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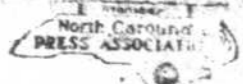
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which a dear friend of mine told me that his father was often accustomed to pray, "O Lord, let this vessel of clay, dip down into the well of Thy grace, and bring up only as much as it can hold."

From California comes the story of two close friends and residents of a thriving community. One of them, C. V. H. Jones, was a real estate operator. He and his friend, Perry Byerly, led a successful plan for widening the main street of their community to bring increased traffic through the town.

Sometime later Byerly was killed as he crossed the busier, widened thoroughfare.

Saddened, Jones proposed traffic signals for the highway. He went before the County Board of Commissioners to urge their installation, particularly at the intersection where his friend Byerly was killed. A few days later Jones, too, was dead—struck down by a motorist at the same intersection.

Of course there are those who will say that they simply paid the price for progress which they urged, and that they were killed by their own negligence. However, we can't help but wonder whether this would have happened if they had retained their narrower, quieter and less frequented city lane.

So many of us try to outreach ourselves.

Long ago when old Aesop wrote his fables, he told the story of a dog who had stolen a piece of meat out of a butcher shop. Crossing the river on his way home, he saw his own reflection in the stream below. Thinking that it was another dog, with a larger piece of meat in his mouth, he made up his mind to get that also. But in snapping at the shadow, he dropped the meat he was carrying and so lost all.

This is written at the beginning of the earliest Christmas-shopping season I have known. Although it is not yet Thanksgiving, merchants are displaying articles for the Christmas trees. Street lights have been put up. Christmas parades and all the wildest displays that human ingenuity can devise have been promoted.

As if this were not enough, today I received a sales letter from a church supply house advocating that I purchase my Lenten and Easter supplies now.

Truly we seem to be outreaching ourselves in our mad rush for things, things, and more things!

The other day a correspondent sent me a cartoon. It pictured two processions of people rushing in the opposite direction, paying no attention to one another as they passed. Both roads converged in one meeting place—a graveyard.

There's a wealth of philosophy in that old prayer, "O Lord, let this vessel of clay, dip down into the well of Thy grace, and bring up only as much as it can hold."

You wouldn't know we had free elections from the candidates' expenditures.—Greensboro Daily News.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al

THANKSGIVING—

Looking around in a more or less haphazard way, we find many things for which we should be thankful in addition to those that everybody recognize as blessings.

Since we write on light subjects, we'll begin on football. All Wilkes should be thankful that a school in the county—Wilkesboro—produced a football team which went through the ten-game schedule all the way victorious with no defeats and no ties and has brought much favorable sports publicity our way from all over the state.

And, too, we are thankful that the North Wilkesboro team had a successful season in the South Piedmont football conference for the first year, when cynics predicted that the local entry wouldn't win a game. The Mountain Lions finished fifth with three victories, two defeats and one tie in big league competition.

We are thankful that at least a part of the local populace had the courage, the money and the public spirit to loosen their pocketbooks and furnish a lighted athletic field here.

We are thankful that there are citizens who think more of the well being of their boys than holding on to every cent they

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make. But we guess we'll have to beg Santa Claus for a grandstand. Still on our "pet peeve," which is lamenting the neglect of youth in our county, we are thankful that some of the rural people have awakened to the fact that athletic fields are better than questionable "juke" joints, bootleg centers and barnloft gambling for rural youth.

This community should be thankful for the recent gracious offer on the part of a widely known baseball club owner to place a professional club in North Wilkesboro. IF GRANDSTAND FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED. Wilkesboro school district, which comprises about one-fourth of the county, should be thankful for progress on the school gymnasium, and should continue

efforts to complete and pay for the project. So much for so little, men's fur felt hats, newest styles and colors.—The Goodwill Store. 12-1-26 The new Nylon Raincoats are in stock. If you judge the future by the past six weeks you sure will need 'em.—The Goodwill Store. 12-1-26

Thanksgiving Significant In the United States

Thanksgiving is an American holiday, started by the Pilgrims who thanked God for a bountiful harvest and for the protection of a divine providence through a difficult year.

Throughout the years America has always been in position to be thankful. Of all the nations of the world, America has escaped war in her own land since our independence, except for the War Between the States.

This year we can survey the world and with fullest gratitude thank God that we are Americans and constitute the world's most favored nation.

We are the nation with the food, the clothing and the other necessities of life, along with numerous luxuries. In no other nation does such plenty exist. Being thus favored with plenty, we also have the responsibility and the privilege of keeping other peoples of the world from starving and dying in want.

Truly this is a great Thanksgiving season, when we should to the fullest extent be grateful for our blessings.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.



So many of us want more than is good for us. We don't recognize our limitations. We don't know a good thing when we have it. I have never forgotten the prayer

ELLER'S LUMBER SUPPLY HAS BASKETBALL TEAM



Eller's Lumber Supply, manufacturing firm owned and operated by H. L. Eller at Millers Creek, is putting a basketball team in competition with the best in western North Carolina this year. Members of the Eller's Bluejacket squad are pictured above as follows: front row, left to right, Wayne Church, Paul Snider, Tom McMillan and Ralph Holder; back row, left to right, H. L. Eller, Tom Andrews, Rex Whittington, Clyde Watkins and Larry Wiles. Gilbert Eller was not present when the picture was made. The Bluejackets have played Chatham. A present when the picture was made. The Bluejackets have played Chatham. A tough schedule is being made up with top teams in semi-pro ranks and with college B teams. All home games will be played at Millers Creek school gymnasium, where Mr. Eller is also coach of the high school boys and girls in basketball.

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