



MISS LOUISE AVETT

Annual Meeting Of WSCS To Be Held April 26th

The annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held April 26 at 10 a.m. at the Boone Methodist Church.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will close with a covered dish luncheon.

Methodist women are urged to attend this important meeting, where reports of the conference year's accomplishments will be given by district officers. Installation of new officers will be in charge of the nominating committee.

Guest speaker will be Miss Louise Avett, missionary to Hong Kong. She is a native of Norwood, N. C., where she is spending her furlough between a semester's study at Scarritt College and a series of speaking engagements in North Carolina. Miss Avett went first to the mainland of China in 1932 where she spent six years in the Shanghai area and five years in the Szechuan Province. In 1937 she had to leave the Shanghai area because of the Sino-Japanese War, and when she returned in 1939, she went to the West China area, where she served through World War II. For her furlough in 1945, she had to come to the United States via Calcutta, India, where she was delayed for five months trying to book passage on a boat. During this five months she visited the Methodist Mission work in the northern half of India.

In 1960 Miss Avett returned to the mission field in Hong Kong where she served as field treasurer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service and an English teacher.

Higgins Wins Cake
The Ladies Auxiliary club of the Mennonite Brethren church wishes to express their thanks to all who participated in the cake sale. The winner was Mr. Bruce Higgins of Boone.

Uniform daylight time bill is sent to White House.

Writes For Fifty Years Aging Minister Tells Of Walking Circuit For Year

Time goes by and age comes on. "Time and tide wait for no man," is very true.

I was born February 18, 1889, at Silverstone, Watauga County, North Carolina, about eight miles from Boone, and grew up on a little farm at the foot of Rich Mountain. In those days we had no farm machinery, therefore all farm work had to be done the hard way—by manpower and horsepower. I began to work on my father's little farm of fifty acres when I was a mere lad and spent the first twenty-three years of my life there. The old home where I was reared is still standing, and two of my sisters—Junie and Earl—have lived there all their lives and still occupy the old house.

In the beginning of my school days we had a little one room building and one teacher, who taught all the pupils from the first grade and on as high as we advanced in our free schools. I was eager to learn and usually made good grades. Although we didn't have the advantage of an education then as our children and young people have today, yet we had some wonderful students. I never had the privilege of a college education, but I have been a student practically a lifetime, majoring of course in the Holy Bible across the years.

As I think back to my school days at Silverstone I remember my first teacher who was a Mr. Maxwell from Ashe County. He was a very strict teacher and the entire school knew to obey him. Then I think the next teacher I went to was Luther Farthing. Although I may not have the names of the teachers in order as they taught our four months school, I want to mention them, knowing that some of the students of those days, and the older people of the community, will remember them. Here are their names: Jess Curtis, Miss Julia Hardin, Miss Blanche Dougherty, John Bingham, Roey Moretz, Erastus Moretz and wife, Will Perry, George Sudderth, Jack Greene, Miss Lottie Greer and Niley Byers, who became husband and wife. I remember in the winter of 1907 I went to school at Mast Seminary to Rev. O. P. Ader. So far as I know Mr. and Mrs. Niley Byers are the only teachers that are still living when I was in school, which dates back across more than half a century.

In my early life I seemed to have a special desire to become a writer, and for more than fifty years my articles, messages and poems have appeared in various newspapers and religious publications, read by many thousands of people. One news-

paper published my articles and poems regularly for over thirty-three years, in which I had a department captioned "The Quiet Corner." It was read by thousands of people and I hope it did much and lasting good. The paper ceased publication, or I would be writing for it yet. I have had several books published, but they are all sold out except one entitled "Keepers At Home." I have quite a number of copies left which sell at fifty cents per copy.

Feeling a special impulse within my heart, prompted by the Lord Jesus Christ whom I had accepted as my Savior, to preach the Gospel, I entered the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church in November, 1912, and after taking a special course of study prepared for ministers, I was ordained an Elder a few years later. My first pastoral charge consisted of six churches, five in Watauga County and one in Caldwell County. I traveled the circuit a year afoot, as I had no other way of conveyance. I estimated my walking that year to be over a thousand miles, carrying my Bible, my clothes and Conference course of study wherever I went.

Speaking of walking, I wish to say that I have been a great walker across the seventy-seven years of my life. I am confident that I have walked far more than the distance around the world. Of course I have driven the distance several times around the world without an accident of any major proportions. I have hurt no one and no one has hurt me during all my driving for around forty-three years. God has wonderfully protected me, for I have trusted him all these years. I carry the 91st Psalm with me wherever I go and read it daily. There are wonderful promises of protection in this Psalm and I trust them.

My first marriage was to Mrs. Lela Casey Campbell, a widow. We married in 1920, but she lived only a little over eight years, leaving me with four children. She was a wonderful saint of God, and her death was the greatest shock of my life. Later on I married another widow, Mrs. Willie Rhine Fraley, another blessed saint of God. We have worked together for all these years and won souls to God. She was 70 her last birthday. We have a little home in Taylorsville, N. C. Our children, eleven in all, counting both of our marriages, are all married and away from home, although one son, Dwight I. Isenhour, lives near us and is principal of the school in Taylorsville. During the years of my min-

istry (for the past thirty-six years in the Wesleyan Methodist denomination) I have served thirty churches as pastor, and have done quite a bit of evangelistic work in the meantime. At present I am retired from the pastorate, but do a little preaching yet, and much writing for publication. Many editors and publishers use my articles and poems. My great desire is to do all the good I can.

As the years have come and gone I have done much hard work and suffered in various ways. Once with pneumonia several times with flu, and came near dying. Several years ago I underwent a very serious operation, but in answer to the sincere prayers of my dear wife and others Christian people I was spared to continue my ministry, especially through my writing, which goes all over the United States and into foreign countries.

My life has been spent mostly for others. I have worked, labored, toiled, prayed and sacrificed for the salvation of pre-

ciuous souls and the welfare of my country. Across more than fifty-three years of preaching and writing I have only accum-

ulated enough money to buy the little home in which we now live. I have been a tither for over half a century, along with that of giving out of our remaining nine-tenths of income, which means that we have given thousands of dollars to God's cause, both to our home people and to help spread the Gospel to foreign lands.

I trust that many people have been graciously saved and sanctified through my ministry, and that I shall meet a vast host of them in heaven some happy day. I have been a soul-winner, and this is worth far more than great riches, fame, honor and

earthly glory. Praise the good Lord.

I owe more to my deceased wife and present companion than any human beings for the success I have accomplished, apart from the wonderful grace of God that has kept and sustained me. It would take a volume to give my life story, but this is a little sketch, touching some of the main phases of my career to date.

I have written enough to make several volumes if it had all been published in book form. Across the years of my life I have been a great reader.

and at present wife and myself receive around eighty or more publications, which is perhaps beyond any other minister in North Carolina.

In conclusion let me say that I love all mankind and have no ill will toward any, although I hate the sins that are wrecking, ruining, killing and damning the lives of millions and countless millions of people. Dear reader, if you are a child of God, please remember wife and myself in your prayers, along with all our loved ones and our countless thousands of (Continued on page seven)



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