

### R. H. Wright Awarded Purple Heart For Bravery

Robert H. Wright, son of Mrs. H. L. Wright, of Waynesville, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the campaign of St. Lo on July 25, 1944.

Wright spent four months in a hospital in England before returning to active duty on August 1, 1944.

### Vance Davis Completes Training

Vance Davis, whose wife, Anna Bryson Davis, resides in Waynesville, graduated recently from the Naval Training School at the Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind.

Assignment to sea duty or other station, he will be eligible for the petty officer rate of pay in the third class.

A newly graduated man was selected for this special school on the basis of his recruit training test scores. The completion of study included the selection and maintenance of the tools used by the Navy. The radio elements of the course were also included in the study.

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## The Ground of Universal Joy

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

**By NEWMAN CAMPBELL**  
(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for December 24 is Luke 8:12, Hebrews 1:1-4; I John 1:1-4, the Golden Text being Luke 2:10, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.")

THIS IS the time of year when our Sunday School lesson includes that story of the shepherds watching their flocks in the dark of night, when the angel came to tell them of the birth of Christ. We know it by heart, and yet love to read as it is written:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Can you imagine how the world would be without this Saviour, Jesus? Every year we celebrate His birthday, and no matter what terrible things are going on in the world—wars, rumors of wars—grief and heartbreak—we are offered, with His birth, the hope of peace and told to "fear not."

### Tidings of Great Joy

"Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could rest in the belief that Jesus will take care of us; that there is nothing in the world we need fear? Do you remember the lesson in which Jesus walked on the water to the boat in which his apostles were frightened because the water was very rough. When He reached them He said: "Tis I. Be not afraid." When this writer was a child we sang a hymn in church in which this saying was the refrain after each verse. It was always a favorite.

Our religion—our belief in God and Jesus should bring us joy. No longer is it thought that to be a

Christian is to go around with a long face. We should be happy, hopeful, even when trouble comes; we should be joyous, especially at this season of the year. Jesus came to bring every one joy—good tidings.

Why did the angels choose the shepherds to receive their message? These shepherds, we are told, were tending their sheep on the very slopes where David, Jesus' ancestor, had tended his, when he was taking care of his father's flocks. Shepherds were simple, honest men, working hard for a living, and they would receive the message without question. So-called wise men, priests and others educated in the law and priestly teachings, would not have believed and gone hopefully to the manger to find the Babe.

Only a very few, like these simple shepherds and the three wise men, believed and went to adore the Babe.

### Announces Jesus' Coming

The same angel, probably, had announced some months previously, to Mary, that she would bear such a wondrous Child and that His name should be called "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

We do not know from what place Paul wrote the epistle to the Hebrews. In it he reminds them that God at sundry times has spoken to the fathers of the Hebrews—to Moses, to the various prophets, etc. But He hath, "in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds."

Jesus came to earth. Paul never knew Him in His earthly guise, but John did, John the beloved disciple, who is said to have outlived all the others and to have been close to 100 years of age when he died.

In his first epistle he speaks of seeing Jesus with his own eyes, of touching Him. It recalls the last supper, when John "leaned on the Master's bosom."

These are the highlights of this lesson: our nearness to Jesus; the casting away of our fears, and the hope of the coming of peace on earth, good will to men.

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### Winifred Rodgers To Have Leading Role In Play At Berea

Miss Winifred Rodgers, Berea College senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reeves, Waynesville, will play a leading role in the Berea Players' major production, "The Importance of Being Earnest," scheduled for February.

Miss Rodgers, an active member of the Berea dramatic society, has the role of Gwendolyn Fairfax in this comedy of upper class English life of the 19th century.

Pinkney Turbyfill arrived Monday from Elmer, N. J., where he is working for the Deerfield Packing Corporation. He will spend a couple of weeks here with his sister, Mrs. Roy Martin. Mr Turbyfill was formerly employed by the Waynesville Mountaineer.

Pvt. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones, of Fort Myers, Fla., have arrived to spend several days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Blalock and other relatives.

Miss Wilma Hallyburton spent the week-end in Morganton with her family.

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### Methodists Plan Crusade Meets In Ten Districts Of Conference

The Conference Council of the Crusade for Christ has completed plans for conference-wide mass meetings throughout Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, according to Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville District.

The two teams of speakers will visit the ten districts of the conference between January 8-12. Team Number One is composed of Bishop Schuyler E. Garth, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Mrs. E. L. McKee, and Mrs. Edwin Jones. Team Number Two consists of Bishop Clare Purcell, Dr. Y. C. Yang, Dr. Walter C. Gum, and Mrs. E. L. Rice.

The mass meeting of the Waynesville District will be held at Cullowhee on January 8. The first session will convene at the Methodist Church at 3:00 o'clock. Dr. Walter Gum, superintendent of the Norfolk District of the Virginia Conference, and Mrs. E. L. Rice, formerly a missionary to China, the wife of the resident surgeon at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin, will be the speakers.

The evening service will begin with a banquet at the college at 7:30 with Bishop Clare Purcell as the speaker. This will be a layman's banquet similar to that held at Cullowhee last February when more than 300 laymen were present.

Prof. Guy L. Houck, district lay leader, and associate lay leaders, Dean W. S. Bird and Prof. Homer Henry, are making elaborate plans for this meeting. They are expecting 400 laymen to attend. Each pastor is urged to send the number

of laymen who will be present from his charge to Dean Bird by January 1.

It is regretted that the college dining room facilities will not permit the attendance of the women at the banquet. However, the women are requested to bring sandwiches and coffee and tea will be provided and luncheon will be served at the church, after which the ladies will join the men in the college auditorium to hear the closing address by Bishop Purcell.

A young man was bitterly complaining of women who did men's work. In the midst of his tirade, two women on the outskirts of the crowd greeted each other with a resounding kiss.

Orator—There! That's another case of a woman doing a man's work!

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