: Baxter Seminary delegates to the Future Farmers of America state convention held recently in Memphis, announced in chapel last week that the Baxter chapter of the F.F.A. won first place in the athletic events held during the encampment week at the F.F.A. Camp Clements, at Doyle, last summer. The first place award, a large gold loving cup, was made at the Memphis convention. Those attending the summer camp from the Baxter chapter were: Taylor Halfacre, Baxter Fisher, Carson Ward, Morgan Sadler, and Whitson Burton.

Three members of the chapter, J. R. Alcorn, Haston Thompson, and Bill Medley, were also honored at the state convention by having the State Farmer degree awarded them.

Official delegates to the convention were James Nichols, the Baxter chapter president, Haston Thompson, Baxter chapter, and district secretary. Others attending the convention from Baxter Seminary were: J. R. Alcorn, Taylor Halfacre, Morgan Sadler, and J. N. Maddux, chapter advisor.

It was also announced that in a livestock judging contest held recently at Columbia, the Baxter team won sixth place in competition with 75 other F.F.A. judging teams. The Baxter team was composed of Brad Martin, Herman Hale, and Bill Medley.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 May 1941

Commencement Program At Baxter Seminary, Monday: The musical festival given by about forty members of the Glee Clubs on Friday night, May 16, was a very lovely and colorful affair. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery and the musical numbers rendered showed a great deal of careful preparation. Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Merner, were the honored guests of the evening. Following the program a social hour was enjoyed by the Glee Club members and their guests.

Well over a hundred were in attendance at the alumni banquet on Saturday night. A number of alumni were present from Camp Forrest. Out-of-state alumni in attendance were, Miss Dorothy Wood, Miss Johnnie Denny, and Mrs. Millie Denny Vaughn of Ohio, Miss Alice Mills of Virginia, Miss Myrtle Dunavin and Mrs. Lucille Smith Whitaker, of Michigan, Miss A. V. Bussell, of Maine. Officers elected for the coming years are, William Watts, president; James Bain, vice-president, and Miss Ruth Grace, secretary. Following the banquet a large crowd attended the senior play.

Baccalaureate Sunday was marked by two never-to-be-forgotten occasions. At ten-thirty in the morning, Dr. O. B. Johnson, Tennessee Conference Educational Director, gave a most inspiring sermon on "the Rebounds of Life," emphasizing the fact that as we give out in life so shall we receive in return. At five-thirty in the evening Dr. King Vivion addressed the audience in a very impressive out-door vesper service in front of Pfeiffer Hall, taking as his theme the greatness of the priesthood and kingship of men. The Commencement exercises were held on Monday morning in Pfeiffer Hall. Dr. W. Everett Derryberry addressed the graduating class and a large crowd of friends. Fifty-three seniors were graduated, and many honors, prizes and scholarships were received.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 August 1941

Baxter Seminary To Open Monday, September 1: Baxter Seminary will open on September 1, with the enrolling of all students who are to live in the dormitories. Students should report first to the administrative office in Pfeiffer Hall, and make arrangements to secure their room assignments and dining hall permits. The first meal will be served in the boarding hall at 5:30 that evening. Special attention will be given to enrolling the freshmen and sophomores in their classes. The enrollment of all students should be completed by Tuesday noon.

On Tuesday at 9 o'clock Central Standard time, or 10 o'clock daylight saving time, the general opening exercises of the school will be held in Pfeiffer Hall. All patrons and other friends of the school are most cordially invited to be present at these opening exercises.

There have been many improvement in the campus and buildings during the summer and the work of improvement is still going on, all of which will make a much better and more efficient school for the coming years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 September 1941

Baxter Seminary enrolled the freshmen and sophomores on Monday and the juniors and seniors on Tuesday of this week. The formal opening of the school was held at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in the chapel of Pfeiffer Hall. Among the speakers were W. S. Swallows, Jesse Maxwell, Rev. H. P. Keathley, Rev. J. C. Sandusky, Misses Hilda Nichols and Cleo Sliger, who represented the grammar school, and Rev. J. A. Harris. Members of the faculty were introduced, and the work of the year was explained.

The dormitory students and faculty enjoyed a watermelon party on Tuesday night.

The work of improving the girl's dormitory is progressing rapidly, and it will be completely rebuilt on the inside when it is finished. The new boiler for the central heating plant has arrived and is being installed.

All the work of the school is well organized and getting off to a good start.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 September 1941

Baxter Seminary Attains A-1 Rating: Baxter Seminary has received notice from the state that the school is now rated as an A-1 school.

Tuesday evening about a hundred and fifty citizens of Baxter and the surrounding community met on the campus of the Seminary to celebrate the fact that school has just been notified of its becoming a A-1 school. Mayor W. T. Sewell read a letter from Baxter Hobgood, state inspector, notifying President Upperman that because of the outstanding work of the school, it had been raised to the A-1 class. This is the highest class attainable in the state. He also read a letter from Deets Pickett commending the school for its teaching regarding social and democratic living in this time when ideals of democracy need so much to be stressed.

Everyone enjoyed the picnic supper on the campus, and much credit is due Mayor W. T. Sewell, Dave Maxwell and Van Nunully for arranging the get-together, and for the women of the town, and especially the committee consisting of Mrs. W. D. Prickett, Philip Albright, Mrs. Orrin Maxwell, Mrs. J. A. Bain and Mrs. W. T. Sewell, who arranged the supper.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 November 1941

The Baxter Seminary Health House was officially dedicated and presented to the school yesterday with appropriate ceremonies.

State and local DAR officials and Governor Prentice Cooper were on the program.

The Health House is the Jubilee project of the State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was constructed by student labor.

The Health House was presented to the school by Mrs. William H. Lambeth, State Regent who also presided over the meeting. Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of the school made the speech of acceptance.

The principal address was made by Governor Cooper who praised the work of Dr. Upperman and commended the school for teaching practical subjects which prepared the students to use their hands profitably, after leaving school.

Mrs. Robert W. Lowe, Chairman of the Health Committee said the dedication was the climax to the efforts of the DAR and that they looked forward to the time when the DAR could come back to Baxter and see the clinic completely furnished.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 December 1941

Christmas 1941 At Baxter Seminary: A very beautiful Christmas program is being prepared by the Glee Clubs and the Dramatic Club will be given in two performances to accommodate both the student body and friends of the school from Baxter, surrounding communities and other near-by- communities who find it possible to come. Admission is free each performance, the Glee Clubs are singing groups of old time Christmas carols, and the Dramatic Club will present the play, "Why the Chimes Rang", emphasizing the spirit of giving to others. The first performance will be given on Thursday night, December 18, in Pfeiffer Hall at 8 o'clock; the second performance will begin on Friday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 in the morning. All friends of the Seminary are invited and urgently requested to attend this program at which ever time is best suited to them.

President and Mrs. Upperman entertained the faculty at a buffet supper from four to six on Sunday afternoon. President and Mrs. Derryberry of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute were honor guests.

The Seminary is responding to the call of the nation, and it is found that about eighty boys who are former students and graduates within the past four or five years and some earlier are now serving the nation in some capacity.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 January 1942

Baxter Seminary New Year's day: The Day of Prayer, set aside by the President of the United States, was observed by prayer at the regular chapel services at which representatives of the churches were present and offered prayer. The faculty and students and representatives of the town also took an active part in the observance of this Day of Prayer.

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman held the Annual Open House for the Alumni, former students and other friends of the Seminary at Ivy Hall from three to seven on New Year's Day. They were assisted by the young women of the community who are Seminary graduates. All young men of the community who are in the service of the nation, and their parents, and also the senior class were the special honored guests. Light refreshments were served and many friends met and renewed their friendships during these hours.

On the afternoon of New Year's Day the students were the special guests of the Seminary in the gymnasium where all listened to the Rosebowl game. Light refreshments were served.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

30 April 1942

Vocational Training Library At Baxter Seminary: The Baxter Vocational Training School Library is located on the second floor of the John W. Lowe Trades School building at Baxter Seminary. In this library you will find books on National Defense training, carpentry, aircraft, civilian defense and many others. If you are planning to remodel or redecorate your home, you will find books and magazines that will be of great help to you.

By all means see our charts, pamphlets and magazines on Nutrition and First Aid. We are now working on a poster of pictures of Baxter boys who are in the service. This should be of interest to all of us, as we have friends and relatives who are giving their all for us.

We urge the general public to visit our Library and see what we are doing to help win this war for freedom.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 May 1942

Baxter Seminary Commencement to Start May 14: Commencement activities at Baxter Seminary will begin with Citizenship night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at which time all the young people who have reached the age of citizenship during the past year will be honored. Dr. Willis Baxter Boyd secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Putnam County will deliver the address. President Everett Derryberry of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute will sing the "Ballad for America." Other speakers will be present. On Friday, May 15, the Class day will be held during the day, and at 7:30 on Friday the Senior Class will present Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew." The admission to the play will be 35 cents.

The Alumni Dinner will be served at 6:30 Saturday evening, May 16. The dinner will be 50 cents per plate. Alumni planning to attend the dinner should make their reservations by notifying the office of the school not later than May 11. All the exercises of commencement week will be held at Pfeiffer Hall with the exception of the Alumni Dinner, which will be served in the dining room of Ivy Hall. On Sunday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. C. B. Cook, the District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, Cookeville District, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon and there will be special Vesper Services on the campus that evening at 6:00.

The commencement exercises will take place on Monday morning, May 18, at 10 o'clock. Dr. John L. Seaton President of Albion College, Albion, Michigan will deliver the commencement address to the senior class, their parents and friends. All that time also, the names of all persons who have won prizes and various awards throughout the year will be read.

The parents, other relatives, and friends of the graduates, as well as patrons and friends of the school from all sections of the country will be more than welcome to these exercises.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

21 May 1942

Baxter Seminary News of Commencement Week: A special program honoring young people who attain the age of 21 and therefore assume the responsibilities of citizenship, was inaugurated this year, being held on Thursday evening May 14, Dr. Willis Baxter Boyd gave a masterful address on this occasion, Miss Christine Farris read "Our National Heritage", and "America First" was read by Miss Christine Nash. About 25 young people were recognized by this occasion which closed with the singing of "America" and the salute to the flag.

On Friday night, the Senior Class presented the annual play, "The Taming of the Shrew." Too much cannot be said for the beautiful and appropriate costuming and stage setting, as well as the excellence of the actors. The play was directed by Miss Elizabeth Duckworth.

The whole occasion of Commencement days was saddened by the fact that an Alumni Day at 6:20 p.m. Mr. James K. Watts, Mrs. Upperman's father, died very suddenly. It was just time to serve the alumni banquet and many alumni had returned for the occasion from many distance places, so the banquet was carried on in a rather quiet manner. Dr. and Mrs. Upperman remained though Sunday and Monday for baccalaureate and the granting of the diplomas on Commencement day, which was held at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. That afternoon at 2:30 a brief funeral service took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Upperman and they left with the body for Mr. Watt's old home at Williamsport, PA.

Dr. C. B. Cook district superintendent of the Cookeville District of the Methodist Church preached a most helpful and inspiring sermon on Baccalaureate Sunday. The vesper services at the evening hour, held in the open air in front of Pfeiffer Hall, were beautiful. Dr. t. J. Farr, of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, spoke on "Faith." Dr. John L. Seaton, President of Albion College, Albion, MI, had been engaged as the Commencement speaker, but a telegram at the last minute brought word that illness prevented him, and Dr. Willis Baxter Boyd was very kind on last minute notice to deliver the commencement address. Once again he delivered an address that will stand out for a long, long time in the minds of all who heard it. The President, faculty and the students and community of Baxter wish to express their deep appreciation to all the speakers of the Commencement days who so kindly and helpfully served.

The Summer school will open on Monday morning, May 25, and there will be much work in the way of improvement on buildings and campus going on all throughout the summer.

The senior class of 1942 follows: Anna Faye Anderson, Elizabeth Bartlett, Joyce Cole Pointer, Lillian Dunavin, Nell Fleming, Elizabeth Ford, Mildred Hensley, Meunice Holden, Louise Holman, Alma Royce Jared-Banks, Marie Jared, Elizabeth Jones, Frances Keathley, Irene Kilgore.

Willie Joe Lafever, Rosie Love, Ruby Maddux, Alda Maxwell, Sue Maynard, Louise Medley, Ann Medley, Cleo Nash, Helen Richardson, Imogene Sandusky, Mary Ruth Sherrill, Mary Allen Sliger, Alva Sue Stamps, Robbye Lou Starnes, Flora Thomas, Lillian Pearl Thomas, Mildred Waddell.

Noona Waddell, Johnnie Wallace, Etta Dean Whitehead, ruth Love, Nola Hensley, Mildred Louise Phillips, Bruce Bean, Jeff Brown, Dempsey Clemons, Douglas hall, J. D. Harris, Wesley Holden, Collie Jared, Jr., Floyd Maddux, Luther Lee Martin, Elmer Martin, Walter D. Mitchell, James Myatt, James Nichols, Rupert Nunally, Calvin Pope, Hilliard Robinson, Morgan Sadler, Edison Sells, Millard Sherrell, Haston Thompson, Freeman Waddell, Dillon Wallace.

Osteen Wallace, Maylon Whitefield, Clarence Winfree, Edmund Zegarske.

Summer School: William Burdine, **Tim Denny**.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 June 1942

DR. H. L. UPPERMAN ANNOUNCES NEW HALL FOR SEMINARY:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman president of Baxter Seminary has announced that a new \$30,000 science hall will be erected at Baxter Seminary "as and when materials are available."

Dr. Upperman said that the school has received a gift of \$15,000 to be used in the construction of the building and that this sum would be matched by other contributions to be secured.

He also announced that the school had received another gift, amount not released to be used in adding a teachers' apartment to the boys' dormitory. Dr. Upperman did not reveal the name of either of the donors.

Student labor will be used on both projects, enabling boys to work their way through school. The blue prints for the Science hall were included in the gift and are based on a section being completed each year.

“Student labor is not new to us at Baxter Seminary, however,” Dr. Upperman said, “because the larger part of the work on our new Health House and our Central Heating plant was done by students.”

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 June 1942

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS:

Definite plans are being worked out this summer for the beautifying of the campus of Baxter Seminary and the general up building program with non-war material to make the institution more efficient for the coming school year.

Because of personal and official strain and stress upon Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman for the past year due to family illnesses and deaths and much overwork in addition, a period of some weeks release from duties in Seminary, State, County and other activities is being allowed them the rest and preparation for work yet ahead.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 August 1942

Baxter Seminary To Open Monday August 31st: Baxter Seminary will open on Monday, August 31, with the enrolling of all students for their classes, and the assignment of students to their places in the dormitories. Students should report first to the administrative offices and secure their instructions for enrollment.

On Tuesday morning at nine o'clock the formal opening of the school will occur in the chapel of Pfeiffer Hall. Parents of the students, alumni, and other friends and patrons of the school are most cordially invited and urged to be present to assist in the exercises. Following the program the regular organizations of classes will take place.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 December 1942

Baxter Seminary Glee Club Will Give Christmas Program Of Carols Friday, December 18: The Baxter Seminary Glee Club will present a Christmas program of carols and nativity tableaux on Friday morning, December 18, at 11 o'clock. Those taking character parts are Mary M. Robinson, Ida Conner, Dean Holden, Virginia Gunter, John Love, James McDonald, Austin Maynard, Henry James, Billy Gentry and Eugene Bradley.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 January 1943

Lecture on China to be Guest of Baxter Seminary Wednesday, January 20: Dr. Bliss Wiant, visiting lecturer at Scarritt College, and Mrs. Wiant, will be the guests of Baxter Seminary on Wednesday, January 20th. Dr. and Mrs. Wiant have spent many years in China, where they have been connected with the Department of Music, Yenching University, Peking, China. Dr. Wiant has a very interesting collection of Chinese musical instruments.

At eleven o'clock in the morning they will speak on life in China, especially among Chinese students. In the afternoon from two to three they will present many Chinese songs on many Chinese instruments. This will be a very informative service concerning life in China. An offering will be taken which will be used for work among students in China.

This is an important day for the community of Baxter. The people of the entire community are most cordially invited to attend, and are urged to set aside this day and plan to attend both services. This is the best chance available to hear first hand information about China.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 April 1943

“V” Tree Planting At Baxter Seminary Featured Tuesday:

The annual Tree Planting sponsored by the Baxter Class of Baxter Seminary, was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 6, 1943, at Baxter. Six trees were planted in front of Pfeiffer Hall, the planting arranged in the shape of two V's for Victory. One V was the gift of the Senior Class to the School, the other was set out by the Seminary in honor of some 200 young men and women, former students, graduates, and those of this year's student body, in the service of the Nation, and of all those who will go into the service in the time ahead. While the students who expect to go into the various branches of service when the Seminary closes its present school year stood in a group together, a prayer was offered by the Dean for them and for all who serve in this way. With this service Dr. Harry L. Upperman, President, announced that the custom is inaugurated of having at high noon each day the ringing of the old Seminary tower bell, signifying that at noon each day the Seminary will be in a period of prayer for all who are striving to save all peoples in the world from enslavement, from the enemies of civilization and Christian ideals, praying for those serving the United States and Allied Nations. Everyone in the community of Baxter and within the sound of the bell is asked to pause and join with other in this moment of prayer.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 April 1943

Dr. Harry Lee Upperman Honored by Mid-South Association Private Schools:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman was honored last week by the Mid-South Association of Private Schools at its meeting in Chattanooga, when he was elected its president for the coming year.

The Mid-South Association includes outstanding private schools in Tennessee and Georgia. The Tennessee schools in the Association besides Baxter Seminary are, Battle Ground Academy, Franklin; Baylor School, Chattanooga; Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon; Columbia Military Academy, Columbia; David-Lipscomb High School, Nashville; Duncan School, Nashville; Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville; Morgan School, Petersburg; Notre Dame School, Chattanooga; Sewanee Military Junior College, Collegedale; St. Andrews School, St. Andrews, Tennessee Military Institute, Sweetwater; Webb School, Bell Buckle; Girls' Preparatory School, Chattanooga; Miss Hutchinson's School, Pentecost Garrison School, St. Mary's School, Memphis; St. Mary's School, Sewanee; and Ward Belmont Preparatory School, Nashville.

Dr. Upperman has been a member of the executive committee of the Association for the past five years and during the past year, served as vice president.

Dr. Upperman holds an enviable record as a school executive, having developed at Baxter Seminary one of the leading secondary schools in the entire South.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 April 1943

Baxter Seminary Spring Festival, and May Queen Coronation Set:

The Baxter Seminary Spring Festival and May Queen Coronation will take place April 30, in Pfeiffer Hall at 7:45 p.m. Miss Ada Faye Alcorn will be crowned May Queen by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, and the Queen's court will include the following persons: Misses Irene King, Eris Anders, Willene Fitzpatrick, Ruby Thompkins, and Messrs, Henry James, John Love, Bob White and Stirling Whitley. Little Ella

Virginia Prickett and Anita Cunningham will be flower girls, Nancy Prickett, train-bearer, and Master Billy Cunningham, crown-bearer. A classic minuet will follow the coronation ceremony and the singing of the Baxter Alma Mater.

The musical program will consist of vocal solos, and selection by special groups as well as by the entire chorus. The Festival will be under the direction of Miss Constance Ohlinger, head of the Music Department, assisted by Miss Ruth Grace. The complete program is as follows:

Court Processional, Coronation of the Queen, Baxter Alma Mater, Classic Minuet and Intermission.

Vilia (Merry Widow).....Kegar
Skaters Waltz.....Waldteufel
Gipsy Love Song.....Herbert
Tales from Vienna Woods.....Strauss.

The Glee Club:
Carry Me Back to Old Viginny.....Bland
The World is Waiting for the Sunris....Seltz

Miss Jean Whitley:
Will You Remember.....Rombert
Misses Whitley, Tompkins, Oakwood and Austin.

Hossna.....Granier
O God Our Help In Ages Past.....Croft
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven....Goss
Speedwell.....Brahe-Salter.

The Glee Club:
The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets, at a nominal charge, may be purchased beforehand, or at the door.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:
6 May 1943

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman Complete Twenty Years At Baxter Seminary:

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Upperman are completing twenty years of faithful, unstinted and unselfish service at Baxter Seminary, one of the outstanding secondary schools of the South, located at Baxter in Putnam County.

Just twenty years ago, on the twenty-third of June, Dr. and Mrs. Upperman arrived to take charge of Baxter Seminary. They were met by a group of earnest and willing citizens who joined with them during that first summer in improving the campus and renovating the buildings. The fall brought an enrollment of sixty, and steadily since that day the enrollment from about sixty has increased until for the past few years it has numbered about three hundred thirty-five.

To accommodate this increasing attendance much expanding of the physical plant has been necessary and to this matter, side by side, with attaining and holding the highest scholastic rating, Dr. and Mrs. Upperman have given unstinted labor. From a campus of twelve acres, the holdings have developed to over three hundred acres. They include a large farm with a fine herd of dairy cattle, cared for by the boys of the school.

Twenty years ago, there were two buildings on the campus, the main building, housing the academic program of the school, the administrative offices, the president's apartment, the library, the girls'

dormitory, the boarding hall and the laundry. The other building was the boys' hall, a long, low building, built after the manner of the barracks of the other world war.

The need for more space soon became apparent and a brick dwelling known as the President's Home and Guest House, was erected in 1930. When the President moved into this, space was allowed in the main building for a larger library and for the commercial department as well as for more classroom space. But even this was not adequate for the rapidly increasing enrollment and a building fund campaign was begun which resulted in the new educational building. Pfeiffer hall, being occupied by the school for all classes and the Offices of administration. The old Main building was then named Ivy Hall and became the girls' dormitory. Space was also provided in it for the Department of Music. During that year the Trades School was started in the basement of Pfeiffer Hall. One of the first things the boys in this school did was to help with the flashing of Pfeiffer Hall, for the school had moved into it while it was still incomplete. Laboratory furniture was also built by the Trades School during the year. Shortly afterward work was begun on the John W. Lowe Trade School Building, and its first unit was complete about a year later. Additions have been made since, almost wholly by student labor, the boys working under the direction of instructors.

In 1937, the boys' dormitory was destroyed by fire and the following summer the Trades School erected Ward Hall, a new three story brick building. It was ready for occupancy when school opened, and during the year they built much of the furniture for it. About the same time a new gymnasium across the road from Pfeiffer Hall was erected and a dairy barn was also built on the farm.

Within the past two years, the entire interior of Ivy Hall has been redecorated and modernized; a Health Center, largely the gift of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been constructed, and a central heating plant has been installed.

From two buildings eight, these are some of the tangible things that marked the Seminary's development through the years. The more important things – the educational and spiritual development in life, the aspirations, the consecration of life – these are the intangibles! They cannot be measured. Nevertheless, they are the real accomplishments of these twenty years.

“The dedication of the soul to the highest ideals of Christian ethics and a firm belief in God; the attainment of high scholastic achievements through study and thought; the enriching of the mind and the storing away of Useful knowledge; the development of a strong body, abounding health and vitality; an understanding of how to work and play happily with one another; a thorough training in at least one or two occupations-these should be the goal of every young man and woman. To such a well rounded program for life is Baxter Seminary ever committed.”

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 May 1943

BAXTER SEMINARY NEWS: Commencement activities at Baxter Seminary began last Friday night when the Glee Club directed by Miss Constance Ohlinger, assisted by Miss Ruth Grace, presented the annual Spring Festival program. Miss Ada Faye Alcorn was crowned Queen of the May by President Harry L. Upperman. Miss Nancy Prickett was train bearer, Misses Nancy Maxwell and Ella Virginia Prickett, the flower girls, and Master Fred Maxwell, the crown bearer.

On Saturday afternoon the Junior class, sponsored by Miss Ruth Grace, entertained the Senior class and the faculty at a picnic at Gentry's Bluff.

The Senior play, “Anne of Green Gables,” will be given at Pfeiffer Hall on Friday night, May 7, at 7:45. Admission will be 17 cents and 28 cents.

Dr. William K. Anderson, Chairman, Commission, Courses of Study, the Methodist Church, Nashville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, May 9, at 10:30 in Pfeiffer Hall.

Friday, May 14, is Commencement day. The Commencement address will be delivered at 10 o'clock in the morning by Dr. John L. Seaton, President of Albion College, Albion, MI. There are fifty-four candidates for graduation. Various prizes and honors will also be awarded at that time.

Parents and friends of the graduates, patrons of the school and all interested, are most cordially invited to be present at any and all of these exercise.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 August 1943

Baxter Seminary will open on August 30. Enrollment of students will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning. Students should report to Pfeiffer Hall for their Enrollment and Assignment Cards, and plan for the year's classes and the various opportunities offered.

Students who plan to live in the dormitories should report to the Office of the Dean where they will pay their first quarter's expenses and receive their room and boarding hall assignments.

On Tuesday morning August 31, the formal opening of the school will occur in Pfeiffer Hall. Parents and friends of the students and all patrons of the school are most cordially invited. Alumni of the school are especially invited and urged to be present. Baxter Seminary welcomes each and every student and looks forward to a very worthwhile school year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 May 1944

COMMENCEMENT EXERCICES AT BAXTER SEMINARY FRIDAY:

On Tuesday the Y.W.C.A. (*the largest and oldest women's organization in the United States*), candle lighting and consecration service for the seniors took place. At this time each senior received a candle, the point of which will signify the number of years of service she has rendered in the Y.W.C.A., and also a small devotional book, the gift of the organization. Mrs. Carl W. Hule spoke at the meeting.

The hymn reading contest was held on Wednesday morning. On Thursday, various prizes and merits were awarded. The names of those receiving these awards will be read at the commencement services Friday morning.

The commencement program will be held in Pfeiffer Hall beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Dr. John Benton, Dean of Vanderbilt University School of Religion, will deliver the commencement address. Parents of the students, friends, and patrons of the school are most cordially invited to be present.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 May 1944

BAXTER SEMINARY TO OPEN SUMMER SCHOOL, MAY 29:

At the request of many students Baxter Seminary will open an eight week summer school, beginning May 29, at 8 o'clock.

The subjects to be taught will be regular academic subjects on the basis of one half unit or two half units or one whole unit.

A special feature will be that a whole unit may be earned in vocational training known as the Trades Course.

Enrollment will be in the Registrar's office, Monday, May 28, at 8 a.m.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 July 1944

BAXTER SEMINARY SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSSES JULY 14:

Baxter Seminary will close its summer school session with a commencement program on July 14, at which time four seniors will be graduated. They are, Dorothy Harris, Katherine Burton, Mrs. Kelly Hall and Inez Pullum. Weather permitting, the graduates will be awarded their diplomas in an out door program on the campus in front of Pfeiffer Hall. This program will be under the direction of the summer school faculty. Parents and friends of the graduates and all others interested, are invited to be present at the program from 11 to 12 o'clock, Friday morning, July 14.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

10 August 1944

BAXTER SEMINARY OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1944:

Baxter Seminary will open Monday, August 21, 1944, at 9:00 a.m., for registration and enrollment for all students. The first meal for all boarding students will be served Monday night, August 21, at 5:20 p.m.

On August 22, Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m., the public is cordially invited to attend the opening chapel services, at which time speakers will represent all Baxter churches and organizations as well as the school activities. Everyone is welcome.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 December 1944

BAXTER SEMINARY HOST TO TWO OUTSTANDING LECTURERS:

Baxter Seminary has had the honor of having two outstanding people with them in the past two weeks that gave interesting talks to the entire school.

Miss Ruth Taylor, one of the country's best known columnists, whose articles are published in more than 1,200 newspapers every week, gave a very interesting talk on "A Challenge to Youth," to the student body last week. After she presented the talk to the entire group, a small group of students interested in journalism met with her for a short discussion on Journalism in Dr. and Mrs. Upperman's home. Miss Taylor was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

Then an interesting lecture and a series of pictures on a trip through Alaska was given by C. C. Williams, from Alaska, December 7.

The trip through Alaska one taken by Mr. Williams to see President about getting the highway built down from Alaska through the United States.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 May 1945

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Commencement activities at Baxter Seminary will begin on Friday night with the Spring Festival, presented by the Glee Club and the Chorus, under the direction of Miss Margaret Hadley. It will be presented in Pfeiffer Hall at 7:30, May 4.

On May 5, Pfeiffer Hall, at 7:30, the senior class will present the annual senior play, "Johnnie on the Spot."

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, the annual "Get-Together: for the senior, their parents, alumni and friends, will be given by the President and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman, and the faculty, at the President's home. At

five o'clock Dr. King Vivion, pastor of the McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on the campus in front of Pfeiffer Hall.

The commencement address will be delivered at 9:30, Monday morning, may 7, in Pfeiffer Hall, by Bishop Paul Kern. Following the commencement address and the presentation of the diplomas, the merits, prizes and scholarships won during the year will be announced.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 July 1945

BAXTER SEMINARY CLOSES SUMMER SCHOOL, JULY 13:

On July 13, the summer school session of Baxter Seminary will close with the following students graduating: Juanita Brown, Mary Alice Judd, Margaret Millring, Marcia Stanton, Jean Whitely, Jacob H. Garnder, Sterling Whitley and Elizabeth Jones. The address for the class will be given by the Rev. Jacob H. Gardner, a member of the class.

Various prizes, scholarships, and the diplomas will be awarded by the President of Baxter Seminary, Dr. Harry L. Upperman.

The commencement will be held on the campus, at Pfeiffer Hall, at 11 a.m. The public is cordially invited.

During this same summer school period though its Trades School department, Baxter Seminary had the privilege of conducting a summer school entirely devoted to the trades work classes and studies for trades school teachers from different parts of the state under the direction of Frank Van Eynde of the Stair Technical High School, Knoxville. All of the regular faculty members and students of Baxter Seminary through enjoyed both summer schools and were particularly pleased to have the teachers from the various high schools in the state as students on its campus in the trades school program.

The balance of the summer is now being devoted by the faculty and a score of students, to the improvement of the buildings and grounds of the Seminary, and the preparation for a good school year ahead. A great deal of canning under the supervision of Miss Flora Parker, dietitian, with student aid program being used, is being done.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 October 1945

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

The following class officers have been elected at Baxter Seminary:

Senior Class: William Stout, president; James Neal, vice-president; Willene Bruce, secretary; Glenna Cooper, treasurer.

Junior Class: Roy Minton, president, who was president of the sophomore class last year; Richard Savage, vice-president; Janie Huddleston, secretary; Bennie Corley, treasurer.

Sophomore class: Flem Hall, president; Mildred Jared, vice-president; Jess Brown, secretary; Robert Shanks, treasurer.

Freshmen: Dan Maxwell, president; Lois Cooper, vice-president; Robert Ragen, secretary, and C. H. McCain, treasurer.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 April 1946

“HERE COMES CHARLIE” AT BAXTER SEMINARY, FRIDAY:

The senior class of Jackson County High School will present “Here Comes Charlie,” a farce in three acts of Baxter Seminary auditorium on Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The cast is getting ready to present Baxter one of the most enjoyable farces ever written. This story of a little hillbilly girl and her uncle Aleck, is one of wholesome entertainment and good fun. You’ll giggle, you’ll laugh, and then you’ll roar. Be sure to see the play.

Added attractions are popular songs and a variety of tap dancing with attractive costumes.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

22 August 1946

BAXTER SEMINARY OPENS TUESDAY MORNING:

Baxter Seminary will begin its school year at 9 o’clock Tuesday morning when the students, their parents, and friends meet in the chapel to hear a number of special speakers, it was announced today by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president.

Dr. Upperman said it was highly important that all students complete their enrollment Tuesday as classes often become filled on opening day and those who enroll later have difficulty in making out their schedules.

Enrollment will remain in the chapel where they will receive assistance in making out their schedules; seniors, juniors, and sophomores will enroll in this order in the library, where each pupil will first check their records with Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, registrar.

All pupils who live on the campus (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) will enroll in the administrative offices, Dr. Upperman said, and all should be prepared to pay entrance fees.

Dr. King Vivion, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville, will deliver the convocation sermon September 3, it was announced.

Baxter Seminary is also planning to serve a similar school, now being organized in Havans, Cubs, by helping with the training of the faculty members.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

12 September 1946

J. A. BAIN, BAXTER SEMINARY TRUSTEE, DIES; FUNERAL TODAY:

Funeral services for James Anderson Bain, 68-year-old trustee and employee of Baxter Seminary since the Institution was organized, died Wednesday morning at Vanderbilt Hospital, in Nashville, were conducted at 2 o’clock this afternoon at the Baxter Methodist Church by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, the Rev. Philip Porter, and the Rev. J. A. Harris. Burial was in Baxter Cemetery. *(He is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).*

Mr. Bain’s death followed a major operation of two weeks ago.

A native of Cleveland, Tenn., Mr. Bain move to Baxter 40 years ago. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, and had been a member of the church’s board of trustees for 30 years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bonnie Nunally Bain, five daughters, Mrs. Pearl York, El Paso, TX, Miss Nell Bain, Baxter, Miss Elizabeth Bain of Chicago, IL, Mrs. Ruth Wooten, and Mrs. Phyllis Hawkins, both of Gainesboro, and three sons, Jim, Billy and Frank Bain, all of Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

17 October 1946

COOKEVILLE MINISTER'S SON-IN-LAW IS DEAD:

B. H. Fleenor, son-in-law of the Rev. J. D. Harris, Cookeville, died early this week in a Milwaukee, WI, sanitarium after an illness of a year.

Mr. Fleenor had been a professor in the Kansas State Agriculture College at Manhattan, KS for ___ years. His wife was the former Miss Jessie Mai Harris.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

30 January 1947

COLLISION INJURES FIVE BAXTER STUDENTS:

Five Baxter Seminary students, three boys and two girls, were injured, one seriously, when the car in which they were riding collided with a wrecker Saturday night.

Miss Betty Maddux, 19, of Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter (*should be Willard*) Maddux, was still in an unconscious condition at City Hospital today. Her sister, Rose Marie Maddux, suffered a broken leg and is also in the hospital.

Three boys, Bud Keesler, Harold Denny, and J. V. Thomas, al of Baxter, were treated for minor injuries and released.

According to Sgt. C. W. Strader of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, who along with Patrolman N. B. Matheny, investigated the accident, Keesler, who was driving the car, told officer that they "topped a hill and ran into the rear of the parked wrecker."

Strader said that Harvey Phillips, driver of the wrecker said that he was answering a call and was preparing to turn off the highway when the accident occurred. Phillips was not injured.

The students had been to Cookeville and were returning home. All of them except Rose Marie Maddux, are members of the Baxter Seminary basketball team.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

20 March 1947

MISS ETHELENE HILL WINS B. & P. W. CLUB ESSAY CONTEST ON 'THE TROUBLE WITH JOBS IS PEOPLE'

Miss Ethelen Hill, dean of Baxter Seminary, won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the Cookeville Business and Professional Women's Club, it was announced at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

Subject for the contest was, "The Trouble With Jobs Is People."

Second place went to Mrs. Edith Luton, of Bloomington Springs, and third to Miss Nell Kendall, home demonstration agent for Putnam County.

Because of limited space, The Herald publishes only the winning essay of Miss Hill's. It was filled with what may be termed "every day misgivings of persons."

Miss Hill's essay follows:

“How many an executive has knit his brow and said, ‘If I could only find the right people!’ Difficulties that loom large in business are often traceable to the ill-advised action of some person. The trouble with jobs is people. Their individualities often seriously hinder their effectiveness.

“As one waits at a railroad station or rides on bus or train, bits of conversation from fellow-travelers float across. What are they talking about? People. A slip of a girl has just taken her first job. We gather that the ‘boss’ is unreasonable, exacting. She is totally unaware that in discussing business relations in public places, she is labeling herself as inexperienced, indiscreet and unprofessional – triple hindrances to her advancement.

“Two partners talk in low tones: ‘She has such fine possibilities,’ we hear, but she spoke too hastily, acted on too little information, overstepped her authority, and ‘we just can’t use her.’

“Here and there we learn, ‘she has this and this and this fine characteristic, BUT...’” Then follows the list of things by which one blindly gets in the way of her own usefulness. A stenographer puts personal interests before business demands. She was late to work because she had to do some shopping. The last bus moved off just as she was running to catch it. She feels virtuous over ‘running.’ She forgets the real reason – she stopped for a dress fitting while on the way to work. A business woman cannot adjust herself to any changing situation. Her most frequent expression is: ‘I won’t, ‘This just has to be this way.’ ‘I have never seen anything like this before.’ She continually compares the advantages of her previous position with the difficulties of the present one. Another, habitually grabs the best for herself, then sympathizes with associates who did not get as good a deal as she. One such rushed ahead, picked out the most shapely Christmas tree for her room. Later she visited every room to express sympathy to each teacher for not having as beautiful a tree as she... Here is a woman who could be an efficient executive. She can make excellent plans. Alas! Her methods so irritate others that plans go awry.

“These and many others are the ‘trouble’ with their jobs, and a ‘headache’ to their employers. They shift frequently from job to job, all the more tragic because some thoughtfulness, the willingness to see another’s point of view, a change in attitude would turn the blundering salesgirl into the head of her department, the trying stenographer into the private secretary, the teacher who longs for Friday night into the enthusiastic mistress of the schoolroom whom children adore.

“Bit, bless her! There is the other type-too few of her, to be sure. Her work is her joy; her enthusiasm is contagious. Can she meet emergencies? She is waiting for them! She offers her services before they are asked; she has a task done before its need is apparent; she magnifies the good in her associates; if her employer has faults, they are buried beneath his virtues. Her co-workers love her, seek her advice and companionship. And, as for her employer, well, one such put it this way, “We often get together at the club and say, “What would I ever do if she should leave me?””

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

27 March 1947

BAXTER STUDENTS WIN UNIT SPEECH HONORS:

Baxter Seminary students look first honors in the speech contests of Unit Five of the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League held at Tennessee Tech Friday. The Seminary students won five first places out of ten contests.

Seventy-five students representing eight schools in this area took part in the various events. First and second place winners in each of the events were:

Dramatic reading: Ann Cox, of Cookeville, Joy Gregory, Hartsville; boys’ oratory, Frances Gwaltney, of Carthage, Dean Banks, Baxter; extemporaneous speaking, Charles Wise, Baxter, Billy Judd, Cookeville; declamation, Cecil Harper, Hartsville, Murton Johnson, Cookeville; oral poetry interpretation, Sara Medley,

Cookeville, Sara Allen, Hartsville; humorous reading, Sally Vaughan, York Institute, Martha Vance, Cookeville.

One-act play, Baxter and Crossville; best actors, Janet Beyer, of Crossville, Billie Aiken, Crossville, Helen Satterwhite, Fred Craig, T. J. Wilson, Bob Owen, all of Baxter, and Joyce Henry of Cookeville; affirmative debating, James Mills, Richard Savage, Baxter, and Joe Stewart and Robert Bull, Sparta; negative debating, Robert Estes and Bennie Corley, Baxter, and Nancy Jane McMahan and Ethel Barnes Mitchell, Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

10 April 1947

**TWO BAXTER SEMINARY STUDENTS, ONE COOKEVILLIAN WIN ESSAY CONTEST;
WINNERS SENT TO STATE FINALS:**

Two Baxter Seminary students and one at Cookeville Central won the first three places in the V.F.W. Auxiliary-Herald-sponsored essay contest on "The Home-Cradle of Good Citizenship."

The announcement was made jointly today after the essays presented were culled to eight and then placed in one, two, three order by the English department of Tennessee Tech. Thomas L. Passons, head of the department said it was "indeed a hard job to rank the essays. They were all splendid."

First place winner was Charlie Mae Dalton, 18-year-old senior at Baxter, a native of Putnam County, but whose mother, Mrs. Minnie Dalton, lives in Detroit, MI.

Second place went to Wilburn Johnson, of Cookeville, son of Mrs. Shelton Johnson. He is a junior at Cookeville Central.

Third place winner was Charles N. Wise, Baxter Seminary sophomore, whose home is in Peoria, IL.

Receiving honorable mention were H. M. Marlowe, Jr., Jackie Brown, and Billy M. Starnes, all of Baxter, and Virginia Broyles, Betty Jeane Lawson, and Hargis Lee, all of Cookeville.

The winning essay, published on page six of this issue of The Herald, will be entered in the state contest, the result of which will be made at the June Encampment of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

The local winners will receive their prizes at chapel exercise the schools next week, according to Mrs. Douglas McDowell, president of the Auxiliary.

Miss Dalton will receive two \$25 Savings Bonds, Johnson will receive \$10 cash, and Wise will get \$5.

The Herald strongly recommends that you read the winning essay. Please turn to page six.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

8 May 1947

BAXTER SEMINARY'S COMMENCEMENT SEASON BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT:

Tomorrow night will begin the happy season for 50 Baxter Seminary students – commencement exercises, it was announced this week by Dr. Harry L. Upperman.

The music festival at 8 o'clock Friday night in Pfeiffer Hall will be the curtain raiser for the school's colorful commencement program.

Nashville's Central High School band will entertain the Baxter school at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and stay over for the night festival. The Baxter Music Club will also be the guests of the Seminary for the occasion.

The public is invited, and there is no charge for admission.

Saturday night, the Dramatic Club will give a minstrel and variety show in Pfeiffer Hall, at which time there will be a small admission charge.

The senior play, "In Walked Judy" will be presented on the night of May 16. The alumni will hold their business meeting May 17 in the Ivy Hall social rooms at 6 p.m., followed by the annual banquet.

The baccalaureate service will be held Sunday morning, May 18, at 11 o'clock in the chapel. Dr. Willard H. Blue, district superintendent of the Nashville District, Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon.

The payoff day for the seniors will be Monday morning, May 19, at 10 o'clock when Burgin E. Dossett, state commissioner of education, will deliver the commencement address before the 50 seniors receiving their diplomas and Bibles.

Dr. Upperman also announced the three honor students of this year's class. They are: Eleanor Stout, valedictorian; Richard Savage, salutatorian, and Lee Roy Minton, third honor student.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

8 May 1947

BAXTER BLAZE DOES \$10,000 DAMAGE:

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home and furnishings of F. D. Jr., and Jessie Fayne Scarlett, at Baxter, shortly after midnight, Wednesday morning.

The brothers, both of whom are war veterans, recently bought the home and furnished it. They, their wives, and three children barely escaped with their lives.

The loss was estimated at \$10,000 which was nearly half covered by insurance. It was thought that defective wiring or overloaded wires caused the blaze.

In business with their father, the Scarlett brothers operate a fleet of rolling stores. The families are temporarily housed in Baxter Seminary barracks.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

13 May 1948

71 BAXTER SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS MONDAY AT LARGEST GRADUATION IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY:

Baxter Seminary's 71 seniors – the largest graduating class in the school's history-will receive diplomas Monday in the chapel of Pfeiffer Hall, climaxing the class' commencement activities which began with the May Day program on last Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Phillips, daughter of Mrs. Josie Margaret Phillips, Baxter, was crowned May Queen in the May 8 ceremonies. Serving as her attendants were honor students of the four classes, Mildred Jared, D. H. Thomas, Floretta Haller, James Millis, Betty Jean Coleman, H. M. Marlowe, Jr., Auth Coleman, and Herbert Gambrell. The annual spring music festival, under the direction of Miss Ethel Bolen, was presented in conjunction with the program.

Tomorrow will be Class Day at the Seminary. In the evening the senior play, "The Night Was Dark," will be presented.

Saturday night the annual alumni banquet will be given in Ivy Hall, beginning at 7 o'clock. Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of the school, has issued an invitation to all husbands, wives, and special friends of the Seminary's alumni to attend.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Dr. James Henley, pastor of the West End Methodist Church, Nashville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the Pfeiffer all chapel.

Also participating in the program will be the Rev. G. C. McIlwain, the Rev. E. M. Nunally, and the Rev. H. P. Keathley.

Commencement exercises Monday will begin at 9:30 a.m. After the processional and invocation, Arnold Thomas will deliver the salutatory, "I Believe." D. H. Thomas will give an address entitled "Hail to Baxter." Dr. T. Otto Nall, managing editor of the Christian Advocate, will be the principal speaker for the occasion. Diplomas will be awarded by President Upperman, followed by the presentation of awards by Dean Ethelyn P. Hill.

Included in the graduating class are:

Benjamin Auxier, Jr., Ina Marie Barr, Sue Davis Beaty, Betty Bowman, Ralph Lee Bradford, Grover M. Brewington, Jess Ivan Brown, Jackie Brown, Gloria Anne Burton, Luther H. Burton, Roy B. Burton, Troy N. Carr, Bobbie Sue Carter, Clyde Clemons, Fred Craig, Jr., Anita Keeble Dunavin, Nelson T. Denny, Mary Thelma Elmore, Robert Kenneth Estes, Collie Floyd Hall.

Samuel Verdecia Hernandez, Mildred Juanita Jared, J. W. Keisler, Donald Theodore Huddleston, Frederick Keiper, Hildegard Koerner, Betty Lou Lafever, Dorothy Jean Lafever, Warren G. Lafever, Phyllis Mae Lighthall, Herman Delmar Lollar, Norma Lillian Mahan, Reba Louise Mahan, Robert J. Maggart, Elton Burton McBroom.

Virginia Carolyn McHood, Wilfred Medley, Maxwell Bernard Mobley, Jessie Marie Moss, Ben Morris, Lela Belle Murphy, Lyman Arthur Murphy, Jr., Armon Reece Nash, Homer C. Nash, Tommy David Nichols, Robert J. Owen, Luis Barbeito Oliveros, Evelyn Royce Phillips, Benjamin F. Prichard, Billie Evelyn Prichard, James D. Ray, Lonnie Cleburn Rice, Marston Aaron Rodgers, Donald Hugh Sadler, Ramo Jean Sewell.

Robert Anderson Shanks, Earl F. Springer, Billie McDonald Starnes, James Franklin Stewart, Elton D. Stout, Jephtha T. Taylor, David h. Thomas, General V. Thomas, James A. Thomas, Arthur Thompson, Jr., Truman Waddell, Harold Ray Wallace, Wilene Waller, Tennison J. Wilson, III, Ralph Ordue Young.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

13 May 1948

Body of J. D. Gentry returned for Burial:

The body of J. D. Gentry, son of W. L. Gentry, Detroit, MI, who volunteered for army duty in 1940 while living in Putnam County, will be returned here Saturday for burial. He was 20 years old at the time of his death.

Gentry was in the Latin-American zone, and had gone on a fishing trip or for a boat-ride with an inseparable friend. Their bodies were found on the bank of the river.

Gentry was a private first class. He attended school at Baxter Seminary before volunteering for service.

Funeral services will be conducted at Salem at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. H. Roberson.

Survivors include his father, a brother, Willie Gaines Gentry; sisters, Mrs. Mollie C. Huddleston, Mrs. Lula Martin, Mrs. Juanita Nation, Mrs. Mary Edna Flatt, Miss Anna Pearl Gentry, all of Detroit, and Mrs. Jonelda Brown, Of Adron, OH, and a grandfather, Dee Huddleston, Sparta.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:

27 May 1948

GROUND TO BE BROKEN FOR BAXTER ADDITION BY STATE DAR OFFICER;

June 3 has been set as the date for the breaking of ground for the Baxter Seminary Health House addition, according to Mrs. Robert Lowe, DAR chairman of the project. Mrs. Thomas F. Hudson, state regent of the DAR will break the ground at a ceremony which will begin at 2 o'clock.

Funds of the DAR in Tennessee, originally allocated to blood plasma was given to the Putnam County institution at the annual DAR conference in Nashville in March. The Seminary will match the \$12,000 given by the organization in constructing the addition, which will be known as the Practical Nurses' Training Center.

A course unique in Tennessee will be started at Baxter, upon completion of the addition, which will enable high school students to receive training as nurses in their last two years.

The ceremonies next Thursday will be open to the public, Mrs. Hudson said.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 October 1948

BAXTER SURPRISES LAFAYETTE 13-6: BY H. M. MARLOW:

A surprise upset occurred in high school football last Friday when Baxter Seminary came from behind in the third quarter to score a 13-6 victory over a highly favored Lafayette eleven.

The kickoff was by Lafayette, and the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie. But in the second quarter, after a series of short passes and end runs, Herbert Cutrell carried the ball inches to give Lafayette a six-point edge over Baxter.

In the third quarter Bill Poole, Seminary fullback, carried the ball four yards for a touchdown, and a few minutes later Craig Morris of Baxter carried the ball 10 yards and went over standing up for another six points. A pass by Dan Maxwell to Bob Comstock was good for the extra, making the score 13-6 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was played almost entirely between the thirty yard lines.

All the spectators at Friday's game commented on the tremendous improvements in the Seminary's team since its opening game. Even greater interest is expected in the Baxter team when the lighted field is completed.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

13 January 1949

TEEN-AGE "A" STUDENT AT BAXTER SEMINARY WINS TRIP:

Ronald Lee Anderson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Anderson, and senior student of Baxter Seminary, who majors in history, has been notified that he has won the Nashville Tennessean's contest on "Why I Should Like to See President Truman Inaugurated."

The young student will start on the four-day all-expense paid trip on Tuesday, January 18. After Ronald's first wave of excitement of the joyful news brought him on Friday by the Editors of the Tennessean, he

began making plans to depart on the Special at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday with anticipation of the sights he will see in Washington: Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, George Washington Masonic Memorial, and all the government buildings, and the inaugural parade, itself, which he will view from a reserved seat furnished by the Tennessean's Special.

Former student of Bohn High School, Nashville, Anderson will also be a guest at all the events preliminary to the inauguration. While on the four-day trip there will be another little matter – sending back daily reports to the Tennessean of what he saw that day and what his impressions were.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman will also attend the inauguration aboard the Tennessean Special. Dr. Upperman is president of Baxter Seminary.

The Winning Letter:

Why I Should Like To See President Truman Inaugurated:

I should like to see the man inaugurated as President of the United States who, despite the predictions of all the “experts” to the contrary, kept saying “I’m going to win”, and did. I should like to see a man who is unafraid, a man who never quits, a man who has a message and who is so impressed with the urgency of message that he will face what is sometimes taken as insurmountable odds and overcome them.

I should like to see President Truman inaugurated because he, to my mind, exemplifies as no other man in public life the things that may be accomplished, the heights that may be attained by an American boy who sets his course toward a goal and has the courage to pursue the course. He proves that the achievements of an American who tries are truly beyond prediction.

I should like to see this inauguration because I would there by be seeing democracy in action. I would be seeming a leader who was chosen by the free vote of a free people take upon himself the responsibilities of leadership that the people had entrusted into his hands. I should like to see President Truman as he looks out upon the throng of well-wishers and knows, as I know that he must know, that everyone on this scene is praying that his tenure of office will be one of prosperity and peace.

I should like to see places where history is made, the places where great men have stood, and worked, and achieved. I should like to see the pulse center of America, the place around which the destinies of the nation and much of the world revolve. For in doing this, I know that I will have a better knowledge of my native land—a land that I love.

I should like to see the places where Washington, and Jefferson, and Lincoln, and Jackson, and Wilson, and Roosevelt brought in to fruition the dreams and hopes of a great and grateful people.

I should like to see the greatest library in the world, the shrines of the honored dead, the Supreme Court building, the many magnificent buildings of the seat of Government, to just stand off and look at some of these things that would be so wonderfully new to me and thank God that I’m an American.

Ronald Lee Anderson, Baxter Seminary Senior, Baxter, TN.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

3 February 1949

SERVICES TUESDAY FOR EZRA N. MEDLEY, 28:

Funeral services were held for Ezra N. Medley, 28, Tuesday afternoon at the Silver Point Church of Christ with L. N. Moody officiating. Interment was in Carter Cemetery near Silver Point.

Mr. Medley died Sunday night in Veterans Hospital at Nashville after a long illness. He was a naval veteran of World War II. He was the son of the late Arlee Medley and Mrs. Ura Clemons Medley who scurvies. He attended Baxter Seminary and Smithville High School.

Other survivors include two brothers, Royce Medley of Silver Point, and Tommy Medley, U. S. Army, and three sisters, Mrs. Nell Jones, Mrs. Mova Lene Hanson, Detroit, and Miss Eura Lee Medley, Silver Point.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

17 February 1949

HONOR STUDENTS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Candidates for membership in the National Honor Society were named at a recent chapel service at Baxter Seminary and are as follows: Ronald Lee Anderson, Geneva Barr, Floretta Haller, John Harris, Betty Sue Howell, Eugene Jared, James Millis, Gertrude Mitchell, Grace Thomas and Evelyn Smellage.

Members of the National Honor Society are selected from the Senior Class on a four year record of character, scholarship, leadership and service.

New members of the Beta Club have also been recently announced and are as follows: Lorita Shields, Anita Cunningham, Gertrude Mitchell, James Fields, Ruth Coleman, Nellie DeRamus, Betty Sue Howell, Helen Nash, **Jerry Denny**, Dan Maxwell, Eliecer Santana, Waurine Denny, Mary Anne Stewart, Hilda Schmidt, Lorane Palmer, Silas Maxwell, George Lafever.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 February 1949

RAYMOND TERRY, 46, DIES IN AUSTIN TEXAS:

Funeral services were held Feb. 24 for Raymond Terry, 46, in Austin, TX. He had been ill since early fall.

Son of R. B. Terry and the late Melissa McGlasson Terry his home was in Putnam County for a number of years. He was educated in the Putnam County schools and was a graduate of Baxter Seminary. He moved to Detroit in 1925 and later moved to Texas with his family in 1944.

He married Miss Ethel Hammel, Detroit, and a native of Windsor, Canada, who survives. Also surviving is a ten-year-old son, Harry Ray Terry; and his father, R. B. Terry, Detroit.

Mr. Terry is a nephew of Mrs. Fred Maxwell and the Misses Minnie, Avo, and Cleo McGlasson.

Other survivors include a sister, Jewel Terry, Detroit, and a brother, Charles Terry, Lake Charles, LA.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 March 1949

MESSICK BELL RINGERS PRESENT PROGRAM AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

The Messick Bell Ringers, who have appeared with the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York City, will appear in person at Baxter Seminary, Wednesday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m., bringing with them a large collection of famous bells from all parts of the world, including musical Swiss bells which they play.

With a set of Swiss Bells handed down from his father in early times, Clarence Messick has made ___ of bells so that today he has become an outstanding bell authority. The Messick Bell Ringers arrange their bells so that they not only have history but music also.

Bells from all parts of the world make up this program. The Messick Bells present to the public bells of wood from the days of the primitive man down to the present type bells. The program is made up of music and comedy which makes these bell ringers an outstanding educational novelty.

A short time ago the Chicago Daily News said that Dr. Clarence Messick, bell scientist, was one man who has proved that Webster was wrong. The dictionary says that a bell is a hollow metallic vessel which rings when struck, but Messick has bells made of wood and glass that have a fine musical tone.

Another interesting set with the bell ringers is a set of musical sleigh bells. These bells hang on "chains." The "chains" are hung from a rack. To play them the hands are run down the leather, in much the same fashion as a pianist hits the keys.

The best sounding bells, according to the scientist, are fashioned from a special bronze alloy. When asked how he tuned his sleigh bell chains, since each of the dozen or so bells on a chain must be the same pitch, Dr. Messick stated that the tone of any bell is controlled by three factors; the metal from which it is cast, the size of the bell, and the typed of clapped used. Since these bells are of the same metal and have the same type clappers, the tone is the tuning element. So before going on a program, Dr. Messick seeks out a file and proceeds to give each bell a shave.

The bell ringers are bringing with them a set of tuned up American cow bells which they promise to play. One of these is from Oregon, another from Boston, one made for them from Arizona copper, and some from Kansas and Illinois. Many different types have been presented to the Messick collection in towns where they have appeared.

The Swiss Bells which the artist play are a very rare type. They are over two hundred years old. The clapper in each bell will throw in one direction only, the back side being covered with felt. Small wooden pegs are used to hold the clappers in place. The tones of these silver bells are very beautiful and well suited for radio work. Almost any piece of music or song can be played on these Swiss Bells.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

19 May 1949

SIXTY GET DIPLOMAS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor, The Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to Baxter Seminary graduates, faculty, and friends, Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. it was announced today by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, President. The Invocation will be given by the Rev. G. C. Mellwain and the Rev. E. M. Nunally will lead in prayer. As a climax to the successful year in the history of the Seminary Commencement Exercises will be held Monday morning, May 23 at 9:30 o'clock, when Dr. Andrew D. Holt, executive secretary, Tennessee Education Association, Nashville, will address the sixty graduates. Other speakers of the morning will be members of the graduating class: Ronald Lee Anderson, valedictory; Miss Floretta Haller, salutatory; James Millis, third honor student; and Miss Hilda Schmidt will render a soprano solo, "The Flutes of Spring." Awarding of diplomas will be by Dr. Harry L. Upperman and awarding of prizes will be by Dean Ethleyn P. Hill.

Those to receive diplomas are: Frances Roberts Allen, Bobbie Jean Allison, Pauline Carol Allison, Geneva Barr, Betty Lou Ensor, Floretta Haller, Betty Sue Howell, Betty Jean Huddleston, Naomi Carolyn Huddleston, Helen Doris Judd, Doris LaFever, Ruby Nell Mathis, Gertrude Mitchell, Marthena Lean Montgomery, Virginia Toccoa Myers, Vera Jean Presley, Oma Louise Rice, Betty Jane Robinson, Betty Jo Maddux Sadler, Freda Sadler, Evelyn Paulin Smellage, Mabel Joyce Stanton, Mary Anne Stewart, Dona Grace Thomas, Joyce Marie Waller, Mary Elizabeth Waller, Nobel Dean Anderson, Ronald Lee Anderson, Marvin Baline Byer, Jack Allen Bowman.

Alfred Thomas Bradford, Alvin Dyer Brown, Mack Marion Bryant, Howard Douglas Bryant, Billy Joe Burton, Alvin Lawrence Buttrey, J. B. Choate, Robert Neal Dalton, Tammer Jerry Denny, Frederick Davies Guy, Author Joe Hall, John Hilton Harris, Zina Joe Hedgecough, Jere Herren, Alvin C. Jared, Thurl Eugene

Jared, Arnold F. LaFever, Jimmie LaFever, Morris LaFever, George Elmer LaFever, Clitus Harold McCain, James Dan Maxwell, James Brown Millis, Thomas Carl Ray, Joe Beverly Stanton, Jackie Royce Starnes, Mack Ewin Steele, Clarence Taylor Thompson, James King Traughber, Jr., Eliecer M. Santana Vazquea.

Four other seniors will graduate in July, they being Octa Evanel Ashburn, Mary Helen Coleman, Mary Virginia Russell, and Rudolfo Antonia Herrera Y Valle.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 July 1949

DR. AND MRS. UPPERMAN ATTEND EDUCATION MEET:

Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman left Friday morning for Boston, MA, as delegates to the National Education Association, which convenes there this week.

While in the section of the country they will visit many interesting places, and immediately following the convention will be special guests of Mrs. Arthur A. Penn, whose late husband Arthur Penn, was the author of "Smiling Through."

The Uppermans are expected to return some time next week.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 August 1949

BAXTER SEMINARY TO OPEN AUGUST 25TH:

Baxter Seminary opens at 8:00 o'clock on Thursday morning, August 25th. The students, patrons of the school, all people of the community and other friends of both this and surrounding counties and from a distance are most cordially welcomed during these opening days as well as to all functions in connection with the Seminary throughout the school year.

A great many improvements have been made during the summer; among them is the making of new walks, a great deal of painting in all the buildings, a new office for the commercial department, new rugs for the offices, new furniture in Ivy Hall, improvement in the gymnasium and on the football field, new rooms in the basement of Pfeiffer Hall which is in process of building as material and labor can be secured.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 November 1949

BAXTER SEMINARY HEAD PHONES FORMER STUDENT IN JAPAN:

Baxter Seminary struck another home Tuesday when its president, Dr. Harry L. Upperman instigated and carried through a telephone call to Fred Maxwell with the U. S. Army in Tokyo, Japan.

The call, which because of the loud-speaker system enabled all those in the auditorium to hear, drew visitors, business and townspeople to the Seminary Hall, making the listening audience total 400.

Those other than Dr. Upperman who spoke to Fred during the 15-minute period were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Maxwell and daughter, Nancy, the four class presidents, H. M. Marlowe, Jr., senior, Ralph Jared, junior, Harry Maxwell, sophomore and Tommy Hall freshman; Mr. Wilmoth and Sam Braswell of Veterans Radio Shop; and Charles Dickens, formerly of Japan.

Placed early in the morning the call got through to Tokyo about 11:30 a.m.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 November 1949

SEMINARY SPEECH GROUP TO SPONSOR STUNT NIGHT DEC. 2:

Plans have been announced by the Baxter Seminary speech department for a "Stunt and Talent Night," Friday night, December 2, in the auditorium of Pfeiffer Hall.

The winner of first place will receive a cash prize of \$5.00 according to the announcement, and the speech department has invited everyone to attend the program which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

1 December 1949

"DONKEY GAME" AT SEMINARY DECEMBER 2:

A "Donkey Basketball Game" will appear at the Baxter Seminary Gymnasium Friday night, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement by the senior class, which is sponsoring the game.

The game rules are similar to regular basketball rules, except that all the players ride live, trained donkeys.

The donkeys have been trained by the Baker Donkey Company, of Arkansas, and have been seen by several hundred-thousand people in similar games all over the nation. They wear special rubber shoes which prevent damage to gym floors.

Players will all be local people, as the company supplies only donkeys, and the donkeys, and the group sponsoring the show provides the players.

According to the announcement, three games of two periods each, are planned at Baxter Seminary.

The first game will feature girl players. The second game will feature men faculty members at Baxter Seminary vs. Baxter businessmen. The third game will feature teenage boys as players.

The price of admission is 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults, including tax. All proceeds will go toward financing the senior-sponsored yearbook.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 December 1949

GORE SPEAKS AT BAXTER AND TECH:

Congressman Albert Gore, who is currently on a speaking tour of the district, spoke at Baxter Seminary on Wednesday morning, and to the Tech Christian Association at Tennessee Tech this evening.

Commenting on the coming session of the Congress, Congressman Gore told The Herald that "The big problem of the next Congress will be fiscal." He added, "the job of trying to make ends meet is always a big one for governments as well as individuals."

"Our necessary expenditures are vast – veterans, national defense, highways, war debt, hospitals, farm programs, etc. This means that unnecessary expenses must be trimmed to the bone. The regrettable fact that we are in an expensive and dangerous armament race with Russia makes this doubly necessary.

"The huge Oak Ridge expansion, the Wind Tunnel and TVA developments should insure brisk economic and employment conditions in Tennessee for, at least another three to five years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 December 1949

HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Baxter Seminary students making the honor roll for the second six weeks of school follows:

Ninety per cent honor roll – 12th Grade: Jimmy Hagedon, Ted Wiseman, Louise Carter, Betty Coleman, Waurine Denny, Willene Howell, Jewell Newman, Loraine Palmer and Ruby Taylor.

Eleventh Grade: James Fields, Robbie Cowman and Betty Jean Denny.

Tenth Grade: John Neal Nash, Clella Burgess, Polly Ann Goggin, Louise Harris, Marjorie Massa, Anna Ruth Maxwell, Betty Parson and Helen Stout.

Ninth Grade: Sue Boyd, Lois Leftwich, Sue Robertson, Marie Sadler, Alta Stover, and Reba Jo Thomas.

Special Students Post Graduates: Floyd Maddux, Gertrude Mitchell, and Jack Godar.

Ninety-Five per cent Honor Roll, 12th Grade: H. M. Marlowe, Jr., and Troy Phillips.

Eleventh Grade: Ruth Colman, Helen Nash, Lorita Shields, and Hilda Schmidt.

Tenth Grade: Myra Fay Cooper.

Ninth Grade: Joyce Cooper.

Special Students: Post Graduates: Ann Marie Gindraux.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 2 February 1950

DR. JOHN FURBAY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Dr. John Furbay, member of the U. S. delegation to UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization) and widely known for his work in promoting international understanding, will speak to the assembled student body at Baxter Seminary on February 21, at two o'clock. An author, educator, lecturer, and photographer, Dr. Furbay has traveled by air all over the world. He has just completed his two-millionth mile of air travel.

An ardent internationalist, he will speak to the students at Baxter Seminary about the change taking place in the geographic, economic, social, and political thinking of people all over the world.

Dr. Furbay received his Ph.D. degree from Yale University, and among his various activities, has served as president of the College of West Africa and Liberia. At the present time, he is director of Air World Education for Trans-World Airlines.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 2 February 1950

SEMINARY CAGE SEASON CLOSES TUES:

The current basketball season for both Baxter Seminary and Cookeville Central close next Tuesday night Feb. 14, when the Cookeville cagers journey to Baxter for the final game before the Upper Cumberland tournaments Feb. 27.

The Baxter players have been successful in winning two games as far as the boys' team is concerned. They have dropped all other. The girl sextet has bowed to all opponents this year.

Top Baxter boys' scorer is Norman Parrish, with more than 80 points and Nancy Cherry is top girl scorer for the Bees with nearly 100 points.

The tournaments schedule or drawings for matching opponents have not yet been announced.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 2 March 1950

DR. FURBAY SPEAKS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

In a speech to Baxter Seminary students and faculty members last Friday afternoon, Dr. John H. Furbay, director of air-world education for Trans World Airlines and United States delegate to the UNESCO division of the United Nations, said that men must learn to get along with each other or the atomic bomb and hydrogen bomb will end civilization.

"Every person on the earth is within 36 hours of every other person on earth," said Dr. Furbay. "Now that we have made one community of the world, we must learn to get along with each other," he continued.

Dr. Furbay told of his work with TWA, which carries him into four continents and 23 counties. He has just completed his two-millionth mile of travel by air, he said.

Dr. Furbay conclude his speech by saying that he believes a human race that can invent a bomb that is capable of destroying the human race can also find a way of living together peacefully without using the bomb.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 6 April 1950

NOTED LECTURER TO SPEAK AT SEMINARY:

Dr. Tully C. Knowles, chancellor of the College of the Pacific of which he was president for 29 years, will be on Baxter Seminary campus April 10 as a part of a very extensive itinerary through the south.

Widely recognized as a distinguished educator, Dr. Knowles is coming to the Seminary campus as lecturer and an administrative counselor.

Dr. Knowles holds the A. B. and A. M. degree fro the University of Southern California. He has been the recipient of numerous honorary degrees including a D. D. from the Pacific School of Religion. He is a minister and a member of the California annual conference. He is being brought to the Seminary under the sponsorship of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville.

Dr. Knowles holds membership in the National Education Association; the Southern California Historical Society; and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, Pi Bamma Mu, and Phi Alpha Theta. He is a Mason and a Rotarina. Up until 1948 he had held membership on the General Board of Education of the Methodist church for many years.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 4 May 1950

HISTORY OF BAXTER SEMINARY REFLECTS STEADY GROWTH DURING PAST 25 YEARS:

The heart of Baxter is Baxter Seminary which for more than 27 years has had as its president Dr. Harry Lee Upperman.

From a small Methodist secondary school with six teachers, 47 students, one old building and 12 acres of land when the Uppermans came to Baxter the school has grown until it now resembles the campus of a small college.

This year there are 385 students enrolled in the regular academic courses plus 545 students in the veterans training program.

There are some twenty-five buildings on the 225 acre campus and farm and building is still in progress. This year an addition has been made to the hospital or "health house" which doubled its capacity. The health house has been built largely through the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A new cafeteria and science building have been completed and a main shop building and auto body shop for the veterans classes has been constructed.

One of the many outstanding personalities among the 20 teachers at Baxter Seminary is Dean Ethelene Hill. She has been at the Seminary since 1924 and at present in addition to her other duties teaches Latin and Bible.

Baxter Seminary has always stressed the ideals of vocational training, good health, academic efficiency and moral and religious values. This training is reflected in its students who have won honors on the campus and have gone out to excel in all phases of human endeavor. The 25 year motto of the school is Truth, Honor, Loyalty and Service.

The school with is dedicated to the belief that everyone should have an equal chance has been built largely by the hands of its students guided by the faculty. It still adheres to the principle that lack of funds should not prevent educational development and that with all hands applied to the task many students can be educated with only a small investment in money. No worthy student has ever been turned away.

One of the newest types of training offered by Baxter Seminary is a practical nurses training course which is beginning this week. Women between the ages of 18 and 50 who have two or more years of high school training or its equivalent are eligible.

Three honor students have been selected from the senior class at the Seminary this year. They are Ruby Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor of Silver Point, H. M. Marlowe of Baxter, and Joe Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rodriguez of Preston, Oriente, Cuba. Seventy eight students are expected to graduate at the commencement program set for May 19.

Baxter Seminary has a well rounded sports program headed by Coach Gerald O. Muncy. Teams engage in both intramural and conference basketball and football competition. The football team won third place this year in conference competition.

The Baxter Seminary International Relations club won first place in the state this year in the United Nations Contest which consists of three hour factual test on the United Nations and international relations. This club has also raised over \$100 for overseas relief during the year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 25 May 1950

BAXTER SEMINARY GRADUATES 75 AT SERVICE MONDAY:

Seventy-five seniors of Baxter Seminary were graduated on Monday morning before a large audience of parents and friends, who were addressed by Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Secretary of the Department of Institutions of the Methodist Church.

Each student received a Bible with his diploma. Students who spoke on this occasion were Miss Rubye Taylor, valedictorian; H. M. Marlowe Jr., salutatorian; and Jose Alberta Rodriguez Ortega, third honor student.

At the graduation exercises awards were presented that were won by students in various activities during the year. Those winning awards were: Hymn reading, Norman Parrish, Roberta Van Dyke, Betty Smellage; Bible reading, Ruth Coleman, Norman Parrish, Elizabeth Locklear; Bible memory, Ruth Coleman, Arnaldo Perez; "I Dare You" awards, Straude Wiseman and Willene Howell; Morris Home Economics medal, Rubye Taylor; Homemaking medal, Lorane Palmer; Time Magazine Current Events test, Hilda Schmidt; What Baxter Seminary Means to Me, Myra Faye Cooper, Betty Young, M. H. Beaty, Balfour Key, H. M. Marlowe Jr; J. A. Harris memorial award, Junan Huddleston; Vocational Trades, Robert Comstock; Mathematics, Marjorie Massie; Latin, Ruth Coleman; Art, James Spencer; Hugh Caruthers Trades, Shothand, Mrs. Hilda Duke Hall; Typewriting, first year, Ruth Coleman and Lorita Shields; second year, Anne Marie Gindraux; Bookkeeping, Ruth Coleman; General Commercial, Jose Rodriguez; Best girl in all-round activities, Mable Maxwell; George E. Ames awards of \$50 each to Rubye Taylor and H. M. Marlowe, Jr., Putnam County Tuberculosis essay Hilda Schmidt; Putnam County Medical Society essay second place, Hilda Schmidt.

Trades and Industries state contest winners: Carpentry, Robert Comstock, first, Joyce Minton, second, Straude Wisman, third; Electricity third, Ronnie Tyler; Masonry first, James Maddux.

State Farmers degrees went to Silas Maxwell and Glendon Herd; Beta Club Journal Poetry, Writing first place, H. M. Marlowe Jr.; membership in the National Honor Society, Louise Carter, Betty Coleman, Waurine Denny, Jewel Neuman, Ruby Taylor, Lorane Palmer, James Higdon, Jose Rodriguez, Nelson Stewart, H. M. Marlowe Jr.

Highest honors in the various classes were, juniors, Robert Ralph Jared and Lorita Shields; sophomores, John Neal Nash and Polly Ann Goggin; freshmen, Frank Medley and Joyce Cooper.

A group of honors were centered around the dormitory life of the school. For advantages and improvement of dormitory and boarding hall life, awards went to Roberta Van Dyke, Eugenia Holland, Betty Young, and Mildred Maynard; best waitresses, Polly Ann Goggin, Shirle Parrish, Margaret Stewart, and Nancy Cherry; best rooms in girls dormitory, Shirlee McRae, Ruth Coleman, Betty Parson, Mary Ann Wilson, Rene Foster, and Joyce Holleman; best rooms in boys dormitory, Donald Zook, Willard Platt, Robert Comstock, Craig Morris, Daniel Ptacek, and Billy Rust.

In the school improvement essay contests, the seniors took first place and the juniors second. Individual winners received \$5 as first prize in each division, \$3 as second prize; and \$2 as third prize. Winners were: Campus Improvement, Ruby Taylor, Arnaldo Perez, and Hilda Schmidt; Organization Improvement, H. M. Marlowe Jr., Helen Nash, and Betty Claiborn; Good Citizenship, Mildred Maynard, H. M. Marlowe Jr., and Blaine Pedigo; School Spirit, Anita Cunningham, Joyce Cooper and Ruth Coleman.

Students winning Certificates of Merit granted for extra service beyond the line of duty in various departments are: general office helpers, Regena Carr, Louise Harris, Louise Dyer, Helen Stout, Bobby Howell, Frank Medley, Nell Maynard, Nell Wallace, Nelda Allison, Shirlee McRae, Myra Faye Cooper, Ruth Stewart, and Ruth Huddleston; general cooperation in school activities, Anita Cunningham; Health House, Mrs. Mae Self, Betty Claiborn, and Peggy Neumann; chapel roll, Willene Taylor and Betty Colena; dormitory, Mildred Maynard and Betty Atwell; trades, James Maddux and Harold Dyer; campus work; Alex Pollard, James Garrison, Gil Vega, Jack Godar, Bill Poole; library, Bettie Smellage, Junan Huddleston, and Sue Boyd. General helpfulness, Helen Morris; office work and school activities, Joe Rodriguez; commercial department and school activities, Ruth Coleman; school activities, Shirlee Parrish; general helpfulness, Robert Ralph Jared.

Special merits known as the President's Merit, which carry the gold seal of the school, went to H. M. Marlowe Jr., James Higdon, Mable Maxwell, George Schisler, and Jaems Spencer.

A total of 37 students had perfect attendance records for the year. They are, James Higdon, T. J. McHood, Evelyn Cherry, Betty Claiborn, Lorane Palmer, Robert Comstock, Willard Platt, Jack Godar, Katy Alcorn, Silas Maxwell, Otis Harris, Earl Marlowe, Alex Pollard, James Spears, Elizabeth Lindsey, James Stewart,

James Dunn, Franklin Rodgers, Ernest Dyer, Marjorie Massie, Daniel Ptacek, Charlie Mai Maxell, Floyd Huddleston, James LaFever, Harold Massa, James Sherrill, Sue Boyd, Christine Russell, Pauline Russell, Eleanor Rayne, Loyce Higdon, Joyce Higdon, Marjorie Lowe, Modena Montgomery, Orgie Steele, Helen Thomas, and Reba Jo Thomas.

Daughters of the American Revolution Awards were presented as follows: Old Walton Road Citizenship Medal, Ruby Taylor; Old Walton Road History Medal, H. M. Marlowe, Jr; Fort Nashboro American History Medals, Troy Phillips and Arnaldo Perez; Cumberland Chapter Medals to best boy and best girl in school, Mable Maxwell and Robert Dean Comstock. Honors in citizenship to Ivan Youngblood.

The debate teams composed of James Fields, H. M. Marlowe, Jr., Hilda Schmidt and Helen Nash placed third in the Tennessee District Tournament of the National Forensic League. Lorita Shields reached the semi-finals in the same tournament in declamation and humorous reading. The play cast of Joe Rodrigues, Herbert Ward, Louis Wheelock, and Charles Todd placed third in the state contest of the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League at the University of Tennessee. Joe Ridriguez was judged the outstanding actor in the state.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 15 June 1950

BAXTER STUDENT WINS STATE ESSAY CONTEST:

H. M. Marlowe Jr., a member of the Senior Class of 1950 at Baxter Seminary, has won first place in the State of Tennessee in the United Nations Essay Contest.

The contest is sponsored annually in the state by the Tennessee division of the American Association of University Women. James Millis, a member of the 1949 Senior Class at Baxter Seminary, took first place in the contest last year, and was eleventh in the National Contest.

In the local contest, Marlowe was first place winner, and Arnaldo Perez, a senior, and Helen Nash, a junior, tied for second place.

The contest was based on a three-hour test concerning the United Nations. Each person who took the test then wrote an essay concerning a given phase of the United Nations.

As state winner, Marlowe's essay will be sent as the Tennessee entry in the National United Nations Contest, results of which will be announced during the summer. Scholarships are awarded to National winners.

The contest at Baxter Seminary was directed by Mrs. Harry L. Upperman.

Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN

9 August 1950

BAXTER'S BACHELOR BUGLER, TOWN'S HUMAN ALARM CLOCK, PLANS NEW ROOST FOR REVEILLE *(August 9, 1950 - Nashville Banner)*

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Baxter, Tenn., Aug. 9-One of the world's most celebrated buglers, Charlie Hughes, 62, who has served as a human alarm clock for the sleepy residents of this small Putnam County community for more than a quarter of a century, plans to replace the chestnut pole he has been climbing for the past 26 years to blow reveille on his mail order bugle.

Hughes, known far and wide as Baxter's Bugling Bachelor and the Human Alarm Clock, started his unique hobby of blowing reveille at 5 o'clock on the morning of March 15, 1924, and he has continued the practice almost without interruption since that time.

Upon the invitation of the late Bob Ripley, creator of the world famous "Believe-It-Or-Not" cartoons, Hughes appeared on "We the People" program in New York City 13 years ago. Notes from Hughes' Sears Roebuck bugle swelled across the nation on the coast-to-coast broadcast.

Since Hughes was not accustomed to blowing his bugle from the ground, officials of the program erected an eight-foot ladder on the stage and Hughes climbed to the top and cut loose with the strains of reveille. "I was a little nervous," Hughes confided, "but the people in the auditorium seemed to enjoy it."

But that was only a small part of the story concerning Hughes' trip to the Big Town. Probably Hughes' biggest thrill came when the manager of the New York hotel permitted him to climb to the penthouse roof to "blow reveille for the world's second largest city," The hotel manager also gave Hughes a recording of the radio broadcast, which he plays today for visitors in his modest home on the outskirts of Baxter.

Now a mail messenger for the post office here, Hughes believes his hobby of blowing the bugle has proved beneficial to the residents for many reasons. "It's a healthy thing for the people to get up early," he said, "and besides blowing the bugle is healthy for me, too."

Rain or shine, snow or sleet, Hughes somehow manages to climb to a small platform atop the 20-foot pole for the early morning ritual which has become as commonplace as the rising of the sun in the eastern skies, "I just brush the ice and snow off the platform; things like that don't bother me," said the man who has been cartooned in hundreds of the nation's newspapers and appeared in newsreels in all of the country's theaters.

Postmaster W. V. Cole said, "Hughes always beats me to the office every morning. Why, he walks a mile to deliver a special delivery letter for only nine cents. You couldn't find anybody else who would do that."

Cole pointed out that Hughes neither drinks nor smokes, "But ever day," said Cole, "Hughes fills his pockets with candy and chewing gum to distribute to the youngsters in the community." Hughes also has two ponies at his home for the sole enjoyment of the children.

Hughes, who says he plans to retire from his mail messenger job when he reaches 65, get married and spend the rest of his life carrying in dry stovewood and water, said a new concrete pole would give the place a "new look," especially after he has painted the pole bright red. However, the chestnut pole which Hughes has climbed for 26 years is still in excellent condition. It is studded with railroad spikes which serve as steps to the small platform on top of the pole.

Mayor Will T. Sewell is one of Hughes' most ardent admirers. Hughes declared that the mayor levies a fine on everyone in Baxter who doesn't get up when he blows his morning reveille.

Hughes, who lives with his mother and sister one-half mile from the business section of the community, believes in getting his afternoon nap. In a wooded grove near his home, he has built a bed where, every afternoon, he spends a couple of hours sleeping. he has set out a circular row of trees around his outdoor bed to furnish shade from the hot afternoon sun.

Hughes, who has several scrapbooks filled with clippings describing his exploits as Baxter's Bugling Bachelor, said he plans to place all these writings in a can and seal them inside the new concrete pole, so that generations to come may some day read the story of the man who blew reveille for New York City's millions and for Baxter's seven hundred.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 24 August 1950

BAXTER SEMINARY TO OPEN AUGUST 31:

Baxter Seminary will open for the coming school year on Thursday, August 31st. Students who would like to check their records with the Registrar will find the office open for that purpose on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from one to four, August 29th and 30th. All students are urged to take advantage of the opportunity for a pre-enrollment check-up.

All students who are to live in the dormitories should report to the Office of the Dean in Pfeiffer Hall on Wednesday afternoon, August 31st, 1950.

During the summer there has been much repair work, renovation and painting of various buildings which are now ready for school.

Several new faculty members have been added and all faculty will be present to aid both old and new students on the opening day.

With the opening of the new school year, the Administration, faculty and students want to extend to parents of students as well as to all other friends of the school from far and near a most cordial invitation to visit Baxter Seminary on the opening day and at any other time throughout the year.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

22 February 1951

MRS. UPPERMAN IS FIRST SCOUT GUIDANCE SPEAKER:

Mrs. Harry L. Upperman addressed the Senior Girl Scouts at Central High School Thursday afternoon. The topic discussed by Mrs. Upperman was "Public Speaking as a Vocation." This was the first in a series of addresses by outstanding leaders in their field. The following speakers and dates are scheduled:

Mrs. Ray Kinslow, "Business Opportunities for Women", March 1; Alard Harding, "Pictures Can Be Fun," March 8; Miss Agnes Mahoney, "Christian Work As a Vocation," March 15; Mrs. Kenneth Haile, "Nursing as a Vocation," March 22; Mrs. T. J. Farr, "Teaching Opportunities," March 29; Mrs. Everett Derryberry, "Opportunities in Voice and Music," April 5; Miss Mary Barbour, "Librarians Needed," April 12; Don Kellar, "Veterinary Work," April 26; Miss Nell Kendall, "The Home Demonstration Field," May 3; Mrs. Sam McMurry, "Homemaking as a Vocation," May 10; and Coach Calvin Frey, "First Aid and Water Safety," May 24.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 May 1951

BAXTER SENIORS TO PRESENT ANNUAL PLAY:

The well known romantic comedy, "Smilin' Through," has been selected by Baxter Seminary Seniors for the annual Senior Play which will be given next Friday night, May 25th.

This play, which was a success on Broadway has also been produced several time in motion pictures and is among the few plays which have lived through the years.

It is the story of a beautiful young bride-to-be who was killed on the eve of her wedding by a rejected suitor. Fifty years later a boy and girl of the two families fall in love. Between laughs and tears the story winds its way to a climax as the spirit of the earlier bride helps the young couple to wipe out all hatred between the two families.

Heading the cast of Seniors are Lorita Shields as Mooyean Clare, Bill Fisher as John Carteret, Carlos Verdecia as Dr. Owen, Anita Cunningham as Kathleen Dungannon, and David Smith as Kenneth Wayne. Others in the cast are Hilda Schmidt as Ellen, Cleo Wakefield as Willie Ainley, James Stewart as Jeremiah Wayne. Martha Jane Goodman plays the part of the sister of Moonyean and the wedding guests are Bettie Sue Smellage, Shirille Parish, Helen Nash, Clarence Edmonds, Harold Dyer, and James Fields.

Baxter Seminary has a special interest in "Smilin' Through" because of the interest in the school the widow of the composer of the song of the same name as shown. When the song was used in MGM's production of "Smilin' Through," the check for the royalty on the song was given to Baxter Seminary.

The stage sets for the play are in charge of Mrs. Earle Smith, Mr. W. L. Cunningham, Mr. Paschal Geer, and students in the Art and Trades Department. Mrs. Harry Upperman is directing the play.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 June 1951

STATE TRADES TEACHERS TRAIN AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Trades teachers from more than 40 high schools from throughout the state completed a four-week training course at Baxter Seminary last Thursday. The course which was under the supervision of Frank Van Eynde, of the vocational training department of the University of Tennessee, was designed to aid the teachers to do a better job of teaching in their trades and industry classes.

Van Eynde is district supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education. In the summer work at Baxter, he is associate professor of Trade and Industrial Education. In the summer work at Baxter, he is associate professor of industrial education with the University. The two additional instructors were H. H. Bates of Nashville, and Troy C. Lager, of Benton, IL, who has come to Baxter as a special instructor for a course in masonry.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 August 1951

NEW STUDENTS TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Baxter Seminary will open Thursday, August 28th at 8 a.m. for the coming school year. Most of the students enrolled for their various classes at the close of last school year and have been assigned to proper sections of their classes.

Some of the improvements made during the summer are: additional classrooms for the Health Classes, built at the Gymnasium, additional Venetian blinds in classrooms, new floor covering in the offices, painting of rooms and furniture, new cement walks.

Dormitory students will be assigned their rooms on Wednesday afternoon, and there will be the first meeting of students living on the campus on Wednesday evening.

All patrons and friends of the Seminary are most cordially invited to the first chapel service of the year in Pfeiffer Hall at 10:30-11:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. The balance of the morning will be used in completion of enrollment and assignment to classes.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

14 February 1952

PUPPET SHOW SLATED AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Chet Dixon's "Modernistic Marionettes" will be presented at the auditorium in Pheiffer Hall at Baxter Seminary on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. From an entirely black stage he brings forth his puppets which glow in the dark.

Lighting effect seldom seen in the entertainment world are achieved through the use of Ultra Violet lighting. Dixon's marionettes are hand-carved by himself and are twenty-four inches high. He has performed with many well known screen celebrities and on the "Voice of Firestone" television show.

Words cannot describe this appearance; it must be seen to be appreciated. Chet Dixon's entertainment, which also includes chalk drawings in pastel chalk, is presented without charge by Baxter Seminary as a service to the public. Everyone is cordially invited.

ART EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY AT SEMINARY:

An Exhibit of Reprints of more than a hundred famous paintings of the great Artists of the World is being shown to the students of the schools and to the public this week on Tuesday and Wednesday at Baxter Seminary. This showing has been arranged for through friends of the Seminary who are interested in giving opportunity to the community as well as the student to see the best in Art.

Another advance has also been made at Baxter Seminary this week in the field of Music, in the securing of an Organo, an organ attachment for the piano which enables one to render organ music by playing of the piano. This will give the students the advantage of learning both to appreciate and to play organ music as part of their Seminary training.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 April 1952

SEMINARY IS HOST TO DAR DELEGATES:

Over fifty members of the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution were guests of the Seminary at a breakfast on Friday morning, April 11th.

The group were members of the DAR Special and were on their way to attend the annual DAR Congress in Washington, D. C. They were particularly interested in the DAR Health House which is located on the campus of the Seminary.

Members of the Old Walton Road Chapter DAR were special guests also, Mrs. James S. Beasley of Nashville was in charge of the party and made all arrangements for their trip to Washington.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 May 1952

BAXTER SEMINARY SETS COMMENCEMENT OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Commencement activities at Baxter Seminary began Tuesday night with the crowning of Miss Betty Wheaton as May Queen.

Friday night, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. the Seminary Chorus will present a music festival and the Senior Play "Nothing But the Truth" will be given in Pheiffer Hall (May 23 at 7:30 p.m.).

The Alumni Association meeting and banquet will be held May 24 and Dr. LeRoy Martin, president of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, TN will speak at the baccalaureate service Sunday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. At 5:30 Sunday afternoon vesper services will be held on the campus with the Rev. W. Bruce Strother, pastor of the Cookeville Methodist Church as the speaker.

Graduation exercises will take place Monday morning, May 26 at 10:00 o'clock when the commencement address will be given by President Everett Derryberry of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Nashville Banner, Nashville, TN

24 May 1952 https://www.baxterseminary.org/BSNews_Historical.html

BAXTER SEMINARY OPENS EXERCISES

Baxter, Tenn., May 24 -(Special)-Graduation exercises will begin this evening with the alumni banquet, according to Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. LeRoy Martin, president of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Vesper services will follow at 6 p.m. honoring the seniors.

Everett Derryberry, president of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, will be the main speaker at graduation exercises Monday at 10 a.m. Class honor awards will be presented at the program.

Members of the Graduating class include:

Martha Josephine Alcorn, Myra Faye Cooper Anderson, Ilcia Batista Guerra, Minnie Louise Beaty, Clella Burgess, Redith Burton, Regena Carr, Carmen Casanova Rodriguez, Nancy Lytle Cherry, Irma Louise Dyer, Jo Ann Flynn, Polly Ann Goggin, Maymie Louise Harris, Ella Mae Keith, Elizabeth Locklear, Ruby Mahan, Anna Ruth Maxwell, Charlie Mae Maxwell, Cora Medlin.

Alice Faye Mitchell, Onetta May Jane Montgomery, Wanda Neill, Lueddie Rodgers, Beverly Parrish Smith, Helen Hontas Stout, Edna Elizabeth Stubbeffield, Lula Belle Thomas, Ruby Macon Trobough, Ruth Trobough, Corrine Vaughn, Martha Verdecia Hernandez, Gerline Wallace, Betty Wheaton, Frank Evins Bain, Edward Bruce, Edward F. Dorman Jr., Jack H. Dalton.

Ernest Carl Dyer, Robert Patrick Fields, Billy Flatt, Jimmy Rhea Garrison, Dow S. Gentry, Pedro Antonio Hernandez Rivera, Garner Holmes, Bob Dale Maxwell, Harry L. Maxwell, John Neal Nash, Vender McCall Paler, Johnny Rhea Phillips, Robert Kenneth Pippin, Solon Perkins Spears, Floyd L. Stewart, Clayton D. Litton C. Way, Raphael Victoria Pint, and Carl E. Pound.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 September 1952

CLASS OFFICERS NAMED AT SEMINARY:

Class officers and sponsors were elected by students at Baxter Seminary this week. Gary Reed was named president of the senior class, Reba Jo Thomas, vice president; Sue Boyd, secretary; Joneida Allison, treasurer and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman and Miss Reba Smellage, sponsors.

Junior class officers elected were Mildred Harris, president; Freddie Anderson, vice president; Ruth Dyer, secretary; Frank Dee Fisher, treasurer; Miss Jo Ann Huddleston and Gilbert Barr, sponsors.

Sophomore class officers elected were Glenn Stewart, president; Paul Scarlett, vice president; Marie Young, secretary; and Arnold Brown, sponsor.

Officers elected to head the Freshman class include Daniel Fernandez, president; Robert Vinson, vice president; Joel Love, secretary; Leonard McHood, treasurer and Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, sponsor.

Cheer leaders elected Wednesday morning in tryouts in chapel include Camilla Alvarez, captain; Tommy Frances McBroom, Loyce Higgon, Marie Young, Jean Templeton and Jacke Parrah. Peggy Alcorn and Carolyn McCowman were elected alternates.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

6 November 1952

BAXTER SEMINARY LIST HONOR ROLL:

The first six weeks Honor Roll at Baxter Seminary has been announced as follows:

A. HONOR ROLL: Seniors: Reba Jo Thomas, Sue Robertson, Alta Stover, Majorie Lowe, Sophomores: Paul Scarlett, Glenn Stewart Freeman, Hugh Wayne Denny.

B. HONOR ROLL: Seniors: Frank Huddleston, Herman Keith, Gary Reed, Doyle Starnes, Whitely Watts, Peggy Alcorn, Joneida Allison, Sue Boyd, Josephine Chaffin, Mary Jo Chaffin, Virginia Ensor, Betty Jean Flynn, Betty Ann Greene, Joyce Howell, Lois Leftwich, Ruth Maxwell, and Sara Watts.

Juniors: Horace Maxwell, Bill Shelton, Kenneth Trobough, Waymon Wallace, Camilla Alvarez, Betty Ruth Dyer, Barbara Ellsworth, Mildred Harris, Peggy Love, Elinor Lois Maxwell, Gail Murphree, Freda Rose Nash, and Jean Roberts.

Sophomores: Robert Fields, Edd Lynn, Phillip Thomas, Stanley Thomson, Glenn Whittaker, Norma Ann Hill, Darlene Lafever, Ruth Whitefield.

Freshmen: David Alcorn, Robert DeLozier, Gordon Hall, John Mack Huir, Jerry Allen Jared, Joel Loce, Hugh McHenry, Morgan McHenry, Lenard McHood, Katie Lee Clemons, Helen DeLozier, Sue Ellen Henley, and Roberta Trobough.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 November 1952

SEMINARY OBSERVES BOOK WEEK:

As students entered the library on Monday morning they were immediately aware of Book Week. On every side were posters, made by various students, calling attention in many ways to reading for both pleasure and profit, while across the front of the room on top of the book shelves were striding many books which over the week-end had been supplied with faces, arms and legs, each telling a story of interest.

During the chapel hour a radio program, under the direction of Mrs. Velma Huie, librarian, and Miss Reba Smellage, of the English Department, announced by Dallas Vinson, presented Robert Fields as Dr. I. Q., assisted by Sue Boyd and Rosa Edmonds, who conducted a quiz on book knowledge. Huckleberry Finn (John Mack Huie), Osa Johnson (Wanda Smellage), Gandhi (Ortelio Gallo), Sue Barton (Barbara Ellsworth), Ramona (Galucia Casanova), Ronald Perry (Buddy Wheaton), Old Fashioned Girl (Ann Bacon), Johnny Apple Seed (Harld Fike) and Long John Silver Bill Cunningham, in appropriate costumes, appeared on the stage as Dr. I. Q. questioned students in the audience as to their identify.

Every student checking out a book this week, is wearing a small book shaped tag bearing the words, "I Have Checked Out a Book This Week."

Following this presentation reports in the recent Journalism Conferences at Tech were given by Joe Nichols, Elinor Lois Maxwell, Jo Nelda Allison and Sue Boyd, Edd Lynn and LeRoy Wright told of their participation in The Christian Life Conference held recently at Sewanee.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

11 December 1952

BAXTER SEMINARY LISTS HONOR ROLL:

Baxter Seminary list second six weeks Honor Roll it is as follows:

The A Honor Roll is as follows:

Post Graduate Rene Foster.

SENIORS: Alta Stover, Reba Jo Thomas.

JUNIOR: Gail Murphee.

SOPHOMORES: Paul Scarlett, Marie Dilldine.

FRESHMEN: Hugh Wayne Denny, John Mark Huie, and Helen DeLozier.

The B Honor Roll is as follow: Post Graduate Antonio Hernandex.

SENIORS: Frank Huddleston, Herman Keith, Peggy Alcon, Jonelda Allison, Sue Boyd, Josephine Chaffin, Mary Jo Chaffin, Virginia Ensor, Betty Jean Flynn, Betty Ann Greene, Loyce Higdon, Lois Leftiwch, Marjorie Lowe, Doris McHood, Ruth Maxwell, Sue Robertson, Christine Russell, Orgie Steele, Jean Templeton, and Sara Watts.

JUNIORS: Freddie Ray Anderson, Harold Fike, Horace Maxwell, Joe Nichols, Bill Shelton, Waymon Wallace, Reba Allison, Camilla Alvarez, Betty Ruth Dyer, Mildred Harris, Minnie Bell Herron, Peggy Love, Elinor Lois Maxwell, Freda Rose Nash, Jean Roberts, and Jimmie Nelle Russell.

SOPHOMORES: Robert Fields, Jacky Lafever, George Locke, Edd Lynn, Charles Marlow, Mack Shacklett, Glenn Stewart, Bobbie Jean Anderson, Lillie Merrill Ashburn, Anna Ruth Burton, Rosa Edmonds, Mary Frank Ferrell, Faye Ford, Norma Hill, Callie Huddleston, Tommie Frances McBroom, Faith Nichols, Onelia Nunuz, Rubye Russell, Dorothy Shores, and Ruth Whitefield.

FRESHMEN: John Alcorn, Kenton Cooper, Robert DeLozier, Gordon Hall, Jerry Jared, Joel Love, Lonard McHood, Jerry Petty, Joe Mack Phillips, Avery Roberts, Ann Bacon, Sue Ellen Hensley, Gloria Ann Jones, Dorothy Nash, Ruby Nash, Dorothy Poole, and Roberta Trobough.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

18 December 1952

BAXTER SEMINARY HOME EC. GIRLS HAVE FASHION SHOW:

The Sophomore, Junior and Senior Home Economics girls of Baxter Seminary had a fashion show De. 12 at 1:00 p.m. exhibiting the many attractive garments which they have made this year under the direction of Mrs. Howard Copeland. Guests were mothers of the girls and other friends of the school. The guests were welcomed by Dr. Harry L. Upperman. The girls presented a Christmas skit and style show "There Is A Santa Claus."

The garments featured were of corduroy, gabardine, wool and faille, all of which are very popular this year. Favorite winter colors are green, red, purple and blue.

After the style show the guests were served tea in the Home Economics Department, which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas holidays.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 12 February 1953

BAXTER SEMINARY LISTS SIX WEEK SEMESTER HONOR ROLL:

Dr. Harry L. Upperman has announced the following honor lists at Baxter Seminary for the third six weeks and the first Semester:

Six weeks B. Honor Roll:

POST GRADUATE Rene Foster, and Antoino Hernandez.

SENIORS: Frank Huddleston, Herman Keith, Whitely Watts, Peggy Alcorn, Norma Lee Nash, Sue Boyd, Mary Jo Chaffin, Virginia Ensor, Betty Jean Flynn, Betty Ann Greene, Doris McHood, Christine Russell, Marie Sadler, Reba Jo Thomas, and Sara Watts.

JUNIOR six weeks B. Honor Roll. Horace Maxwell, Joe Nichols, Eddie Lee Palmer, Kenneth Troubaugh, Waymon Wallace, Camilla Alvarez, Seretha Bortham, Minnie Bell Herron, Sara Hickey, Doris Lane, Peggy Love, and Gail Murphree.

SOPHOMORE: six weeks B. Honor Roll is as follows: L. D. Anderson, Jacky Lafever, Hanel Lopez, Edd Lynn, Frank Peterson, Glenn Whitaker, Faye Ford, Dorothy Goff, Norma Ann Hill, Callie Huddleston, Tommie Frances McBroom, Shirley Roberts, Dorothy Shores, Treva Thomas, and Ruth Whitefield.

FRESHMAN six weeks B. Honor Roll. Kenton Cooper, Robert DeLozier, Gordon Hall, Jerry Jared, Hugh McHenry, Joe Mack Phillips, Avery Roberts, Eugene Wallace, Shirley Chaffin, Katie Lee Clemons, Sue Henley, Barbara Judd, Virginia Lear, Peggy Ann Lee, Ruby Nash, Dorothy Pool, and Roberta Troubaugh.

SENIOR SEMESTER B. Honor Roll. Frank Huddleston, Peggy Alcorn, Jonelda Allison, Norma Lee Nash, Sue Boyd, Mary Jo Chaffin, Virginia Ensor, Betty Jean Flynn, Betty Ann Greene, Loyce Hidgon, Joyce Howell, Lois Leftwich, Doris McHood, Ruth Maxwell, Christine Russell, Marie Sadler, Wanda Smellage, Orgie Steele, Sara Watts.

JUNIOR SEMESTER B. Honor Roll. Eddie Palmer, Betty Ruth Dyer, Kenneth Troubaugh, Waymon Wallace, Reba Allison, Camilla Alvarez, Seretha Bertham, Minnie Hell Herron, Sara Hickey, Doris Lane, Peggy Love, Elinor Lois Maxwell, Betty Leftwich and Jean Roberts.

SOPHOMORE SEMESTER B. Honor Roll. Dorothy Shores, Ruth Whitefield, Charles Marlow, Glenn Whitaker, Rosa Edmonds, Tommie Frances McBroom.

FRESHMEN SEMESTER B. Honor Roll. Gordon Hall, Edward Herron, Jerry Jared, Joel Love, Hugh McHenry, Leonard McHood, Joe Mack Phillips, Avery Roberts, Eugene Waller, Shirley Chaffin, Katie Lee Clemons, Helen DeLozier, Sue Henley, Dorothy Pool, and Roberta Troubaugh.

THE SENIOR six weeks A. Honor Roll is as follows. Majorie Lowe, Sue Robertson and Ala Stover.

JUNIOR A. Honor Roll. Mildred Harris and Elinor Lois Maxwell.

SOPHOMORE A Honor Roll. Robert Fields, Charles Marlow, Paul Scarlett, Glenn Stewart, Rosa Edmonds and Norma Ann Hill.

FRESHMAN A Honor Roll. Hugh Wayne Denny, John Mack Huie, Helen DeLozier and Dorothy Nash.

THE SENIOR SEMESTER A. Honor Roll. Majorie Lowe, Sue Robertson and Ala Stover.

JUNIOR SEMESTER A Honor Roll,. Mildred Harris, and Gail Murphree.

SOPHOMORE SEMESTER A Honor Roll. Paul Scarlett, and Norma Ann Hill.

FRESHMAN SEMESTER. Honor Roll. Hugh Wayne Denny, and John Mack Huie.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 12 March 1953

MISS ETHELYN HILL HOSTESS TO W.S.G.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist church met Monday evening at Ethelyn Hill's apartment on the Baxter Seminary Campus. Mrs. Cecil Smith, president, presided. The meeting opened with the singing of the Guild Hymn. Routine business was discussed.

Mrs. Ruby Jared presented the lesson, "The Vision From the Mountain". Ethelyn Hill led in the devotional which was an interpretation of "A Call To Prayer."

During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jared and Cleo Sliger.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

Thursday, 26 March 1953

Joe T. Birdwell Jr. Obt.

b. 25 November 1942, Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 March 1953, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Joe T. Birdwell Sr. & Mattie Irene West.**

*See Mattie Irene (West) Birdwell Obt.

*See Thomas Wilson Birdwell buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

BAXTER STUDENT IS KILLED IN CAR-SCHOOL BUS CRASH TUESDAY:

Putnam County marked up its seventh traffic fatality of the year and its second within eight days when a car skidded on rain slick highway 70-N and crashed into a parked bus loading school children about 7:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. The accident occurred 100 yards west of Evergreen Service Station about nine miles from Cookeville where the bus had stopped to pick up about 15 Baxter grammar school and Baxter Seminary students.

Killed in the accident was Joe T. Birdwell, Jr., 10, fourth grade pupil at Baxter grammar school.

James Paul Watkins, 41, of Loudon, TN, the driver of the car was bound over to the Putnam County grand jury and placed under \$2,500 bond after waiving preliminary hearing before General Sessions Judge John Bryan. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by Arthur Birdwell, uncle of the Birdwell child charging Watkins with man slaughter.

Watkins who is assistant attorney general in the fourth circuit told highway patrolmen that when he saw the bus he applied his brakes and all four wheels locked throwing his car into a skid. He said his automobile whipped off the other side of the road and then skidded to the side where the bus was parked. Some of the children were hit before the crash into the bus.

The three injured pupils are Ernie Pullum, 14 son of Mr. and Mrs. Fount Pullum; Virginia Brown, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brown and Shirley Gayle Stout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corben Stout. All are residents of the Ensor community. Shirley was released from General Hospital after first aid treatment. The others are not injured seriously and were reported in good condition Wednesday morning.

Witnesses to the accident said that another car ahead of the Watkins vehicle had stopped to wait for the bus to load.

Driver of the bus was Douglas Boyd, 23 of Silver Point. Boyd and several children inside the bus were unhurt. The vehicle is owned by Bethel Palk and operated under supervision of the county school board.

Mrs. Ila Palmer was killed and Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman were seriously injured in a traffic accident on the same highway Monday, March 23.

Funeral services for the Birdwell child will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Baxter Methodist Church. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Officiating at the funeral will be the Rev. Chester Stephens, Rev. Isham G. Rogers and Rev. J. H. Roberson.

Survivors include his parents, a brother, David West Birdwell; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly West of Poplar Grove Community and his paternal grandfather, Thomas Birdwell of Defuniak Springs, FL.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

7 May 1953

BAXTER SEMINARY GETS TRUST FUND IN ILLINOIS WILL:

An endowment fund in the amount of \$50,000 has recently been set up for Baxter Seminary under the terms of a will left by a Illinois woman interested in self-help education.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, Baxter Seminary president, said that the money was left in trust for Baxter Seminary through the will of Mrs. Virginia R. Sands of Normal, IL.

Interest on the trust fund amounting to approximately 3 to 4 percent will be due annually for the special purpose of helping all worthy boys or girls in seeking general education with college or a trade or profession in mind and who is willing to help himself under the terms of the will.

Dr. Upperman said that Mrs. Sands became interested in Baxter Seminary about five years ago through mutual friends and since that time has given awards to outstanding students at commencement.

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman are recuperating in Cookeville General Hospital from injuries received in a wreck March 1953.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 October 1953

NOVELTY TEAM TO APPEAR IN PROGRAM AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Fitzgeralds' Novelties, presented by Jimmy and Helena Fitzgerald, consist of five different acts; shadowgraphs, acrobatics, ventriloquism, Punch & Judy, and Dagmar, the trained dog.

Jimmy Fitzgerald learned to throw his voice at the age of ten. After finishing school he became a professional and has appeared in all forty-eight states, Canada and Mexico. The Punch & Judy show includes twenty puppets and reveals Jimmy's skill in changing to the voice of at least twenty characters.

Helena Fitzgerald presents Shadowgraphs, forming animals, men and women with her fingers. They seem to come to life on the screen. At the conclusion of this performance she demonstrates how Shadowgraphs may be made. Her acrobatic act shows amazing feats of agility and dexterity.

Dagmar, the trained dog, has a repertoire of more than twenty tricks.

The program is fast-moving, varied and enthusiastically presented by the Fitzgerald's, who have appeared in more than a thousand schools.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

15 October 1953

BAXTER SEMINARY STUDENTS ELECT CLASS AND CLUB OFFICER AND SPONSORS FOR YEAR:

Baxter Seminary has elected officers and sponsors of four classes as follows, according to an announcement from Dr. Harry L. Upperman, President.

SENIORS; President, Horace Maxwell; vice-president Camilla Alvarez; secretary, Faye Nichols, treasurer, Peggy Love; sponsors, Mrs. Harry L. Upperman, Mr. Walter Jared, Mr. Elmer Massa.

JUNIORS: President, Jerry Starnes, vice-president, Earl Flynn; secretary, Tommy Frances McBroom; treasurer, Glenn Whitaker; sponsors, Mr. Arnold Brown, Mrs. Eva Jean Peters.

SOPHOMORES: President, Hugh McHenry, vice-president Hugh McHenry, vice-president, Gordon Hall, secretary, Hugh Wayne Denny, treasurer, John Huie; sponsors, Mrs. Peggy Wright, Mrs. Velma Huie.

FRESHMAN: President, Morgan Smith, vice-president, Florentino Mir, secretary, James Bruce, treasurer, Kenneth Maynard; sponsors, Mrs. W. L. Cunningham.

CLUBS ORGANIZED:

Baxter Seminary has recently organized and elected officers of the following clubs.

FUTURE TEACHERS: President, Sue Mathis, vice-president, Barbara Brown, secretary, Hilda Taylor, treasurer, Dorothy Nash, advisor, Mrs. W. L. Cunningham.

FHA CHAPTER NO. 1: President, Betty Jo Chaffin, vice-president, Charlene Boyd, secretary, Dorothy Nell Denny, treasurer, Sylvia Filds; advisor, Mrs. Christine Richmond.

FHA CHAPTER NO. 2: President, Rosa Edmonds, vice-president, Norma Ann Hill, secretary, Peggy Lee, treasurer, Dorothy Nash; advisor, Mrs. Howard Copeland.

FUTURE FARMERS: President, Jimmy Nash, vice-president, C. D. Bradford, secretary, Waymon Wallace, treasurer, Jimmy Herron; advisor, Mr. C. D. Smith.

TRADES AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS: President, Owen D. Carr, vice-president, Harold Neal, secretary, Glenn Whitaker, treasurer, James Swanm; advisor, Mr. W. L. Cunningham, Mr. James Williams, Mr. P. V. Carr.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB: President, Clarence Huddleston, vice-president, Tommie Frances McBroom, secretary, Seretha Bertram, treasurer, Carol Maxwell; advisor, Mr. Arnold Brown.

LIBRARY CLUB: President, Glenn Goggins, vice-president, Ann Jones, secretary, Jimmie Nell Russell, treasurer, Treba Jean Carter; advisor, Mrs. Velam Huie.

LITERARY SOCIETY: President, Roy Jared, vice-president, Ernest Vinson, secretary, Mary Frank Ferrell, treasurer, Lynda Boring; advisor, Mrs. Harry L. Upperman.

BUSINESS CLUB: President, Betty Leftwich, vice-president, Peggy Love, secretary, Jean Roberts, treasurer, Carol Maxwell; advisor, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Massa.

SCIENCE CLUB: President, Horace Maxwell, vice-president, Earl Flynn, secretary, Glenn Stewart, treasurer, Ruby Russell; advisor, Mrs. Eva Jean Peters, Mr. Arnold Brown.

ALLIED YOUTH: President, Camilla Alvarez, vice-president, Nancy Maxwell, secretary, Ernest Vinson, treasurer, Hugh Wayne Denny; advisor, Mrs. Velma Huie.

Y-TEENS: President, Nelda Ashburn, vice-president, Mildred Harris, secretary, Jimmie Nell Russell, treasurer, Katie Lee Clemmons; advisor, Miss Ethelyn Hill.

BETA CLUB; President, Paul Scarlett, vice-president, Mildred Harris, secretary, Carol Maxwell,, treasurer, Peggy Love; advisor Mrs. Marie Swallows.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

29 October 1953

ROBERT HENRY, TO GIVE CONCERT AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Robert Henry, nationally known young American will appear in a concert at Baxter Seminary next Monday, Nov. 9, at 8:00 a.m., it has been announced by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president.

Mr. Henry is a member of the Young Artist Concerts Group and has appeared in Cookeville under the sponsorship of the Cookeville Concert Association where he was enthusiastically received.

He will be soloist with the Memphis Sinfonietta at the opening concert of this season on Nov. 12 and the reason for his 8:00 a.m. appearance at Baxter is that he has to be in Memphis Monday evening.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 November 1953

A. B. MCKAY HONORED BY BAXTER SEMINARY TERMED COUNTY'S MOST CHARITABLE INDIVIDUAL:

(Editor's Note: This honor which has come to A. B. McKay is timely recognition of a quality of service to man kind that is seldom equaled and never, surpassed. We are glad to have a small part in publishing this tribute to Mr. Mckay which has been prepared by some of his friends who have known of his charitable work through the years).

A man who has been termed by many people as Putnam County's most charitable individual A. B. McKay, a Cookeville attorney, has been named by the Official Board of Baxter Seminary to its Honorary Board of Trustees.

Even though he is a devout Baptist and Baxter Seminary is a school supported by the Methodist Church, Mckay crosses all lines out when it comes to charity, and for more than 20 years he has helped worthy boys and girls at Baxter Seminary.

McKay's work in helping the needy only starts with his aid to the Baxter Seminary students, since he is constantly helping his fellowman, and is especially interested in those who are sick and afflicted. Poor children without shoes and clothes have often received aid from him, as he has either bought or helped to buy hundred of pairs of shoes in recent years. Merchants around the Square in Cookeville say that he does more charity than any other one individual in Putnam County and has done so consistently during the 25 years that he has lived in Cookeville.

"Uncle Mack" as he is known to the hundreds of small fry that he calls his own, passes out Silver Dollars as his baby gifts and during the years untold numbers of babies, known as his grandchildren, have received his Silver Dollars.

On being asked how many people he had helped in school and college, he stated that he had helped six graduate nurses, 5 practical nurses, 2 doctors with their MD degrees and two more working toward an MD, 2 dentists, 3 lawyers, and about 25 school teachers and some 40 preachers. Also he has helped untold numbers of other school children. He will never give names of the people he helps out only says, "they are my children and they know and remember me, which is about the proudest heritage a man can have".

He is known to have worked with the Rev. John Brown in the building of 10 Missionary Baptist churches and has helped with 9 churches of other denomination.

He helps us with the Big Brothers movement the year round, contributes to the support of the Boy Scouts and all other charitable campaigns in Putnam County.

McKay has taken an active part in the dry movement in Putnam County and as a Justice of the Peace has stood for the local option plan to dry up Putnam County so as to make it a better place to live.

No, he is not rich in dollars – a man who has given away so much cannot be rich in money, but he is rich in love and happiness and has many others rich in the same.

His wife is the former Miss Lucy Whitson, the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. H. D. Whitson of Cookeville.

The Tennessean, TN

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MOUNTAIN SEMINARY, THAT WON'T DIE DESERVES AID, GORDON TURNER PLEADS

Gordon H. Turner
Staff Correspondent

Baxter, Tenn.-It was near black midnight here a few weeks ago and Baxter's seminary's gymnasium had just gone up in smoke. All were gone who witnessed the sad spectacle except one strapping football player and Harry L. Upperman, head mentor for 30 years of the famous "little mountain school."

Somehow they just lingered on but neither had said a word. Despite their death blow the dying embers actually seemed friendly in the night's chill, and seemed to make a game of shadowing the forms of teacher and student on the big trees.

Student Inquisitive

"When do we start rebuilding?" the student asked Baxter's president, as he carefully held all that was saved from the big blaze-one helmet.



"I'll see you in the morning," was all Upperman could say. Then they made their way across the campus to try to get some sleep.

Upperman Cheerful

Next morning the students saw Upperman smiling as he came into the cafeteria.

"Well, we've already begun to rebuild and blueprints are being drafted right now, he beamed so everybody could hear, but more to the lad who had asked him a few hours before.

And so a bigger fire-proof gymnasium will go up here some way. Except for nominal insurance all money must be given by friends. But Baxter has nine lives and the last one hasn't been lived yet.

Within hours after the fire, local students were giving a dollar or five dollars and those whose homes are elsewhere had begun a "letter campaign" for help.

The "Seminary," sponsored by Methodists but serving all churches as well, is a sort of hybrid between old private academies and modern public high schools. Putnam county pays pro-rata costs of its own youngsters and "dormitory: students pay nominal costs if they can.

Dr. and Mrs. Upperman came here 31 years ago on his 28th birthday to shut down the outmoded school everybody thought. All he found that hot summer day was a good-sized debt, 12 acres of poor land, an old "barracks" for boys, and "Girls' Hall," home of a few girls and the place where all classes were held.

Challenge Accepted

But the Uppermans were then in their prime and the challenge of training worthy boys and girls who couldn't go elsewhere was just too great. They looked this school over and said, "We won't close it; we'll run it!"

Things went along pretty well for a few years.

But in 1933, when things looked better than ever, the banks closed, leaving the school exactly eight cents in cash. Then depression was on in earnest and for a year or so Baxter operated mostly on poultry and meat products and vegetables brought in for tuition. Even the boys cut all fuel from the woods on the new farm.

Things Brighten in 1937

By 1937 it was brighter again, and the little shop installed earlier was enlarged to a \$75,000 trades building where boys could be trained as carpenters, electricians and plumbers to be able to help in any future expansion.

but next years the boy's barracks burned to the ground and it looked bad again. Cots were borrowed within hours, however, and the boys transferred to make home in the trades building without a minute lost from classes. News of such a will to live spread fast and soon another friend offered \$10,000 toward a new boys' home if others would match it. They did, and already two additions have had to be added, making the structure a model for such a school.

During the late 30s, floods of epidemics all but struck down students and teachers here-measles, mumps, chicken pox, flu. Without even a clinic, bedrooms often housed more sick than well and for a while it looked bad again. About that time the Daughters of the American revolution were casting about for their Jubilee project and when Mrs. Upperman suggested a health building for the school here, DAR jumped at the chance. Their \$50,000 memorial edifice completed in 1940 is a model with excellent equipment and a full-time nurse.

All was on the up an up in the early 50s. Then last year, on the Upperman's 30th wedding anniversary to an hour, an automobile accident all but took them away. They were taking five students to Career day at Tennessee Tech when the wreck killed the driver of the other car and sent them to the hospital all broken up. Back on the job this fall after months in bed and wheel chairs and on crutches, the grand and beloved couple were helping make Baxter seminary shine again.

Then on the night of September 13 last, the gym burned!

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

12 May 1955

BAXTER SEMINARY ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE OF END OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

A full schedule of activities are on the calendar at Baxter Seminary during the next three weeks.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, Seminary president announced that the annual junior senior banquet is slated Friday night. Special guests, movies and games will be featured. Magician Paul J. Hollis of Lawrenceburg will also be a special attraction.

Saturday, May 14, the music students of Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell will give a recital at 7:00 p.m.

The baccalaureate sermon will be held at 10:30 a.m. May 22 with Dr. T. Otto Nall, Editor of "the Christian Advance", as speaker.

At 3:00 p.m. the same day, National Honor Society seniors, their parents and members of the faculty will be guests at a tea. At 5:30 p.m. senior vespers will be held followed by a buffet supper for the seniors, parents and friends.

Sen. Estes Kefauver will be the commencement speaker at 10:00 a.m.. May 22. All high schools of the country are invited, Dr. Uppersman said. This will be followed by a luncheon for the seniors their parents, faculty members, visiting teachers, and members of the Board of Trustees.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 October 1955

BAXTER SEMINARY CLASS OFFICERS:

Baxter Seminary classes have recently organized with the following officers being elected to the various positions:

Hugh McHenry will head the Senior Class; while the Junior class elected Robert Anderson president. The sophomore named Mrs. Mary Martha Smith to lead them this year and the Freshman chose Miss Ophelia Kirklin.

Other senior officers are Joe Jared, vice-president; Gordon Hall, secretary; Peggy Boyd, treasurer; Arnold Brown, adviser and Mrs. Marie Swallows and Miss Jessie Short, sponsors.

The juniors named Morgan Smith, vice-president, Jimmie Fields, secretary; Kenneth Morgan, treasurer and Mrs. Spurgeon Smith and Mrs. Helen Copeland, sponsors.

Other sophomore officers are vice president, Hubert Bennett; Secretary, Joe Bruce; treasurer Polly Ferrell; Sponsors, Mrs. Lena Plunkett and Mrs. Ruth Blankenship.

The Freshman elected Geraldine Stewart, vice president; Helen Geer, secretary; Charles Pardue, treasurer; and Mrs. Christine Richmond and Mrs. Beulah Coleman, sponsors.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

24 January 1956

HUGH WAYNE DENNY NAMED TO ACADEMY: Joe L. Evins, Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Tennessee, has announced the nomination of Hugh Wayne Denny of Buffalo Valley for appointment as midshipman to the United States Naval Academy for the year 1956.

Denny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Denny of Buffalo Valley. Mr. Denny is now serving his second term as Trustee of Putnam county. Hugh Wayne is currently a student at Baxter Seminary where he will graduate this spring.

In announcing the nomination, and speaking of Denny's qualifications, Congressman Evins stated that Hugh Wayne had also been highly recommended to me by our good friend Dr. Harry L. Uppersmn, President of Baxter Seminary, as an outstanding young man, a brilliant student with definite leadership ability. Hugh Wayne is graduating with highest honors at Baxter Seminary and will make the valedictory address at the graduation exercise.

Denny is now awaiting orders concerning qualifying examinations for admission to the Academy.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

8 November 1956

COOKEVILLE DAR AIDS IN HEALTH HOUSE 16 YEARS:

Sixteen years ago as their Jubilee project to commemorate the founding of the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution, members of that organization began financial sponsorship of an institution on the Baxter Seminary campus that has grown to be a necessary and useful part of the whole Baxter area.

The Health House, as it was later named, was finally commissioned to be built after the state DAR and the local chapter under the regency of Mrs. Benton Carlen, who was state vice-regent at the time, searched all over Tennessee for a suitable project to mark the organization's 50th year.

Contributions the state DAR gave were matched by the school and the building was constructed by student labor. In two years the first section was completed.

About eight years later additional funds were given to complete the next section with a second story of wards.

The name "Health House" was chosen by Mrs. William H. Pouch who was then president general of the United States Daughters of the American Revolution, on a visit to Baxter.

The infirmary-clinic takes care of the illnesses of students and residents of that section of the county under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Jared of Buffalo Valley.

Practical nursing courses were instituted for two years after World War II and a great many students at the seminary completed courses there as part of their curriculum.

The courses were finally dropped because of a lack of school funds to keep them going.

The Health House is a well-equipped clinic and between 12 and 15 students and about six adults are on duty all the time as staff members or trainees.

It has become regarded as a community enterprise in recent years because so many persons from Baxter and the surrounding area use it. There are no fees and the training the Health House affords is part of the health and physical education training many students receive.

Dr. Harry Upperman, president of the Seminary, says the Health House "is so intertwined with the seminary setup that it is a credit both to the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution and to Baxter Seminary."

Dr. Upperman said the list of women responsible for the Health House's being on the seminary property is tremendous, but he mentioned several who in particular were instrumental in its building: Mrs. Rutledge

Smith, Mrs. Robert W. Lowe, Mrs. William H. Lambeth, Mrs. Walter M. Berry, Mrs. W. A. Howard, Mrs. Anna Lee Kratzer, and Mrs. Pouch.

The Health House can take care of at least 40 persons at one time with its supply of modern equipment and sufficient beds. The exterior of the clinic is brick veneer on tile and was constructed by student's in the building trades classes. Much of the furniture and equipment was also constructed by the students.

(Pictured a Magnolia Tree: A young Magnolia tree was planted on the lawn of "The Little Grey House" in Baxter, last week, to commemorate the close relationship between the Tennessee DAR and Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman of Baxter Seminary. The Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the building of the Health House on the Baxter campus 16 years ago and have continued their interest in the project. Planting the tree, are from left, Mrs. Ray McCawley, regent of the Cookeville DAR chapter, Mrs. David R. Terry, state Health House chairman, Mrs. Upperman and Dr. Upperman.

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BAXTER SEMINARY PRESIDENT CITED *(February 13, 1957 - Nashville Banner)*

Cookeville-Dr. Harry L. Upperman of Baxter Seminary, has returned from a trip made in the interest of the seminary. While on the trip Dr. Upperman was honored on two occasions.

On Feb. 4, he attended the luncheon and dinner in Washington, D. C., which were a part of the third national reorganization conference of the citizens committee for the bipartisan Hoover commission report on federal reorganization. For 30 years Dr. Upperman has been a member of the American Relief Association, with which Honorable Herbert Hoover is associated, and has been a member of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report for the past six years.

Before coming to Washington on Monday, Dr. Upperman was the speaker at the Overlea Methodist Church in Baltimore, where about 150 of his old friends were a part of the audience of 800. A dinner in Towson, Md. on Saturday complimented Dr. Upperman.

Dr. Upperman has been president of Baxter Seminary 34 years. The Seminary was founded in 1908 by the Methodist Board of Christian Education.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

25 February 1957

UPPERMAN RESIGNS AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Bristol Man Is Named President:

Reverend Paul A. Barker, pastor of Trinity Methodist church at Bristol, VA, has been elected president of Baxter Seminary at Baxter. The announcement was made today by William T. Sewell of Baxter, president of the school's board of trustees.

Mr. Baker will take his new position June 1. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Upperman, who is retiring after more than 30 years as head of the school.

Dr. Upperman has been elected president emeritus and will continue to reside in Baxter.

The institution is one of seven secondary schools related to the board of education of the Methodist church.

Mr. Barker, 51, has been a Methodist minister for 20 years. He also has had experience as a high-school teacher.

A native of Alabama,to be continued.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 March 1957

BAXTER STUDENTS ARE SPEAKER AT B & PW MEETING:

Three students at Baxter Seminary were the guest speakers at the February Business and Professional Women's club meeting.

The youths, Edgar Bamboa and Roger Rambos of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico and Ward W. Keesecker II of Berkley, WV, were introduced by Mrs. Harry Upperman of Baxter, chairman of International relations.

The Mexican youths told about their country and Keesecker told of his recent trip to Asia with his parents.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president, of Baxter Seminary gave the invocation. Miss Annie Pearl Whitson, president, presided at the meeting.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 May 1957

BAXTER SEMINARY AWARDS, HONORS, PRIZES AND MERITS:

Winners of awards, prizes and merits at Baxter Seminary for the school year 1956-57 are announced today by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president.

Seniors elected to the National Honor Society are Betty Jo Chaffin, valedictorian, Jimmie Ethel Fields, salutatorian, Dorothy Nell Denny, third honor student, Eugene Gentry, fourth honor student, Sylvia Fields, Charles Crumbaugh and Charlene Boyd. In the eleventh grad the honor students are Carolyn Wallace and Robert Williams; in the tenth grade, Helen Geer and Joe Ferrell; in the ninth grade, Carol Watts and Delano Leftwich.

Other awards are: Balfour Key, Byrd Clemons; Bausch and Lomb Science Medal, Eugene Gentry; Simmons Biology Award, Ophelia Kirklin; J. A. Harris Christian Character Award, Mary Jane Pardue; Morris Home Economics Medal to Senior, Dorothy Nell Denny; W. L. Cunningham Trades Award, Ellis Crawford; Caruthers Trades Medal, William Haller; Commercial Medal, Betty Jo Chaffin; Betty Crocker Home Economics Award, Charlene Boyd.

The Old Walton Road D.A.R. Citizenship Medal, Dorothy Nell Denny; Old Walton Road History Medal, Eugene Gentry; Fort Nashvorogh D.A.R. History medals, Charles Crumbaugh and Jimmie Fields.

In the essay contest "What Baxter Seminary Means to Me" Frank McHood won first place, Sylvia Field, second and Thurston Cole, third.

In the essay contest "Why I Believe in Total Abstinence" Joe Bruce won first; Janie Hill, second; David Bull, third; Betty Jo Chaffin, honorable mention. In the Turnley Bible Memory Contest first place was won by Ernestine Austin; second, Barbara Roberts; third, Daisy Grogan; while in Bible Reading contest Helen Geer won first; Betty Jo Chaffin, second; Rebecca Cole, third. In the hymn reading contest Harold Maddux won first; Ruth Palmer, second; Carol Watts, third. The "I Dare You" awards went to Mary Jane Pardue and Robert Anderson. Students to attend Girls' State are Rebecca Denny with Katherine Nash as alternate.

In the Speech Department National Forensic League members with their degrees are: 1st degree, Joe Ferrell Geraldine Stewart, Bobbie June Denny; 2nd degree, Ophelia Kirklin, Rebecca Denny. Member of all star cast in district drama contest and also most outstanding speaker in state drama contest in Pat Roehrborn also won first place in humorous reading in Mid South Private Schools Tournament.

New members of the National Thespian League are Bruce Goolsby, Helen Geer, Pat Roehrborn, Mary Ann Cheatham, Geraldine Stewart, Ophelia Kirklin, Eugene Gentry won the honor of Star Thespian. The Fred Taylor Wilson Debate Medal went to Ophelia Kirklin; the dramatic medal to Pat Roehrborn, and the Journalism Medal to Rebecca Denny. IN the original poetry second place.

For the best kept room in the girl's dormitory prizes were won by Barbars Shaffer and Judy Billingsley; in the boys' dormitory, by Jerry Lokey and Jimmy Langford.

Merits for outstanding service in various fields of activity were awarded as follows: The president's merits went to Peggy Davis for public appearance for Baxter Seminary, work in the president's office and chapel mu-contest, senior division, Bill Smith won second and Mary Martha Smith third in the county; in the junior division second in the county was won by Bobby Craighead. The Readers' Digest subscription was given to the valedictorian, Betty Joe Chaffin, and a copy of the Tennessee Blue Book to Betty Jo Chaffin and also to Jimmie Fields; as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

B-letters were awarded in speech to Ophelia Kirklin, Geraldine Stewart, Joe Ferrell, Rebecca Denny, Pat Roehrborn, Helen Geer, Bruce Goolsby, Mary Ann Cheatham; in girls' basketball, to Mary Jane Pardue, June Nash, Frances Nash, Mary Frances Haggard, Ruth Palmer, Katherine Nash, Joan Hedgecough, Ernestine Austin, Peggy Davis, Ruth Ashburn, Jennell Harris, Dowlene Maxwell, Wanda Allison, Barbara Shaffer, Mgr. and Jean Jared, Mgr. In boys' athletics basketball letters were won by Joe Bruce, Dewey Moss, Jim Harris, Steve Sanders, Gary Leftwich.

Morgan Smith, Bill Stewart, Bill Flynn, Mickey Leftwich, Robert Anderson, Mgr. Roy McHenry, Mgr. Football letters went to Kenneth Maynard, Morgan Smith, Roy McHenry, Robert Anderson, Odell Anderson, Jim Lafever, Jim Harris, Jack Pullum, Joe Bruce, Steve Sanders.

Aaron Dyer, Mickey Leftwich, Earl Stout, Robert Huddleston.

Cheerleaders winning letters were Mildred Herd, Dorothy Nell Denny, Mary Jane Gill, Charlene Boyd, Bobby June Denny, Judy Maxwell, Dian Pullum.

Kenneth Maynard and Mickey Leftwich were elected to membership in the National Athletic Scholarship Society, while June Nash and Joan Hedgecough won places on both the 14th District All-Tournament team and the Upper Cumberland All Conference team.

Harold Denton Maddux won the Future Farmer Creed Contest medal, while in the Tenn. Tech. Dairy Judging Tryout first place team was composed of Jimmy Lafever, Delano Leftwich and Albert Nash.

The high scoring individuals were Jimmy Lafever, first; and Delano Leftwich, fifth. IN the District Mathematics Contest at Tenn. Tech. Eugene Gentry won third place in the senior comprehensive examination; Charles Crumbaugh won first, and Charles Pardue fifth, in Algebra II.

The American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest was won by Dorothy Nell Denny, who also won first place in the senior division of biological science in the Cumberland Plateau Regional Science Fair, thereby winning a trip to the National Science Fair in Los Angeles where she presented her exhibit and won several honors.

In the senior division of physical science in the Regional Science Fair Eugene Gentry won sic; to Dorothy Nell Denny for science, home economics bulletin board designing and checking chapel roll; to Mary Ann Cheatham for dramatics and general helpfulness; to Eugene Gentry for science, printing, bell-ringing, checking chapel roll and general helpfulness.

For helping in President's office: Jimmie Ethel Fields, Dorothy Trobaugh, Geraldine Stewart, Joyce Thomas who also assisted in library, Betty Dyer, Betty Jo Chaffin who also did extra typing, Barbara Shaffer who was also recognized for helpfulness in Ivy Hall, Elaine Emanuel, Martha Winchester. For

helping in the general office; Pat McLeod, Sue Ford, Mary Ann Maddux who also was recognized for general helpfulness, Jerry Fields, David DeLozier, Daisy Clemons, Helen Geer, Lois Puckett, Elma Herron, Robert Williams, Carolyn Wallace, who also assisted in library, Joe Ferrell.

For general helpfulness in Pfeiffer Hall: Wanda Templeton, Gail Brown, Reba Gipson, Nancy Montgomery, Lorelle Ashburn, Ann Herren, Wilma Denny, Arnel Phelps, Frances Vaughn, Betty Maxwell, Betty Bush, Julia Henley, Donnie Trobaugh, Barbara Roberts, Betty Whitehead, Marie Phelps, Mary Jane Gill, Sue Denny, Barbara Leftwich, Ruby Roberts, Charlene Boyd, Byrd Clemons, Peggy Harris, Rose Mary Trobaugh, Bruce Goolsby, Carol Watts, Nancy Maddux, Ernestine Austin.

Helpfulness in Ivy Hall: Mildred Herd, Geraldine Perry, Mary Jane Pardue, who also won a merit in athletics.

Unusual accomplishment in trades: Morgan Smith, Jerry Lokey, both of whom also were recognized for helpfulness in boys' hall, Roy Stubblefield, who also operated the clock for athletics, Charlie Haller, Leonard Anderson, Charles Pardue, Harold Hudson, Steve Sanders, John Lindner, Kaye Lowe, also for agriculture, Ellis Crawford, who also won a merit for general helpfulness. To Robert Gerrard for work beyond duty at heating plant.

For helpfulness in the library: Billie Carolyn Bennett, Sue Brewington, Jean Bush, Robert Craighead, Polly Ferrell, Judy Harding, Louise Harris, Geraldine League, Helen Mathis, Marine Maynard, Joan Newman, Linda Sullins, Mable Williams, Sherrill Youngblood, Charles Crumbaugh, Mary Martha Smith, who also won a merit in music.

In listing those who have had perfect attendance for this school year, special mention should be made of Miss Joyce Herron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Herron, who has a perfect attendance record for the twelve years she has been in school. Others who have a perfect attendance record for this year are: 9th grade: Raymond Whitehead, Allison Gragg, J. L. Harvell, Hulon Helms, Nelson Jones, Joyce Crawford, Faye Gambrell, Doris Waller, Carol Watts. 10th grade: David Boles, Gary Leftwich, Nelson Maxwell, Richard Sew____, Betty Dyer, Judy Harding, Barbara Roberts, Ann Herron, Mary Ann Maddux; 11th grade: David Dyer, Charlie Haller, Fannie Ruth Ashburn, Sue Brewington, Peggy Davis, Polly Ferrell, Julia Henley, Anna Faye Lafever, Lillie Meiry Lafever, Marjorie Lafever, June Sadler, Martha Winchester, Sherrill Youngblood. 12th grade: Byrd Clemons, Charles Crumbaugh, Billy Rhey Flynn, Eugene Gentry, Gary Palmer Charlene Boyd, Dorothy Nell Denny, Jimmie Ethel Fields, Sylvia Fields, Mildred Herd, Betty Whitehead.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

20 May 1957

MANY FROM HERE ATTEND SERVICES AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Denny, Miss Dorothy Nell Denny, Miss Douglas Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Nichols, Elton Stout, Jerry Jared and Mrs. E. H. Maddux were at Baxter Seminary Saturday night, May 18, for the alumni banquet.

Nashville Banner

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UPPERMANS HONORED AT BAXTER PROGRAM

Cookeville - Hundreds of friends of Baxter Seminary gathered at the school Monday for the commencement program which also honored Dr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Upperman, who are retiring after 34 years at the Seminary.

Ed Turnley, representing the "Friends of Baxter," presented to Dr. Upperman the new Health and Physical Education Building just completed.

In answer to the question "Why does Baxter Seminary have so many friends?" he said, "There are two reasons, Harry Lee and Elma Upperman."

W. T. Sewell, chairman of the local board of trustees of the Seminary introduced Dr. John Owen Gross, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education of Nashville, who presided and introduced many persons who paid tribute to the Uppermans.

Dr. Gross read from a letter from De. John L. Seaton, a former executive secretary of the board, who expressed regret at not being able to attend and said, "The honors you will receive today cannot be commensurate with the honors due you."

Miss Betty Jo Chaffin, valedictorian of the graduating class, brought greetings from the students and Miss Ethelyn Hill, at Baxter Seminary 33 years, brought greetings for the faculty. She said, "Every institution is the length and shadow of a man" and added "Dr. and Mrs. Upperman have lengthened their influence to the boys and girls around the world."

Other quotes came from Hooper Crawford, president of the Seminary Alumni Association. "Your services will be greater in the future than in the past."

J. T. Dunavin, representing the county court and town of Baxter; "We commend you for your unselfish life and untiring work" He presented a camera as a gift from the mayor and aldermen of Baxter.

Dave C. Huddleston, superintendent of Putnam County Schools, speaking to the graduates: "We hope you will take the lessons you have learned at Baxter Seminary and apply them to your life."

Putnam County Judge Luke Medley: "In the field of Christian education and social welfare the Uppermans have reached thousands of lives."

Dr. E. P. Anderson, representing the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church: "Dr. and Mrs. Upperman have been friends to the friendless. Their influence lingers on and on.:

Charles H. Yarbrough, of Nashville, representing the laymen of the Tennessee Conference: "I have never heard a layman say anything detrimental about Harry Upperman."

Dr. Gross presented to Mr. and Mrs. Upperman a volume of more than 350 letters that have been received since announcement was made of their retirement. Quoting from a letter sent by Ex-President Herbert Hoover, he read "I do not know of two more dedicated and useful people."

Dr. Upperman, responding to the greetings, said, "We ought to have another meeting for Miss Hill."

Dr. Gross, in delivering the commencement address, pointed out the importance of preparing "to meet your afterself," saying "this class has had an example of a couple that has met their afterself."

After Dr. Upperman awarded the diplomas and Bibles to the graduates, the entire audience attended a community luncheon on the Seminary campus.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

4 July 1957

[DOROTHY NELL DENNY WINS SCHOLARSHIP;](#)

Dorothy Nell Denny of Buffalo Valley has won a \$200 scholarship to study this fall at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Miss Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tamer J. Denny, will enter the University as a freshman in the College of Home Economics. She is a graduate of Baxter Seminary.

The scholarship was financed by the Alcoa Foundation, according to the Dean of Students Ralph E. Dunford. Miss Denny was selected winner on the basis of scholarship and evidence of leadership.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

15 January 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS:

Welcome back everyone! From all the reports, the students of Baxter Seminary had a joyous holiday season. The basketball girls added to the happy occasion by winning the York Invitational tournament which was held at James town. The trophy was presented to the school on Friday, Jan. 3, in Chapel of the team captains, June Nash and Joan Hedgecough.

With the spirit of giving still remaining, President Barker, Mrs. W. T. Sewell, Mr. C. S. Jenkins, Mr. Lawrence Grace, and Mr. John McCawley presented Dr. Upperman, president emeritus, with the keys to a '58 Ford car in chapel last Friday morning. It was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Upperman for the good work they have done for Baxter Seminary. The car was purchased on the faith that the friends of Baxter Seminary will contribute funds to make it possible.

Students, take on a serious note that last three days of this week as the semester exams are given. Good luck to all!

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

5 February 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS:

Baxter Seminary was very fortunate last week as it had present, Mr. Don Mayes of Oak Ridge, TN. Mr. Mayes was sponsored by National Science Foundation and United States Atomic Energy Commission as a traveling science teacher. He entertained and informed Baxter Seminary students with his lectures and scientific experiments six periods a day for the entire week.

The speech department of Baxter Seminary was presented at the speech workshop held in Nashville at David Lipscomb college, Saturday, January 18, by Geraldine Stewart, Ophelia Kirkland, Katherine Nash, Rhoda Rebman, George Furman, Emory Smith, Bobbie June Denny, Geraldine Perry, Helen Geer, Jr. Grissom, and Tommy Dow Waller Jr.

The Future Homemakers of America met last Wednesday for their monthly meeting. A program was given on "Careers in Home Economics" by Nancy Maddux, Miss Marie White, of the Tennessee Tech Home Economics department was the guest speaker.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

12 February 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS:

Congratulations to the recipients of the various honors awarded last week.

They are Robert Williams Balfour key; Miss Carolyn Wallace, DAR representative; Miss Peggy Davis, may queen; Miss Mary Martha Smith, Miss Baxter Seminary; Joe Bruce, prince of personality and Bill Smith, bachelor of Ugliness.

These were elected by popular vote of the student body and are some of the highest awards received at Baxter Seminary by members of the senior class.

Praise for the Seminary cagers for their performances in the game against Rickman last Friday night is due. Both teams overcame Rickman by wide margins. June Nash and Bill Meachum starred with each pouring in 34 points. Meachum now leads the high scorers of boys in the conference.

The Speech students who attended a reading contest at Hillsboro Thursday, Jan. 30, were Miss Helen Geer, third place in dramatics; Miss Rhoda Rebmon, first in dramatics; Miss Betty Joyce Maxwell, second in humor; Miss Ophelia Kirkland, second in humor; and Miss Bobbie June Denny first in humor.

Through the courtesy of this column, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Upperman thank President and Mrs. Paul A. Baker, the trustees, the faculty staff, students and all friends of Baxter Seminary who so kindly presented to them, as a surprise gift, a 1958 Ford car.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

5 March 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS:

Mary Martha Smith, a member of the senior class of Baxter Seminary, is the 1958 winner of the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science awards medal for achieving the highest scholastic record in science subjects during her high school career.

The announcement was made by President Barker.

The selection of the winner of this award is based upon scholastic achievement in science, with incidental consideration of general academic standing, qualities of leadership, and extra-curricular activities. The medal will be presented to her upon graduation.

Library "B" letters have been awarded to 14 Library club members. The letter awards are based on service in the library. Students must complete 210 hours of work before reaching a letter.

Those receiving letters are Marine Maynard, Sherrill Youngblood, Linda Sullins, Judy Harding, Joan Newman, Louise Harris, Mable Williams, Billie Carolyn Bennett, Helen Mathis Case, Joyce Thomas, Carolyn Wallace, Bobby Craighead, Mary Martha Smith, and Polly Ferrell.

As usual the class tournaments are bringing forth a great deal of class loyalty this week. The junior and freshman classes divided the first two on Monday with the freshman girls winning and junior boys. The remainder of the inter-class games will be played this week.

Congratulations to Billy Meachum who made the All-tournament team in the District 14 tournament last week.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

12 March 1958

NEW SEMINARY PRESIDENT WILL BE INSTALLED FRIDAY:

The Rev. Paul A. Barker will formally be installed as the fifth president of Baxter Seminary, Friday at 10 a.m. in the Friends gymnasium on the Seminary campus.

The inauguration service will be conducted by Bishop Roy H. Short of the Tennessee Methodist conference. The principal speaker will be Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Methodist board of education.

Other person having a part on the program will be the Rev. David B. Sargent, Cookeville district superintendent of the Methodist church; Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president – emeritus of Baxter Seminary, and Miss Leila Havelock of Peabody college graduate school of education.

The Rev. Barker's appointment was made Feb. 21, 1957, and he succeeded Dr. Upperman on June 1. Dr. Upperman retired after 34 years of service as head of the school.

Other presidents of Baxter Seminary have been Samuel E. Ryan, Frank S. Ditto and Patton R. Broyles.

The Rev. Barker was educated at Haleyville, Alabama high school, and Northwest Alabama high school. After four years of college at the University of Chattanooga, he taught school two years in the Haleyville high school.

In 1954 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barker, and family were chosen "the Methodist Family of the Year" and were presented to the National Methodist Family life conference at Cleveland, OH, by Ralph Edwards.

The public is invited to attend the inaugural service.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

12 March 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS: By Reba Denny

The Allied Youth met Monday March 10, to discuss the plans for observing Allied Youth Week during the week of March 23-28.

The junior boys took the boys division of the class tournament last week by defeating the freshmen and senior boys. Freshmen girls took the girls crown as they defeated the junior and sophomore girls.

Tests are the main subjects with the seniors this week as they engage in the annual content battery tests during their English periods.

Several of the students will be participating in the courtesy of the day on Friday, March 10, as President Barker will be officially inaugurated as president of Baxter Seminary.

A group of FHA girls attended the FHA sub district meeting in Sparta March 11. Highlight of the meeting for Baxter Seminary was when Mary Ann Maddux a junior home economics student became the second girl in the history of Baxter Seminary to receive her State Homemakers degree. Thirty girls were accompanied by Mrs. Howard Copeland and Mrs. Miser Richmond.

The Advertiser, Haleyville, AL

14 March 1958 – *The Advertiser*: https://www.baxterseminary.org/BSNews_Historical.html

REV. PAUL BARKER...HALEYVILLE NATIVE SEMINARY PRESIDENT

Rev. Paul A. Barker today will formally become the fifth president of Baxter Seminary today) Friday, 10 a.m. March 14) in the Friends Gymnasium, Baxter, Tennessee.

After coming to Haleyville with his parents in 1920, he attended the Haleyville high school two years, Northwest Alabama High School two years, and graduated as salutatorian of the class. He was chosen the best all round student of the senior class in 1924.

After four years of college at the University of Chattanooga, Rev. Barker taught school two years in Haleyville High School. During that time a public speaking club was organized from which there have gone a number of young men into the Christian ministry.

In 1954 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barker, and family were chosen "The Methodist Family of the Year: and were presented to the National Methodist Family Life Conference at Cleveland, Ohio, by Ralph Edwards.

Reverend Barker stated that he is most grateful to the citizens of Haleyville for such a wonderful community spirit which he found as he attended school.

The inauguration Service at Baxter Seminary will be conducted by Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area, the principal speaker being Dr. John O. Gross, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Board of Education.

Other persons having a part in the inauguration program include Rev. David B. Sargent, Cookeville District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, President-Emeritus of Baxter Seminary, and Miss Leila Havelock of Peabody College graduate school of education.

Mr. Barker's appointment was made February 21, 1957, and he succeeded Dr. Harry L. Upperman, now President-Emeritus, retired after 34 years of service.

Other presidents of Baxter Seminary have been Samuel E. Ryan, Frank S. Ditto, and Patton R. Broyles.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

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DR. PAUL A. BARKER RECEIVES GRAND INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Dr. Paul A. Barker became the fifth president of Baxter Seminary in a grand inauguration ceremony at the school this week. He succeeds Dr. Harry Upperman, who is retiring after leading the school for many years.

The keynote speaker was Dr. John Gross, the executive secretary of the Methodist Church Board of Education, which oversees the school.

Gross praised Tennessee law saying, "In Tennessee, we can teach the Bible, which is the backbone of our Democratic way of life."

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

31 March 1958

BAXTER BUZZES: By Geraldine Stewart

The Beta club held its monthly meeting March 13, at the home of Mrs. Carl Swallows. The business concerned election of officers for the school year of 58-59. The are as follows: President, Ophelia Kirklin; vice-president, Charles Pardue; secretary, Judy Harding; treasure, Joe Ferrell. A gift to the school was also discussed. One of the Beta projects for this year was getting new books for the Harry Webb Farrington

library. Devotions were given by Sally McArthur and Geraldine Stewart. After the business meeting was adjourned the group was served refreshments.

Baxter Seminary was represented in the Tennessee Speech and drama League contest at Tennessee Tech, March 17, by the following students: Lorelei Adkins, poetry interpretation, George Furman, extemporaneous speaking; Peggy Smith, declamation; Carolyn Wallace and Bobby Craighead, original oratory; Ophelia Kirklin and Rebecca Denny, negative debaters; Joe Ferrell and Emory Smith, affirmative debaters; Rhoda Rebman, dramatic reading; Bobby June Denny, humorous reading. A TOAST THAT WE CAN DRINK, a one act play, placed first. The members of the cast were Geraldine Perry, Helen Geer, Janey Hill, and Geraldine Stewart.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

9 April 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS:

The home economics department was the scene of the National Honor society banquet last Thursday night. After a delicious meal, the alumni voted to accept the candidates as official members.

The new members are Polly Turell, Rebecca Denny, David Dyer, Marjorie Lafever, Robert Williams, Peggy Davis, Sherrill Youngblood, Mary Jane Gill, Carolyn Wallace, Bobbie Sue Keith, Mary Martha Smith, and Mary Frances Haggard. Miss Ethylene Hill presided.

The group elected John Henry Denny, class of '32 as president for the coming year.

Twenty-three Baxter Seminary students attended the Future Teachers conferences last Friday at David Lipscomb college in Nashville. The featured speakers of the day were Dr. Andrew D. Holt of the University of Tennessee and Dr. Karl H. Burns, assistant executive secretary of the NEA. Quill E. Pope, commissioner of education, also addressed the group.

Mrs. Lena Plunkett sponsor of the Baxter Seminary Future Teachers, accompanied them to Nashville.

A group of prospective Rainbow girls accompanied Dr. Upperman and Mr. Barker to Nashville last Wednesday to attend an installation of the Order of the Rainbow Girls. The installation service of Baxter Seminary will be held April 12.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

16 April 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS: By Rebecca Denny

The senior class planted their annual tree on the campus last Thursday. The ceremony was led by Joe Bruce, president. All officers and members of the class took part in showing the value of trees in our life.

Miss Geraldine Stewart and Ophelia Kirkland read the story of the Crucifixion in poetry to set the scene for an impressive Good Friday chapel program.

Senior play practice starts this week. The play "seventeen is Terrific" will be given on May 18.

The cast for the three-act comedy included Aaron Dyer, Polly Ferrell, Mary Jane Gill, Clay Keith, Nancy Maddux, Larry Hancock, Robert Gerard, Sherrill Youngblood, Robert Williams, Margaret Carr, Sally McArthur, and Carolyn Wallace. Mrs. Marie Swallows and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman are assisting in the play.

As the sun appeared last week so do approximately 20 football boys ready for spring practice. In spite of the loss of seven of the first string, Coach Stanton said, "I think we will have a very good year".

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

23 April 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS: By Rebecca Denny

Ivy Hall dining room was the scene of the annual junior and senior banquet last Friday night. The flower decorations consisted of jonquils, hawthorn, pear blossoms, and other spring blossoms.

Franklin Scarlett, vice president of the junior class welcomed the seniors and visitors. Joe Bruce, president of the senior class responded.

Mr. Abernathy of Middle Tennessee State college entertained the group with an after dinner speech.

A social hour was held in the social hall of the girls dormitory immediately after the banquet.

Baxter Seminary is very proud of the winners and entries of the Upper Cumberland Regional Science Fair held at Tennessee Tech Saturday. Martha Winchester was second in the over-all fair with her exhibit of shells. She won a \$82.50 scholarship to Tech.

Carolyn Wallace won first place in the senior Biological division, Helen Geer placed third with her exhibit on chemistry of clothing. Other participants were Ophelia Kirkland, Gearldine Stewart, Kenneth Vinson, Mary Martha Smith and Jack Pullum.

Approximately 15 Baxter Seminary students attended the mathematics examination held at Tech last Friday. The group was accompanied by Mrs. Spurgeon Smith.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

30 April 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS: By Rebecca Denny

Baxter Seminary juniors enjoyed a day in the Great Smokey mountains last Friday. Thirty-seven students were accompanied by Mrs. Marie Swallows and Arnold Brown to several points of interest.

The Beta club held the annual picnic last Tuesday night at Parkview. The group attended a movie afterwards.

Deanie Thomas, junior of Baxter Seminary, was elected State T&I president during the state convention held at Hume Fogg high school in Nashville last weekend.

Thirteen Beta candidates were tapped for induction last Thursday. The senior members tapped the candidates in the annual ceremony.

Those receiving the honor are Virginia Flatt, Bobby Craighead, Jim Austin, Mary Ann Maddux, Elma Herren, Patsy Denny, Harold Denton Maddux, Emory Smith, Lorlie Atkins, Rita Lowe, Peggy Harris, and Joyce Crawford.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

7 May 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY WINS MID-STATE DEBATE TOURNEY:

Baxter Seminary's affirmative debate team composed of Henry Smith and Joe Ferrell placed first in the speech tournament of Mid-South private schools held at Vanderbilt University, Saturday.

Lorele Adkins placed second in literature interpretation; Ophelia Kirklin placed third in humorous declamation; the negative debate team composed of Rebecca Denny and Geraldine Stewart, placed third, Miss Stewart was also judged second best debater of the meet. Other Baxter Seminary students competing were Helen Geer, Rhoda Rebman, Bobbie June Denny and George Furman.

Ten schools participated in the tournament. The sweepstakes trophy was won by Castle heights Military academy. Baylor school placed second, and Baxter and Montgomery Bell academy, Nashville, tied for third place.

The tournament was jointly sponsored by the Mid-South association and Vanderbilt. Students and coaches were entertained by the University at a luncheon.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

14 May 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY BEATS: By Rebecca Denny

Students attending the FHA convention held in Nashville recently include Ruth Ashburn, Reba Sheaffer, Nancy Maddux, Bettye Joyce Maxwell, and Mary Ann Maddux. Mrs. Howard Copeland accompanied the Chapter I girls. Mrs. Miser Richmond, Chapter II advisor, accompanied Faye Haller, Betty Ryan, Ester Wallace, and Darlene Keith.

Deanie Thomas, State Trades and Industry president, was honored last week as he was asked to speak to the Future Homemakers of America at their convention.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

14 May 1958

BAXTER SENIOR PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT:

Baxter Seminary senior class will present "Seventeen Is Terrific" on Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Phieffer Hall.

Many amusing characters help make the play a teenage comedy of three acts. Robert Gerald, Dr. Allenby, is the father of four unpredictable teenagers, played by Aaron Dyer (Church), Nancy Maddux (Barbie), Margaret Carr (Janie), and Robert Williams, (Billie).

The confused household is run by Carolyn Wallace, Grandma, who looks after everyone and Polly Ferrell, Hannah, the maid. Family friends and entanglements are Mary J. Gill (Nancy Pomerroy), Clay Keith, (Hugo Jarvis), David Delozier, (George), Sally McArthur, (Ginny), and Sherrell Youngblood, (Patsy).

The entire play promises to be a hilarious presentation of family life and tries to prove that the teenage years are truly "Terrific."

The public is invited to attend. Admission will be 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

29 May 1958

BAXTER SEMINARY AWARDS HONORS, MERITS RECEIVED:

Award winners at Baxter Seminary for this school year are announced today by President Paul A. Barker.

The awards include seniors selected to National Honor society:

Mary Martha Smith, Carolyn Wallace, Mary Frances Haggard, Polly Ferrell, Rebecca Denny, David Dyer, Peggy Davis, Mary Jane Gill, Sherrill Youngblood, Marjorie Lafever, Bobbie Sue Keith and Robert Williams.

Juniors elected to National Honor Society include Ophelia Kirklin, Joe Ferrell, Helen Geer and Geraldine Stewart.

Ninth grad honors-Patsy Denny, Glen Ramsey.

Tenth grade honors-Delano Leftwich, Carol Watts.

Eleventh grade honors – Ophelia Kirklin, Charles Pardue.

Old Walton Road DAR Citizenship Medal – Carolyn Wallace, Balfour Key – Robert Williams, Bausch and Lob Science Medal – Mary Martha Smith, Simmons Biology Award – Carol Watts. Betty Crocker Home Economics Prize – Katherine Nash. Girls State delegate – Ophelia Kirklin, alternate – Geraldine Stewart. Boys' State – Joe Ferrell, alternate, Gary Leftwich. Original Poetry Contest Senior Division, Bobby Craighhead first in county. B-Letters awarded in Girls' Basketball: Joan Hedgecrough, June Nash, Frances Nash, Katherine Nash, Peggy Davis, Babs Shaffer, Mary Frances Haggard, Ruth Ashburn, Ernestine Austin, Wanda Allison, Neda Ashburn, Rita Lowe, Murl Henley, Dowlene Maxwell, (manager), Boy's Basketball: Joe Bruce, Aaron Dyer, Robert Gerrard, Steve Sanders, Billy Stewart, Billy Meachum, Harold Maddux, David Dyer, and Robert Huddleston (manager). Football, Joe Bruce, Robert Huddleston, Aaron Dyer, Earl Stout, Jim Lafever, Robert Gerald, Jack Pullum, Steve Sanders, Dow Huddleston, Franklin Scarlett, Charles Pardue, Harold Hale, Herman Delaney, James Allison, Joe Maynard, J. B. Dyer, Billy Stewart, Buddy Maxwell, Harold Maddux, Billy Anderson, (manager)., Cheerleading: Judy Maxwell, Dian Pullum, Sally McArthur, Janie Hill, Bobby June Denny, Mary Jane Gill, Judy Harding. Future Farmer Creed Contest Medal – Kenneth Vinson. Witherspoon Essay-Nancy Massux. National Athletic Scholarship Society Boys 14th district Bill Meachum, Girls 14th district all tournament team- June Nash, Honorary.

Lorelei Adkins for office work and public relations, Nancy Maddux for office and chapel roll, Marie Phelps, Rose Mary Trobaugh, Sue Brewington, Rhoda Rebaman, Rita Lowe, Betty Ryan, Joe Ferrell, Charles Pardue for office and heating plant, Robert Williams, Rebecca Denny, Ruth Ashburn, Polly Ferrell for office and extra typing for senior class and Mrs. Swallows, Janice Roberts, Donna Trobaugh and Elizabeth Busby, office an music in chapel, Peggy Davis.

Robert Gerrard for working in the heating plant, Jimmy Langford, Jerry Lokey for heating plant and general helpfulness in Boys' Hall. Steve Sanders and Richard Lee for working in the heating plant.

For general helpfulness in Ward Hall for Boys-Emory Smith, Ronnie Herren, and George Furman.

David Dyer for printing. Howard Lee for putting chapel in order. Mary Frances Haggard for general helpfulness, Carolyn Wallace for office work and general helpfulness, Mary Jane Gill for checking chapel roll.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

10 September 1958

BAXTER BUZZING:

The cheerleaders have been selected for this year at Baxter Seminary. They are, Judy Maxwell, Bobbie June Carr, Janie Hill, Judy Harding, Dian Pullum and Geraldine Stewart.

Misses Pullum and Maxwell were elected as captain and co-captain.

Classes have been organized and have elected officers.

Senior class officers include Charles Pardue, president, Gary Leftwich, vice president; Helen Geer, secretary; Franklin Scarlett, treasurer.

Juniors chose Harold Maddux, president; Delano Leftwich, vice president; Bobby Craighead, secretary; and Dowlene Maxwell, treasurer.

Sophomore leaders are: Rita Lowe, president; Tommy Dow Waller, vice president; Murl Henley, secretary; and Lloyd McHenry, treasurer.

Freshmen officer include Colleen Bruce, president; Jerry Pardue, vice president; Patricia Brown, secretary; and Ann Nash, treasurer.

Barbara Billings will reign as homecoming queen when Baxter meets Hartsville Friday night. Attendants to the queen will be Earnestine Austin, Dowlene Maxwell, Rita Lowe, and Colleen Bruce.

The football team has chosen Judy Maxwell for their queen. The cheerleaders will serve as attendants to the queen.

The candidates for the National Honor society at Baxter Seminary have been named.

They are Geraldine Stewart, Helen Geer, Ophelia Kirklin, Ernestine Austin, Elma Herren, Dian Pullum, Joe Ferrell, Charles Pardue, and Gary Leftwich. They will be formerly accepted as members next spring.

The Leaf Chronicle, Clarksville, TN

15 November 1958: The Leaf Chronicle: https://www.baxterseminary.org/BSNews_Historical.html

BAXTER SEMINARY SPECIALIZES IN SELF-HELP PROGRAM

Baxter Seminary in Baxter, Tennessee, is located nine miles west of Cookeville, and educational institution of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. The unification of American Methodism placed this institution in the program of the new Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Prior to the organization of the Baxter Seminary, the Methodist Episcopal Church conducted a small mission school in Summertown, Tennessee, one in Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee, and one in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee. They were very small mission schools, not much better than grammar school level and were conducted only a few years each.

When the three mission schools went out of existence, the citizens of Baxter requested the Methodist Episcopal Church to help in the organization of a school for that area.

The plan was finally done. Work was begun and Baxter Seminary opened its doors in the fall of 1908, with only the ground floor in the present Girl's Hall, the main education building for the following fifteen years ready for use. The second story was opened in 1909, and the third and fourth floor were added in 1910.

Soon after the opening of the school in 1908, all that was left in the three defunct schools was brought to Baxter Seminary. The total amount was not over one thousand dollars.

The old bell that was used at Summertown is now on the Girl's Hall tower at Baxter Seminary.

The Books in the Red Boiling Springs school library were moved also to Baxter. They were old, of small print, and of little use. Some of them are keepsakes.

For a period of fifteen years, 1908 to 1923, Baxter Seminary had three presidents; S. E. Ryan served three years, Frank S. Ditto served five years, and Patton R. Broyles served seven years.

When Harry L. Upperman became president on June 23, 1923, the property valued at \$35,012 dollars with an indebtedness of \$5,000 dollars, there were four teachers and fifty seven students. Thirty seven of the students lived within three miles of the school, plus eight boys and twelve girls living in the acres, campus and barns, value \$552,800.00. Endowment \$214,367.00; no capital indebtedness. Baxter Seminary is a Service Center in secondary school training, with eighteen complete academic courses, plus vocational agriculture (school farm), truck farming, home economics, Bible Department, stenography, bookkeeping, office practice, music, speech, dramatics, masonry, vocational trades department, general building trades, carpentry, plumbing, mechanical drawings, blue print study, and self-help workshops available to all worthy students.

Baxter Seminary now covers Administration Building, Health and Physical Education Plant, the Ward Hall for Boys, D.A.R Health House, Merner Science Hall, farm of 280 acres, three barns, seven homes for faculty members and staff members, an orchard, Library (volumes 4,116), trade School with two buildings and all required equipment, central heating plant, summer school site at Center Hill Dam Lake, football field, planned Odell Civic Park in progress on campus land set aside, with chapel-to-be as next dream.

The President secures financial aid from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, the Tennessee Conference Board of Education, various churches, classes, clubs, groups of friends and individuals, gifts of money, material, coal, and services rendered free, keeping the budget balanced yearly.

At the author's request Dr. Upperman prepared the following description of activities at Baxter Seminary: At this time there were 387 enrolled, of whom 204 were boys and 183 girls. About twenty veterans were enrolled in regular secondary school courses, the curricula is that of an A-1 secondary school and is so listed by the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee. It is a member of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and is approved by the University Senate of the Methodist Church, also Mid-South Association of Independent Schools, and the Central States Association of Southern Schools.

"Baxter Seminary specializes in a self-help program in which much emphasis is placed on constructive building. Not only do the students work their way through a considerate degree in these days of high prices, especially if the student is worthy and in need of such self-help service, but the student has the privilege of making beautiful, as well as useful, articles, creating buildings, erecting houses, barns, and school structures.

On the campus of Baxter Seminary, through students labor under the self-help program, the following buildings have largely been erected: The Trades School, the Boy's Hall, with each additional wing having been added as needed; the Health House, and to a considerable degree, a gymnasium, now planned anew; a great deal of Pfeiffer Administration-Academic Building and various faculty homes. Also done by student help are four or five houses upon the campus which were remodeled by the students under faculty supervision.

Much attention is paid to the health of the faculty and students, and for that purpose the Health House is under the care of a capable director and has in it twenty-two hospital beds, as well as the regular offices for a doctor and a nurse and two faculty apartments and its own living quarters.

The religious life of Baxter Seminary is constantly kept at a high level, Under student direction, but with faculty supervision, the students conduct many of the regular daily chapel services, hold prayer meetings in the dormitories, carry on Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association in both day and evening groups, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship which has as its president a junior girl, also the chairman of evangelism for the district.

Daily Bible reading is under the direction of the director of Bible and Religious Education Classes, and the presence upon the faculty of returned missionaries who served in Africa and India has aroused a great deal of interest in missionary work. Often students have regular charges and a number plan to study for the ministry, while fifteen graduates within recent years have entered the ministry. Some girls are preparing for the missionary service and other girls are seeking to be nurses and to engage in other forms of Christian service.

On the faculty at the present time are several graduates of Baxter Seminary, and the two Trades Schools are directed by graduates of Baxter Seminary in those fields. In Putnam and surrounding counties are many teachers who are graduates of Baxter Seminary, while other graduates are in the business world, farming, office work, and are general, useful citizens of their communities, and in various church activities.

The girls who have taken Home Economics and kindred subjects have contributed to finer homes and home life in this section of the state.

During the recent World War over 400 graduates and former students and faculty members (both men and women) served the nation in all branches of the service.

The graduates of Baxter Seminary are not only found in all walks of life throughout the Upper Cumberland section but are now spreading across the nation and are found in many industrial centers, thus showing the school has grown away from serving only nearby communities but is serving those needs and also other sections and helping to prepare not only students with academic knowledge but also those who are of service as ministers, doctors, lawyers, bookkeepers, accountants mechanics, draftsmen, carpenters, bricklayers, blacksmiths, teachers of various farm and trade subjects, vocational directors, and general office workers.

The school is without debt and is striving hard to remain that way. It is in need of 150 workshops at \$200.00 to \$300.00 each which enable a school to help a boy or girl on the self-help program as the workshop provides the working capital with which the school may operate while the student is getting the benefit of student aid through work.

Members of the faculty and of the student body give time in speaking, singing, preaching, teaching, conducting services to churches over the Conference.

Special gospel teams are often taken on a number of special missions.

This brief history had been prepared under the guidance of the Advisory Committee composed of C. S. Jenkins, chairman: W. T. Sewell, Lawrence Grace, Walter Keith Crawford, Luther C. Harris, of the board of trustees of Baxter Seminary, who prepared the data from facts obtained from other trustees, faculty students and friends, in Baxter and elsewhere, and find that President Harry L. Upperman, with his wife, has kept the entire institution on an even financial keel and secured endowment, buildings, equipment, land, which could not be today duplicated by a million dollars.

The services rendered to people cannot be valued.

This committee believes that as worthy a cause merits aid from every source, in order that \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year may bring a balanced budget.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

December 17, 1958

BAXTER BUZZING:

Baxter Seminary was co-host with Cookeville for a speech tournament held at Central last Saturday. Several students attended and earned many N. F. L. points.

The Baxter Sees met the Carthage Owls last Friday night. The Baxter girls defeated Carthage 32-26, but the Carthag boys downed the Baxter team 36-35.

The Future Teacher's of America had a Christmas party on December 11. There was music and dancing and refreshments were served. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

28 July 1960

DR. UPPERMAN, WIFE HONORED FOR WORK AT BAXTER SEMINARY:

"It's the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

That was Dr. Harry L. Upperman's reaction to an honor bestowed upon him Tuesday by the University Senate of the Methodist church.

He received a citation in Nashville in appreciation of his 34 years as president of Baxter Seminary.

"The Methodist church had never done this for any school, but it was done for a little school man and his wife," said Upperman, who retired as Baxter president in 1957.

The citation was presented at a luncheon given by the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education in honor of the Uppermans at Mrs. Brown's Tea Room.

Founded in 1908 by the Methodist Episcopal church, Baxter Seminary served the youth of the Cumberland Mountain region for 50 years.

On July 1, 1959, "the time having come when the local community for elementary and secondary education," the citation said, the property was sold to Putnam county and is now known as the Harry L. Upperman High School.

The citation, presented by Dr. Goodrich C. White, of Atlanta, said that under the Upperman's leadership Baxter became "outstanding among the secondary schools of Tennessee."

The Uppermans influenced the intellectual and spiritual development of thousands of young people," the citation said.

The University Senate is the agency for Methodist educational institutions. The two-hour luncheon program was attended by persons from various parts of the nation. Accompanying the Uppermans in Nashville for the ceremony were Miss Ethelyn P. Hill, former dean of Baxter Seminary; Mrs. Marie Swallows, head of the department of English at Baxter Seminary, now Upperman High School; Walter Keith Crawford, Cookeville attorney; and James A. Carlen, manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. here.

The beautiful, framed citation is black and gold. Mrs. Upperman noted that, by coincidence, these were the colors of Baxter Seminary.

In all, 11,000 students attended the seminary during the 34 years, including veterans, and special students. All buildings, including five major ones, on the 20 acres of land were constructed by students under the supervision capable teachers. The graduates are in all walks of life, including teachers, ministers, doctors, and lawyers.

Upperman raised \$1,300,000 for the seminary, working long and hard on his regular salary. The school ended without debt and became the property of Putnam county for \$200,000.

Concerning Tuesday's luncheon, Dr. Upperman said, "the appointments were so elaborate that I didn't want to eat the meal."

The University Senate of the Methodist Church hereby expresses its appreciation of the contribution of Harry and Elma Upperman to the work of Christian education under the auspices of the Methodist church.

"At its annual meeting on January 10, 1960, the University Senate noted that Baxter Seminary was no longer to be listed as a school related to the Methodist Church. Founded in 1908 by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the school had served the youth of the Cumberland Mountain region of Tennessee for fifty years. The time having come when the local community could assume full responsibility for elementary and secondary education, the property was sold to Putnam County on July 1, 1959, and is now known as the Harry L. Upperman High School.

"The University Senate of the Methodist Church hereby records its high regard for the life and work of Harry L. Upperman, who served as president of Baxter Seminary for thirty-six years. He and his devoted wife, Elma, labored sacrificially to achieve the Baxter goal of "training children not only academically, but socially, vocationally, and most of all, spiritually." During their administration the school became outstanding among the secondary schools of Tennessee. Their leadership constructively influenced the intellectual and spiritual development of thousands of young people. The record of their years of service is a living one. It is written in the lives of the graduates of Baxter Seminary and in the educational, cultural, and spiritual advances of the region they love and continue to serve.

"The University Senate of the Methodist Church expresses to Harry and Elma Upperman its appreciation of their efforts and achievements as Christian educators. The members of the University Senate hereby affix their signatures in token of the warm affection in which they hold these educational colleagues and cherished friends."

Signed: Goodrich C. White, president; John O. Gross, executive secretary; Ralph W. Decker, recording secretary, and all other member of the senate.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

May 29, 1962

Mayor Roy DeBerry, owner of the Junior Military Academy at Bloomington Springs, [has purchased 10 acres of the old Baxter Seminary grounds containing the president's residence, two dormitories and the health house. He paid \\$25,000 for it.](#)

The seminary, a Methodist-supported school, which boarded and taught high school students in the county's western end for 50 years, closed in 1959. [The county has purchased 2- acres of the campus, including its administration building, the scientific building, trades building, gymnasium, heating plant and football field. A portion of those grounds has been turned into Upperman High, honoring the school's president of 37 years, Dr Harry Upperman.](#)

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN:

Sunday, 13 May 2012

ALUMNI BANQUET:

Baxter Seminary and Upperman High School alumni invited the UHS graduating class of 2012 to the Alumni Banquet recently. Sue Neal shared her experiences as a student at Baxter Seminary with the seniors. Pictured in front of Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Upperman's portraits are Principal Herb



Leftwich, Connie Gentry, Baxter Seminary _UHS Alumin Association Scholarship winner Caleb Arms, County Commissioner Sue Neal, and guidance counselors Sherran Upchurch and Deborah Farley. Caleb is the son of Mike and Data Arms and plans to attend Tennessee Tech University in the fall majoring in business..

*See more about Baxter Seminary in the Schoolyard Tales and Putnam Co., history at:
<http://www.ajlambert.com>
https://www.baxterseminary.org/BSNews_Historical.html