

This is your life

1. Her Activities as they relate to church and her husband's work.

She married Rev. L.L. Berry of Virginia Conference A.M.E. Church in 1900. She worked with him in small mission churches for 8 years. During the next 25 years she worked with him in the pastorates of many churches including some of the larger metropolitan churches. She was very active in most departments of the church, Sunday School and choir. Her greatest work was President of the Women's Local Missionary Society. She has served as Vice President, Assistant Secretary, member of the Executive Board of the Conference Branch for many years. She has been a delegate to the Quadrennial Conventions since 1919, at all times serving on important committees.

In the local Missionary Societies she organized committees to take care of the sick and needy of the church and community, Day nursery and to pay church obligations for the students in college and the widows and stranded people passing through. She was an alternate delegate to the 1956 General Conference of the A.M.E. Church in Miami representing the 15th Episcopal District. After the death of her husband in November, 1954 she came to make her home in Detroit, in January, 1955 and soon connected with the Abatenjwa League.

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2. Her religious activities outside of her immediate parish.

Her husband's election as a General Officer of ~~the~~ his Church, Secretary-Treasurer of Home and Foreign Missionary ^s ~~Society~~ *of the A. M. E Church* with headquarter in New York City. encompassing North and South America, South and West Africa, the Bermudas and West Indies for 21½ years, opened greater ~~the~~ avenues, fuller life and more responsibilities inher service to mankind. She served as hostess to all the missionary ministers, their families and students coming to America as delegates to General Conferences and to attend college and others who

became stranded in the U.S.

She has been as a mother to hundreds of missionaries who address her as "Mother Berry". When two women missionaries passed away while in New York it became her duty to care for them during their illness and burial. Her

philosophy of life, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man," has been exemplified in all her life.

or if I can help some body as I pass along then my living will not be in vain

In New York City she was a member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, the local Missionary Society and Executive Board of the Conference Branch, a member of the Home Mission Conference and Foreign Mission Council of North America, now the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Department of Home Missions and Foreign Missions. She served as a member of the Executives, Administrative, Personnel and Migrant Committees of the Home Missions for many years and the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, attending conventions in various cities and Buck Hill Falls for several years. She attended the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. consisting of 29 communions whose theme was "This Nation Under God" ^{one} ~~one~~ of the greatest conventions ever held in Christendom. While working with the Migrant Committee of the Home Missions Council she had the privilege of ~~the~~ joining the Staff and other members of the Committee on a trip to a Migrant Camp at Riverhead, L.I. They traveled in the first station wagon called "The Harvester", purchased by the council, which was dedicated at this meeting. She was a member of the United Council of Church women and a voting delegate to all Biennial ~~the~~ Assemblies until 1955, a member of Nominating and Christian World Missions Committee of the Council and active as Chairman of Harlem Group of No. 1 World Day of Prayer which led the entire 20 areas in Manhattan.

She joined the Interdenominational Ministers Wives Association in 1933, the National in 1943. In the Local she held the office of President, Vice President and Treasurer. As President in 1942 and 1943 they entertained the soldiers and sailors at Christmas and giving pocket testaments instead of having their regular Christmas dinner. Under her administration a War Bond Drive was put

on at which time over \$35,000 worth of stamps and bonds were sold. She received a citation from the Government for outstanding work done. She is a member of The A.M.E. Minister Wives Association, The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance and has been a member of Oder Eastern Star for 47 years.

She was member of the 1897 class of Kittrell College and salutatorian of the class. The President of the college was the late Dr. Jno. R. Hawkins who was then Secretary of Education of the A.M.E. Church. She was a public school teacher in Person County, North Carolina for 8 years. She substituted and taught in private and night school at many places where her husband pastored. *Monrovia Liberia West Africa*
 Monrovia College and Industrial Institute conferred upon her the degree of Humanities in 1955.

As a mother and Ministers wife, she reared six children and her orphaned youngest sister. Of the seven all have College education except one who has a hearing handicap. All except one are married and have families. All seven are Active Adult Church Workers and have served as Trustee, Steward, S.S. teachers, Choir members, Youth Workers, General Conference delegates, Laymen's league workers in the A.M.E. Church.

In addition to church work, her offspring have been active participants in Fraternal and Civic affairs including The Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Phi Psi Fraternities, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The Masons, Shriners and The Democratic Party.

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Their names and occupations are as follows Mrs. Lula D. Myers of Raleigh, N.C. Housewife seamstress and former Norfolk Va. Public School teacher, Dr. Leonidas H. Berry of Chicago, Ill. Assistant Clinical Prof of Medicine Univ. of Ill. Research Authority and Specialist in digestive Diseases. Richard O. Berry, Detroit, Mich. *Page 4*
~~Clerk U.S. Department of Defense.~~, Mrs. Gladys Berry Yates Detroit, Mich. Housewife and Public School teacher.

Mr. Lewellyn L. Berry, Jr. Washington, D.C. Chief Medical technician,
Freedman's Hosp. and Director of a Commercial Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.
Elbert J. Berry, Hollis, L.I. Employment Counsellor, N.Y. State Employment
Service. Brooklyn, N.Y. Miss Geraldine V. Berry, Keeps house for her mother.

She and husband celebrated their 50th
(Golden) Anniversary September 1950.

Mrs. Beulah Ann Berry
54 years a Minister's wife.

R. O. Berry, Detroit, Mich.
Organization and Method Examiner
of the Management Engineering
Office Detroit Arsenal.

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