

Point-View

When we say "church" some people think of a building. Some think of a local group of people. The idea of "the church" in the New Testament is much greater than that. Note some of the Apostle Paul's statements in the Epistle to the Ephesians: "And he hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body the fullness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:22, 23). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building is fitted together, growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:19-23). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17). "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Eph. 3:17-18).

College And The Soldier
By Russell Brantley
WAKE FOREST—Do college and soldiering go together? They can work to the advantage of the student, the college and the nation. At least that's the experience of Wake Forest College, a relative newcomer to the Reserve Officers Training Corps field. Probably you'll find a little of the military attitude at Wake Forest as at any comparable college, but the bloody, uncertain days of

Korea brought a stark reality to this wooded campus. Enrollment skidded downward. Many of the students leaving Wake Forest were forced to enter service as buck privates. Students with ROTC backgrounds afforded by other colleges were going in as officers.

A chemical ROTC unit was established in 1951. During its operation, the unit has increased its enrollment each year with the registration of the majority of members of each entering male freshman class.

An elective, the ROTC unit here is being converted to fall from a chemical unit to a general military science unit. This will broaden the training program and permit accommodation of all students who qualify and want to take ROTC courses, regardless of academic majors. With their graduation from the four-year course they'll receive commissions in the Army Reserve. Establishment of an ROTC unit here hasn't meant that Wake Forest has become like an Army camp. Cadets wear uniforms only one day each week. That's on the day when

there's a two-hour drill period. Once during the four-year period cadets are required to attend a six-week camp at an Army post.

The general military science instruction will cover four broad areas: American military history; operations, tactics and technique; logistics and material; and school of the soldier and exercise of command.

The ROTC believes it trains students to be better citizens and part of an arm of preparedness that will prevent war. But if there is a war, those same students will be better equipped to take care of themselves.

The United States 1954 wheat crop, now estimated at one billion bushels, is in excess of prospective domestic use and probable exports during the next year.

About the time a man makes up his mind to stay in his wife makes up her face to go out.

The man who libtens the burdens of others accomplishes much.

The greatest game in the world is trying to keep income ahead of outgo.

A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

There'll Be No Dark Valley

Many great hymns have been written by the blind

The man was hearing 70. The woman was nearly 90. Half a century ago it was a common sight in Brooklyn to see the blind man and blind woman sitting on the veranda of a modest home, singing hymns... their own hymns, hymns that had brought tens of thousands of penitents streaming down the awdust trail.

Many of the world's great hymns have been written by the blind, Timothy Dwight, the New England preacher who made a great university of little Yale College and wrote "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" and 33 other hymns, spent his last years in blindness.

SCOTLAND'S BACHELOR minister, George Masteron, who scribbled the verses of "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" in five minutes, lost his sight and flamed in college and spent the rest of his life unmarried and blind.

Henry Smart, composer of the music for "Lead On, O King Eternal" and hundreds of other tunes, spent the last 15 years of his life in darkness but never stopped working until the day he died.

Wood Carver William Walford dictated a poem he had "made up in his mind" to a minister. His friend because he could not see how to write. Set to music, the poem is found in hymnals around the world under the title "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes, There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes, There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes, To gether His loved ones home.

There'll be no more weeping when Jesus comes, There'll be no more weeping when Jesus comes, There'll be no more weeping when Jesus comes, To gether His loved ones home.

There'll be no more sorrow when Jesus comes, There'll be no more sorrow when Jesus comes, There'll be no more sorrow when Jesus comes, To gether His loved ones home.

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-Go To Church Sunday-

The Leaven In The Meal

By REV. C. HERMAN TRUEBLOOD

Text: "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal." Matt. 13:33.

Here, in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, we have a cluster of rich and meaningful parables, so beautifully simple that the most unlearned could hardly mistake their spiritual significance. This one, referred to in the above text, is exceedingly timely and expressive. May we notice the meaning of the figures employed in this parable:

1. THE LEAVEN—by which we are to understand the truth of the gospel, the word of life, accompanied by the Spirit of God. It may be insignificant in appearance; however, it is powerful in its influence. The secret of the power of the New Testament church was largely due to the emphasis placed upon the message (word) that grew out of the experiences of those early disciples — "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." Acts 19:20.

2. THE MEAL—which is a figure of the human heart. Here is proper material for usefulness, but must be prepared before it can be employed. The heart of man is capable of being laid out for God, and bearing fruit to his glory. But that can never happen until the leaven of God's truth enters into the heart to quicken it into spiritual life. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing sunder of soul and spirit—and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.

3. THE AGENT—"A woman took this leaven." The woman was the Lord's agent. The leaven was of no value apart from some one to use it. God, through the ages, has carried on His work through the instrumentality of human servants. Jesus said of His disciples: "Ye are my witnesses." We are to be His ministering servants to bear His blessed truth to the multitudes, as did His disciples to the hungry people, with the loaves and fishes.

4. THE HIDING—"The application of the leaven to the meal; the woman brought it and put it within the meal. Both were necessary; the word must be both heard and received into the heart; just as Mary, the mother of Jesus, "pondered the things which she heard in her heart." It is the job of the church, and each individual Christian, to be engaged as agents of God, in "putting the leaven of God's Holy word" into the "meal of human hearts"—here at home, and throughout the whole world. Such is exactly what Jesus meant when He said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20.

5. THE RESULTS—"The woman took leaven and hid in three measures of meal, TILL THE WHOLE WAS LEAVENED!" There is to be no "let up," in this business of spending the Gospel—not until "The Whole Is Leavened;" not until "His kingdom comes, and His will is done on earth as in heaven."

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Choosing the Best
Lesson for August 8, 1954

AMAN grows by the choices he makes. This is to say, he grows taller by his right choices, while every wrong choice shrinks his soul. This is true of the physical life. Mrs. Gurney, that well-known lady on TV, one evening at a restaurant ordered a cream soup, a large steak, vegetables to match, a sizeable salad, a chocolate cake with ice cream on top, and a slice of melba toast. "I am trying to re-Dr. Foreman duce," she said. The audience laughed, as well they might. Mrs. Gurney will never get thin if the melba toast she eats tops off meals like that one. A woman who can't choose to say NO! to what she knows will make her fat, will always be the wrong size. A boy in school who can't make up his mind to go out for active sports will probably turn to be underized compared to what he might have been. Our choices make us, or break us.

God's Scale and Ours
It is not only our health and physique, it is our minds and souls too, that grow by right choices, shrink by poor ones. Everybody, whether he has thought about it or not, has a "scale of values."

That is, there are some things he prizes more than anything, others for which he has little use. One man will spend his last cent for a rare stamp, another man will give his last cent to missions, a third will leave his last cent at the race track. The writer's grandfather was known to have gone without meals more than once in order to buy certain books. Tell me what you prize most highly and I will tell you what sort of person you are. But what the Christian wants to know is: How does God look at it? A jeweler will not buy gems without first having them appraised by an expert he can trust. Life spreads many a bright sparkling jewel before our eyes; how can we tell the true from the false? How can we tell how to value life unless God appraises it for us? So when Saint Paul, or our Lord himself, tells us what the true values in life are, we are only hurting ourselves if we pay no attention.

All Values Are Real
Jesus' words sharply provoke thought, and he meant it that way. He clearly taught that things do not matter in comparison with greater values such as peace of mind and health of soul. But some people, reading the Sermon on the Mount, have jumped to the conclusion that he meant for Christians to pay no attention at all to food and drink and clothing, that if a Christian concentrates on the kingdom of God he need not give ordinary things a thought. Jesus certainly did not mean to be taken that way. He himself would ask for water when he was thirsty. He was not indifferent to meals; indeed his enemies accused him of eating too much. He did not build up a large wardrobe; but he wore clothes, and sometimes good ones. It is only a poor translation of Jesus' words that makes him say "Take no thought" for food or clothing or for tomorrow. What he said was "Do not be anxious, do not worry" about such things. What he means is clear: Christians should put their greatest energies of thought, interest, planning and action, into the greatest things.

Don't You Want the Best?
"Bad means: choosing a lower value in the presence of a higher." So a modern philosopher (Urban) has said. The tragedy of life is not that men choose cheap things. The tragedy is that they choose cheap things when they might have had better. It is no tragedy to have a high school diploma—on the contrary it is a good thing. But it is a tragedy to have only a high school diploma if you might just as well have gone on to college. It is no tragedy to be a worker on a farm; it is too bad if the tenant might have owned the farm by harder work and better management. It is no tragedy to be a clerk; one can serve God anywhere. But it is a pity before God if a man is content to live and work in some easy corner when he might have gone into God's great service as a minister or a missionary. God's question to every man is not: Did you choose the good? But, Did you choose the best?

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