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MEETING "PROSPERITY"

While this has no tangible connection with our topic of "T. N. T." it roused in us a tremendous desire to republish. The author is unknown, but we think this piece is a veritable gem and should be in everyone's scrapbook. You may want it some time.

KISSING MOTHER

A father talking to his careless daughter said:
"I want to speak to you of your mother. It may be that you have noticed a careworn look upon her face lately. Of course, it has not been brought there by any act of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to get up tomorrow morning and get breakfast; and when your mother comes, and begins to express her surprise, go right up to her and kiss her on the mouth. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face.

Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back, when you were a little girl, she kissed you when no one else was tempted by your fever-tainted breath and swollen face. You were not as attractive then as you are now. And through those years of childish sunshine and shadows she was always ready to cure, by the magic of a mother's kiss, the dirty, little, chubby hands whenever they were injured in those first skirmishes with the rough old world.

"And then the midnight kiss with which she routed so many bad dreams, as she leaned above your restless pillow, have all been on interest these long, long years.

"Of course, she is not so pretty and kissable as you are; but if you had done your share of work during the last ten years, the contrast would not be so marked.

"Her face has more wrinkles than yours, and yet, if you were sick, that face would appear far more beautiful than an angel's as it hovered over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort, and every one of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine chasing each other over the dear face.

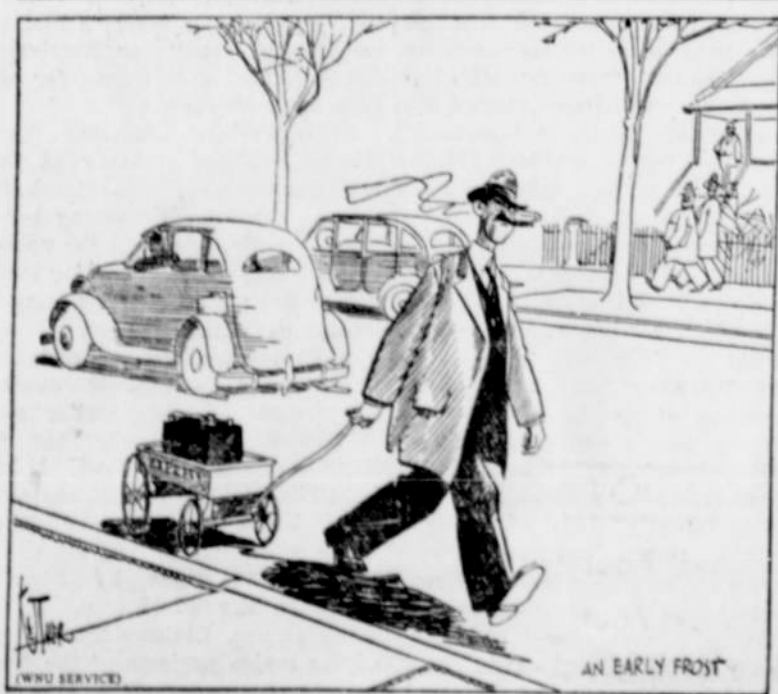
"She will leave you one of these days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will break her down. Those rough, hard hands that have done so many necessary things for you will be crossed upon her lifeless breast.

"Those neglected lips, that gave you your first baby kiss, will be forever closed, and those sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity and then you will appreciate your mother; but it will be too late."

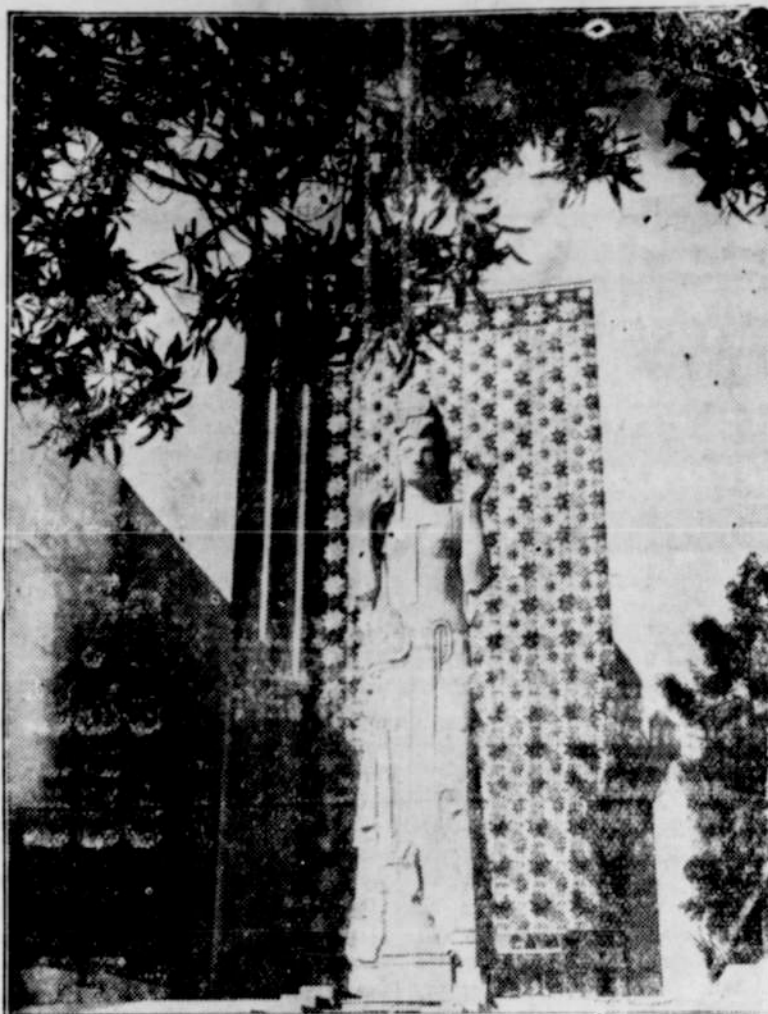
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Under the present element of chance or leadership or resources or whatever one wants to call it, the war situation looks about even as far as we can see from newspaper reports.

Along the Concrete



Blossoms Frame Pacifica



Blooming acacia trees form a framework from which the tower statue of Pacifica looks down upon the rebirth of Treasure Island San Francisco Bay, where the gates of the 1940 season of the Golden Gate International Exposition will swing open with gala ceremonies on May 25.

If this is the truth, it can be anyone's war. Germany might just as well win as the Allies. If Italy joins Germany and Russia and then through some kind of circumstances they ring Japan in, it would make a war that we cannot stay out of, and the longer we wait, the harder it is going to be to stop. Of course this is our opinion. If we stay out now and the German group wins, it doesn't take much imagination to see what would happen to us in the future. We would be fighting the same group all by ourselves. We wonder what Uncle Sam is waiting for?

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Preaching 11:00 a. m.
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Coming Sunday night, April 21 is a group of musical evangelists from the Nazarene church of Grants Pass. If you enjoy good singing and good music, you cannot afford to miss this service.

They are like the Apostle Paul in that they "Come not with enticing words of man's wisdom" but they do bring the "old, old story" in a new and interesting way. The next special service to which we wish to call your attention will be held Sunday night, May 12. At this time we will pay special honor to our Mothers. Other services in their regular order as announced, with communion service on the 1st Sunday in the month. The Little Church With the Big Welcome, Ed Wright, pastor.

Come to the H&L Cafe Sunday for Fried Chicken Dinner. adv.

OFF IN A CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

April Fool That's for those who thought I was never going to write for the Illinois Valley News again. I have heard all kinds of complaints, some for and some against my previous writings for The News, especially the letters that dealt with the cause and cure of game and other wildlife destruction. My only regret in writing these letters is that I have been told that certain people were going to cancel their subscription to The News if it continued to publish my letters. There are a good many people in this valley, including myself, who believe the Illinois Valley needs a newspaper, and it is not my intention to write anything that will retard the

growth and prosperity of our local paper. That is the reason, and the only reason that I let up on writing for a time, as I figured that maybe too much Phil Snort might be a deterrent to the success of the Illinois Valley News.

I believe it is proof enough of my regard for the Illinois Valley that I have lived in it for over 36 years and could not be driven out. There is no doubt but what I shall pass my remaining days here, among the scenes and environments I love, among friends and neighbors of whom there are no better, and eventually, all that is left of my mortal self will rest in the soil of Josephine county. If this be true, is it unreasonable to believe that I would exert all my energy, knowledge and power for the betterment of the Illinois Valley? All who are permanently located in this valley, whose sole interests are here and wish for honest and sensible development of same, with whom I have talked, agree with me that we should conserve and restore to our utmost ability the wildlife that abounded here before whiteman came with their instruments of destruction. When I say wildlife I mean both animate and inanimate.

Once more I wish to reiterate that it is not my desire to see someone, or anyone get into trouble over the violation of game laws, and once more I wish to reiterate that, if I continue to write, I shall not let up on game-hogs and spot-light hunters. All this talk about poor hungry people needing the meat is all bosh. There are none in this valley starving. One man living in the valley was fined \$200 for spot-light hunting. Anyone who hunts deer with spot-light and gets caught has no one to blame but himself; so my advice to those who have been in the habit of doing it is to quit it.

One thing more in closing: anything that I write will be signed by Phil Snort (L. R. Webb) and will be printable in any newspaper, and I hope there is no one narrow-minded enough to blame either the Courier or the News for it. I am not making these letters personal.

PHIL SNORT.

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