

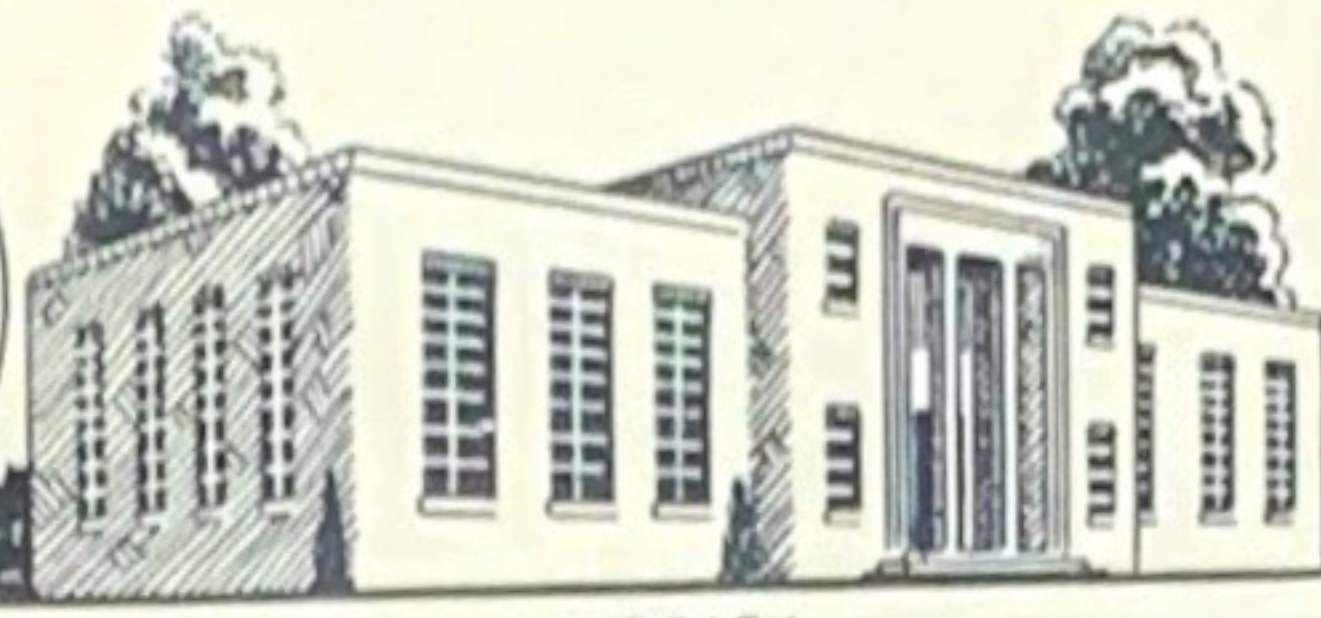
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## FINANCE COMMISSION VISITS CAMPUS



*Pictured here are members of the Finance Commission of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. They are from left to right: Dr. J. H. Jackson, Convention President, Chicago; A.B.T. President R. W. Riley, Nashville; Rev. J. A. Moore, (standing) Baltimore; Rev. T. J. Jemison, Convention Secretary, Baton Rouge; Rev. L. G. Carr, Convention Treasurer, Philadelphia; Rev. M. H. Ribbins (standing) Chattanooga; Rev. L. G. Jordan, Atlanta; Rev. S. L. Cole, Cleveland; Rev. R. T. Andrews, Indianapolis; and Rev. B. J. Perkins, Cleveland. (See Page 2 for comment).*



# NEW YEAR OBJECTIVES

By PRESIDENT RILEY

## A Sense of Achievement

In the total sum of the makeup of the human personality, as taught by Yung, an eminent psychologist, there are certain basic needs, drives or desires. One of these is the desire for achievement. Perhaps no time throughout the year is this urge more predominant than at the beginning of the New Year. During this season, we take some time to count the gains of the past, to correct the mistakes which cut our yields in the past and plan for greater and a more abundant yield in the days ahead.

I suspect that even Seminarians are now being captivated by this idea. To become more greatly in demand, to improve our pulpit manners and preaching techniques. To witness the salvation of more souls in evangelistic endeavor, and to increase our usefulness generally truly would be a few of the achievements most clergymen would desire for themselves in 1954.

## A Different Experiment for Greater Gains

As we observe the past, despite the many problems facing us in our economy, society and world life, no one can deny the fact that our country and our gains continue to grow. In all things we seem to get bigger, but not better. If our world improves at this point, it is all-important that we use a different approach. Our procedure must be one of self-evaluation and improve-

ment, to begin with, rather than a rearrangement of personal and material facilities. We must think in the future more of permanent and lasting gains rather than rewards which we are accustomed to think in terms of greater ones. We may not become larger, but we must become better if we continue to maintain the moral dignity and the spiritual growth to which we presently lay claim.

## A New Type of Loyalty Needed

One of the great needs of our time is gratitude. Somehow or other, as we salvage from the many trying experiences of sacrifice and toil which we have seen, we must find and reactivate ourselves to personalities, institutions and movements which have been responsible, not only for our gains, but for our beings as well. In the process, no true Seminary man could afford to forget the place that the American Baptist Theological Seminary has played in his life. As the days go by, we cannot help but come to the place that we realize that religion is centered in the deepest needs of man and ministry to point up this fact should be the gravest concern among us. As you prosper in the coming year, may your service to God be, not bigger, but better, and your loyalty to A.B.T. be increased daily; not only for the part it has played in your life, but it will play in the life of others this year and those to follow.

### Missionary Society Heads to Receive "The Seminarian"

Dear Christian Workers:

Beginning with the December issue of "THE SEMINARIAN," we are placing your name on the mailing list in order that you might receive each succeeding copy.

We are sure that you not only are interested in an educated ministry, but through the years you have, through your society, church and otherwise, made significant contributions to the cause of theological training, support and Christian service.

We trust that by this medium you will not only be kept informed of the work and worth of your Seminary, but you will also enjoy reading "THE SEMINARIAN" as well.

### Finance Commission

During the recent annual meeting of the Finance Commission of The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., which convened in Nashville, Tennessee, December 15, 1953, a large number of the members led by President J. H. Jackson paid a visit to the Seminary to observe the work of the institution and pledge their support in the expansion program now in process at the Seminary.

The picture on the cover was taken in the new library building which was praised by leaders as another important step in the ongoing of the work of the Seminary under the leadership of President Riley.

## THE SEMINARIAN

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*Pictured above is a representative group of students, Seminary personnel and denominational representatives who participated in the activities of "Denominational Day," December 9, on the A.B.T.S. campus.*

*Out-of-town representatives were left to right: Dr. Roland Smith, statistician, between President Riley and Professor J. C. Miles, Rev. Coleman A. Kerry, corresponding secretary of the Educational Board (hat in hand), Rev. J. W. Parrish, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio and trustee, Rev. R. A. Cromwell, assistant corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.*

*Mr. S. E. Grinstead, B.S.U. Secretary of Nashville is to the right of Mr. Kerry (wearing a light top coat). Rev. C. R. Williams, acting secretary of the Baptist Training Union Board (not pictured) was present for afternoon session of program.*

### **The New Library a Boon to Seminary Life**

On September 15, 1953, the library at the Seminary was completed. It was constructed at a cost of \$115,000 and was given by the Southern Baptist Convention.

While temporary use of the library began with the opening of school September 21, permanent use began with the arrival of the first installment of the furniture on November 4, 1953.

The library is furnished with all light Northern hard birch of the most modern design, purchased from Remington Rand, Inc., and supplied by the National Baptist and the Women's Auxiliary Conventions, U.S.A., Inc., at a cost of \$16,964.54. The building and equipment are second to none found in school circles throughout the nation.

Aside from the cultural benefits, nothing has been more of an inspiration to faculty and student life than the new library. Its erection marks another significant step in the five-year building program and the rapid growth of the institution.

### **Ministers and Missionaries' Conference Announced**

The nineteenth annual session of the Ministers and Missionaries' Conference will be held at the Seminary on March 8-12, 1954. As in the past, an outstanding member, speaker, leader and educator of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will bring the messages on the selected theme.

Lectures on foreign missions and the home front will be delivered and points of emphasis on the new outlook for the work of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will also receive major consideration.

### **Denominational Day**

On December 9, American Baptist Theological Seminary held its first "Denominational Day." The object of the meeting was to acquaint the students with the various phases of the denominational work, and to encourage participation in all the causes of the Convention in the after-graduation days of all Seminarians.

To the conference was invited all boards, secretaries, agencies and departmental heads of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated. The program consisted of a fellowship breakfast at 7:30 A.M., class visitation by guests at 8:30 A.M., and a special chapel service at 10:30 A.M., with a most helpful and stimulating address by Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, Sr., secretary of the Educational Board of the Convention. Mr. Kerry said "Among many other achievements, practicable knowledge for theological students will always be of great significance in a parish mission, and in some cases, will outweigh knowledge half learned."

After lunch, a tour of the campus was arranged, followed by personal conferences with students and Board representatives. An arrangement was made for exhibit space in the new library building for agencies represented. The conference closed for dinner and was followed by an engagement in the evening with Rev. R. A. Cromwell, representative of the Foreign Mission Board, who showed pictures of the mission stations and the work in Africa and other foreign fields in which the Board is now engaged.

Following the pictures, the guests and many of the students attended further a fellowship supper at the Baptist Student Center, 2023 Jefferson Street, where Secretary S. E. Grinstead had arranged a brief program for the evening.



# McLEAN-ROSS WEDDING



Taking place Wednesday, November 21, 1953 in the new library of the Seminary was the marriage of Miss Samiephyne McLean and Delta Hope Ross.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLean of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Ross, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Ralph W. Riley, president of the Seminary, read the vows at 7:45 p.m. after a program of music presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Washburn, Jr., vocalists, who rendered traditional wedding favorites of "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, and "Because." Miss Ida V. Robinson, organist, played the traditional wedding processional and recessional, and during the reading of the vows, she played very softly, "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit."

For the occasion, the altar was banked with palms and Jackson vine, interspersed with scores of burning tapers forming a background for the central arrangement of white gladioli and pompon chrysanthemums. The bride entered on the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage. She was attired in a gown of pure white uncrushable velvet, nylon tulle and satin, with self-covered buttons down the back. Accenting the yoke and skirt were flowers of pearls and iridescents, and the long sleeves ended in points over the wrists. She wore a fingertip veil of nylon tulle which fell from a double latticework cap of velvet and pearls, and she carried a bouquet of white talisman roses centered with double purple-throated orchids. Her only jewelry was a double strand of pearls.

Miss Mettarene McLean was her sister's maid of honor, and she wore a floor-length model of pale fuchsia with satin bodice and net-over-satin skirt. She carried a bouquet of yellow talisman roses, and wore a half hat of fuchsia stand-up net. Bridesmaids were Miss Margaret McLean, sister of the bride, and Miss Ernestine Sacia Ross, sister of the groom. They were identically dressed in frocks of cotillion blue net over taffeta with floor-length tiered skirts and taffeta boleros. They wore cotillion blue stand-up net hats, fashioned like that of the maid of honor, and they carried bouquets of red talisman roses.

Lisette and Karen Fitzgerald, flower girls, wore floor-length dresses of net over taffeta, of aqua and yellow respectively, and they carried nosegays of red and yellow roses. Their headdresses were of red and yellow bandeaux.

Mr. Samuel Harden Ross was his twin brother's best man, and ushers completing the wedding personnel were Clarence Sellers Ross, II, C. E. Martin and Calvin Calhoun.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held in the dining hall of the Seminary. The lace covered table was centered with a tiered wedding cake encircled with fern and white pompon chrysanthemums. Each of the columns of the dining hall was entwined with a profusion of Jackson vine. Assisting in serving were Mrs. L. E. Battle, Mrs. Ralph W. Riley, Mrs. E. W. Roberson; Messrs. Quinton Dennis, Dewey Lamar Nichols, Benjamin Proctor, and Nathaniel Brockman. Mesdames Enoch Jones and J. W. Salley presided over the guest book and received gifts.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. McLean chose a mauve crepe and lace dress with bracelet-length sleeves and standaway collar. She chose a matching mauve hat and accessories and pinned at her shoulder was a purple orchid.

Mrs. Ross was attired in a powder blue dress fashioned with a lace bodice crepe skirt and bracelet-length sleeves. She chose a matching blue hat of sequins, matching accessories and a shoulder bouquet of purple-throated white orchids.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLean, Miss Mettarene McLean, and Mr. Garland Clark, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Prof. and Mrs. Clarence S. Ross, Sr., and Miss Ernestine Sacia Ross, Orangeburg, South Carolina; Mr. Samuel Harden Ross, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Ross, II, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Speed, Springfield, Tennessee; and Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Cousin, Lexington, Tennessee.

The bride was complimented prior to the wedding with a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. R. W. Riley, and an after-rehearsal supper by Mrs. L. E. Battle.

After the reception, the couple left for a short wedding trip to Detroit, Michigan and Canada.

The new Mrs. Ross has served the Seminary as secretary to the President since 1950, and Mr. Ross has been employed as Bursar for the institution since 1950 also. They are at home at American Baptist Theological Seminary.