

SERIAL STORY

DRAFTED FOR LOVE

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YESTERDAY, Winkie Appleman has brought suit against April for damages...

ANN SETS THE DAY

CHAPTER XX

IT was Hal Parks who took things in hand when he arrived. With one arm protectively around April...

That night, April came home early, managed to carry the hidden brown suitcase into the house unseen. Not that it mattered, she thought with a very smile...

Lying awake in bed that night, she was sure she heard sounds of sobbing from the adjoining room where Ann slept.

But there was no sign of tears in Ann's eyes the next morning. Except for her pallor, she was seemingly as happy as she had been since Kent had returned.

"Kent and I have set our wedding day," she announced at the breakfast table. "It will be on Saturday afternoon, Mother, and because—well, because of everything, we've decided it will be a very quiet ceremony here at home."

Mother brightened instantly at this news, although she showed the marks of worry from the experience last night when Winkie had brought the warrant. She put down her coffee cup with a clatter. "Saturday? We never can do it. Today is Tuesday, so that means only four days to get ready."

"Oh, I think we can manage it nicely," Ann said. "You going to the altar on Saturday and me to jail on Friday," April tried to joke.

"Please, April," Mother pleaded and then almost at once forgot her distress in the hasty making of plans.

APRIL tried to avoid Ann that morning, but her sister caught up with her in the hallway. "Was there some reason," she asked, "why you didn't want to tell me that you took Kent to the train that night?"

April shrugged. "Really, it didn't seem important."

"You didn't think it important when you tried to pay off Winkie Appleman?"

When April made no answer, Ann went on, "I can't help wondering now if you saw Kent at any other time when I was away."

"For goodness sake," April blustered, "why should I have wanted to see Kent Carter when Hal Parks and the rest of my erstwhile cavaliers were rushing me around at the Casa Blanca and gay places?"

Mother joined them then, ready for a shopping trip downtown. She was so busy fussing with samples of white silks and satins that she didn't notice anything wrong. But April knew that Ann's suspicions were growing by leaps and bounds.

All that Tuesday, April stayed in her room. Nip's wily head cocked knowingly at her. Nip knew. Winkie Appleman knew. The man at the garage where she had had the chains put on that awful night had openly taunted her about going up to the Carter place. Even Octavia was putting two and two together. Yes, it seemed as if all Patonsville was going to know that April Burnett had masqueraded as her sister, and fallen in love with Ann's sweetheart.

She pleaded an excuse when Hal called. She sidestepped the family. Best, and most important, she didn't see Kent again.

ON Wednesday, Dad came into her room and settled himself for a talk. "I'm awfully sorry about this mess," April blurted.

But Dad wasn't angry. "You're not to worry," he said. "The hearing on Friday will be a preliminary one, likely held over until later. I'll defend you, of course see you through it. It would have been better if you'd told me about it at the time, but you were so sick afterwards and then probably all you wanted to do was forget it."

"Yes, that was what I wanted to forget it."

Dad questioned her, made notes. "I can't believe you bent Winkie Appleman," he finally said. "Winkie's a pretty hardy old specimen. But he's nursed a grievance against me since I sent him to the workhouse a few years ago. Maybe this is the way he's getting back at us."

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stand. I'll take a chance that everything will come out all right. But I don't want to bring anyone else into this. Not Kent Carter, Dad. Please, he won't have to be at the trial, will he?"

"Kent?" Dad smiled in a secretive way. "But Kent insists. Nothing I could say would keep him away. He wants a chance to testify."

He came over and patted her shoulder. "I've an idea you've been through more than we realize, Duffy," he said. "When I get you cleared in this case and the excitement of the wedding is over, I'm going to make it up to you."

"I'm all right," April stammered. "There's nothing you have to make up to me."

"I think we've lost sight of you in the excitement of Ann's romance. Seems strange, doesn't it, our little Ann a bride?"

"It's wonderful," April said. "I'm very happy for Ann."

Dad pursed his lips. "Yes," he began, "it is wonderful, and yet I have a feeling that underneath, something troubles Ann."

Did Ann know? Had Ann guessed the whole truth about April and Kent?

"What do you mean, Dad?" "More than anything, our Ann has had to make a success of her voice. I don't think she'll ever quite get over the disappointment of the audition with Vivano."

"All the more reason," April spoke up, "why nothing must spoil her happiness with Kent."

ON Thursday, Miss Evans, the seamstress, kept the sewing machine whirring. Octavia closed the kitchen door on the rich aroma of baking cakes and roasting meats. Florists surveyed the house for decorations for the wedding.

Wedding! Ann and Kent's wedding on Saturday.

Ann herself came and went, humming softly, patient at fittings of the bridal gown; hurrying on innumerable errands.

April decided she couldn't stand the strain and suspense any longer. She herself had an errand to do—an errand that couldn't be put off any longer.

She picked a time in the afternoon when she could leave the house unnoticed. Her ankle had completely healed, although she was still wobbly, weak from the long inactivity her illness had brought. She took a short cut across town, began walking up a familiar road.

Her yellow hair blew around her face; her cheeks stung in the January air, but she kept climbing, sometimes slowly, sometimes in a desperate sort of jog.

(To Be Continued)

Drain

DRAIN, April 16.—Mrs. C. F. Trimble returned from a two months visit with her brother, F. A. Hinojosa, and family at Brownsville, Texas.

Miss Betty LaGrandier, of Eugene, spent the Easter week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. LaGrandier.

Miss Cleo Trimble, of Portland, made a surprise visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Trimble, over the week-end.

The Phil Brookharts moved Sunday to the Manning house in south Drain.

Wallace Asker, who is with the CCC camp at Tiller spent a few days at home this last week-end.

Rev. Willie White and family, of Sweet Home, and mother, Mrs. Anna White, came last week for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. Gene Lakey and family, Mrs. Anna White will remain for a longer visit with her daughter.

Little Gene Meacham, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Meacham, fell recently and sustained a compound fracture of his left leg. He was taken to Eugene for an X-ray and is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins of St. Helens visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Perkins, and their son, Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McCormack and son, Ray, of Molalla,

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



With Major Hoopie

spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. McCormack's father, E. G. Whipple and family. They also visited Mr. McCormack's mother and brother in Sutherlin on Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Moore, of Glendale, came Saturday night for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Vandervort.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bohlander and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Godel returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit to North Dakota and Nebraska, where they visited relatives. By driving day and night they made the trip each way in about three days.

The Sunday school, at the Methodist church presented an Easter program at 10 a. m. with the regular service at 11:15 the

THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

The Christian church children presented a program at the Sunday school hour. The regular services following with special Easter music at both morning and evening services.

The senior class play, "Two Days to Marry," will be given Friday, April 18th, in the high school auditorium. Seniors taking parts are Jerry Whipple, Bill Cool, Euclid Paris, Lita Huebner, Doris Craig, Virginia Henderson, and Donald Ross.

The Legion auxiliary sponsored an Easter egg hunt for all children of the community from tiny tots to 6th graders. The hunt was held in the city park Sat-

urday afternoon and was enjoyed by a large number of youngsters.

The P. T. A. cleared \$78 at the Hill-Billy carnival held last week. \$106.99 was taken in by the door receipts, booths, etc.

PERK up your property with paint and wall paper from Pages' and be proud of the place.—Adv.

Tax Revenues of Oregon Disclose Heavy Increase

SALEM, Ore., April 16.—(AP)—Personal and corporation income tax returns filed before April 6 totaled \$6,483,687, compared with \$4,860,693 during the similar period of last year, the state tax commission said.

Collections to that date totaled about \$4,500,000, the remainder to be paid before October 1, when second half payments are due.

Total collections for the year will amount to a record high of more than \$7,000,000, compared with the previous record of \$6,021,000 last year.

"Since there was no change in filing requirements or rates for

the state taxes, the increases are attributable principally to improved economic conditions," the commission said.

All income tax revenues are used to reduce property taxes.

A total of 11,553 taxable returns have been filed, an increase of 17.9 per cent over the total for similar period last year. The number of non-taxable returns 57,546, is up 12.4 per cent.

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MORGAN'S GROCERY advertisement listing various products and prices: 'FRESH PINEAPPLE—19c, GRAPEFRUIT—23c, TURNIPS—9c, HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE SYRUP—19c, TOMATO JUICE—69c, PARD DOG FOOD, HURD'S TOMATOES—25c, HURD'S PRUNES—19c, H A M—28c'.

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