



During autograph party, Dr. Berry (2nd, l) is congratulated on his new book by (l-r) Norman L. Hunter, JPC art director and book designer; his wife, Emma Berry; the Rev. Basil Foley, pastor of the Woodlawn AME Church in Chicago; and Basil Phillips, sales manager, JPC book division.

## BOOKS

**Leonidas H. Berry M.D.**

### Medical Pioneer's Book Traces His Family's Roots

*I Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey*, a book tracing the genealogy of Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, a well-known specialist in digestive disorders, was recently released by the Johnson Publishing Co. in Chicago.

Dr. Berry, an organizer of voluntary programs for the improvement of community health, traces his family back 200 years.

The book spans six generations of the Jenifer-Berry-Harris-Jordan clan, describing the family of the Rev. Llewellyn L. Berry, the author's father.

In the narrative, readers learn about murder, ambition, racism, miscegenation, endurance through

a belief in God's will and the politics of the Black church. Though this "multi-nuclear" family is unique, it is representative of many Black families in America.

The 436-page book, edited by Doris E. Saunders, which has 56 pages of photographs, emphasizes the impact of the Black church, especially the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in the cultural growth and development of Black families.

The book was reviewed recently by Dr. Larry Murphy, an AME minister and professor at Northwestern University's Divinity School in Evanston, Ill., at an autographing party at the Woodlawn AME Church on Chicago's South Side.

Dr. Berry also talked about his years of researching material for the book and autographed copies for guests.