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Richmond Mother of 3 Is Winner

Mrs. Elizabeth Bouey, Teacher, Civic Worker and Missionary, Is Ideal Mother

A 58-year-old Richmond, Va., teacher, missionary and civic worker and the mother of three children, is the AFRO's 1950 ideal mother and winner of the fifth annual contest.

She is Mrs. Elizabeth Cates Bouey, who was born in Africa of missionary parents and who was brought to this country as an infant.

With her husband, the Rev. Edward H. Bouey, pastor of Richmond's Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, she spent nine years in Africa where they conducted a mission school in the interior, and built a hospital.

Rearred African Youth, Too
Her own three children were born there and when she returned to this country in 1929, she added to her family a promising African youth, Johnson Moore, whom she reared and educated. He has since returned to Liberia where he is now Undersecretary of State.

The Bouey children are: Edward H. Jr., a Southern University graduate, who is well known as a tennis star and for his promising radio production and direction at Station WMCV in New York;

Miss Melicent F. Bouey, a designer and pattern maker in Hollywood; and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Yates, a Richmond teacher. Both of the girls are graduates of their mother's alma mater, Virginia Union University, and Mrs. Yates holds a master's degree from Columbia University which she received in 1945, at the same time her mother took her graduate degree there.

Not satisfied with rearing a family and doing missionary work, Mrs. Bouey went back to school in that year in order to prepare herself for a teaching career. At present, she is a member of the faculty of Moor Elementary School.

Bertrands, New Residents, Inmates
Besides mothering her own children, the AFRO's ideal mother has befriended many Africans who have just arrived in America and discharged inmates of the State Prison Farm who have been

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welcome to stay in her home until they could get adjusted.

The nomination letter from her daughter says of her:

"House In Middle of Road"

"She likes to call her home, 'the house in the middle of the road,' for it is open to anyone who needs food for the body or the soul. No one is ever turned away.

"During holidays, the house is usually filled with African students from all over the country who have nowhere to go and have learned of this friend here in America.

"Always, there is some young woman living in her home whom she is helping through school or with some endeavor.

"Because of her work at the State Prison Farm, many discharged inmates have come to her home to stay until they could get on their feet again, find a new home or be reunited with their people.

Faith In "Upper Room"

"A stay with her in what she calls 'the upper room,' a prayer room in the home, has brought new hope and renewed faith to many.

"She has been a constant fighter for racial equality and has taken an active interest in interracial groups, constantly upholding the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

"Founder and president of the National Association of Ministers' Wives, people all over the country have come to know and love her.

"She is a wonderful mother.

teacher, missionary, speaker and religious worker whose life has been a constant example of the things Christ taught when He was here."

Previous winners of the ideal mother title were: Mrs. Alice Washington, Ambler, Pa., 1946; Mrs. Illa M. Turpeau, Cincinnati, 1947; Mrs. Ethel L. Young, Raleigh, N.C., 1948; and Mrs. Lena B. Duncan, Salisbury, N.C., 1949.

WHAT THE IDEAL MOTHER WINS . . .

Mrs. Elizabeth Bouey of Richmond, winner of the AFRO's fifth annual ideal mother contest, receives these prizes:

1. All-expense plane trip to Baltimore and Washington, accompanied by a companion of her choice.

2. Complete spring outfit and \$25 pin money.

3. Guest of honor at a buffet supper given by the AFRO in Baltimore, Friday evening, May 19.

4. One of the guests of honor at Delta Sigma Theta Sorority mother-daughter luncheon, Saturday afternoon May 20.

5. Tour of Baltimore and Washington, including a visit to the White House.

OWED TO MOTHER

What do I owe my mother?
Countless things I could not name,
A thousand ingrained hopes and aims,

The love of all things beautiful,
The stars at night and snowflakes
Softly falling from a winter's sky.
. . . These things and many more
are mine,

Because you, Mother, put them in
my heart.

Arithmetic