## CHAPTER XXIV

LORAINE STUART saw Ed Bryan and Pat leave the luncheon table, but she made no protest. She shifted her lovely, suitry eyes | Pat Friday.

back to Captain Carr. "You must understand that I think of you constantly," Jimmy was saying, and his voice had a desperate tone. "Lorry, you and I-why, good grief, Lorry girl, we're like that!"

He held two fingers up, side by side. Loraine said nothing, Food on the table went untouched, but

"Little girl, I'm as serious about this as possible. I won't have you or anybody else imply that I twotime you! I'm not that kind of a heel. Don't you understand?"

Lorry squirted smoke out the side. The motion screwed up her pretty lips unprettily, and her eyes were narrowed, watching his.

"You believe me, don't you, Lorry girl?" Jim begged, low tone. "We-we had everything understood. Didn't we? . . . Didn't we? . . ."
She finally deigned to speak

"What about this Friday person?" Jimmy was struggling harder than ever. "I won't belittle Pat. Not in the slightest. Matter of fact, she's swell, but—well, look, Lorry, I—"

"Then you still want to marry

"Lorry! Of course!" "All right, Will you? And if

"Why-why-well, look-look, you say it!" Jimmy swallowed, and his eyes were wide now. "You name the date yourself! You're the one, not me! Whenever and wherever you say!" He was like a soldier going to do a duty if it killed him, and shrewd Loraine Stuart did not miss that

She tamped her cigaret out and said, "Tomorrow at noon. Right here."
"H-Here?"

She nodded. "There's a cute outdoor chapel right here at the Phoenix Sky Harbor. Where a great many movie stars are married after flying over from Hollywood. A Spanish arch, under palm trees and a climbing rose. Okay, Jimmee?" This had become business-like now. A strictly business contract, arranged by the party of the first part while the second party was willing.

"Absolutely!" said Jimmy. "Absolutely, Lorainel"

PAT'S breakdown of sobbing passed in a very few minutes. She wiped her eyes on a huge kerchief, gave it back to its owner and stammered, "T-thanks, Ed. You are so kind."

"Do you good, crying a little," said he. "All right now?"

"All right. Only I'm ashamed." "Forget that part. Nobody saw you. Not even me." "Thanks, Ed."

"You wanta eat anything else? Or you wanta go back to that of-You better eat! You got to fly in a sky train at 4 o'clock. That ain't but a few hours."

"Til get a malted milk later.
And a sandwich. Everything is so horrible now and—oh!"
He turned to follow her gaze. He turned to follow her gaze. Jimmy and Loraine were coming out on the terrace, toward them. "It's all right," Ed comforted. "Just don't try to talk for a little

Loraine, surprisingly to Ed, had all her old verve and sparkle back. She strode toward the can-

all her old verve and sparkle back. She strode toward the canvas swing like a conqueror, like an imperious dress model on a stage, like a woman of absolute purpose and poise. Jim Carr's face was set.

"Well," Ed Bryan began, rising. "Well, uh—it's not 1 o'clock yet, but maybe we—"

"Sit down! Do sit down!"
Loraine directed them, bri-htly. "There may be something you two people want to know!"

"Yes'm," Ed agreed, nervously. Neither Jimmy nor Pat spoke. But Loraine now said, "You're both going to be a little surprised, I'm sure. But the truth is, the romantic old southwest has gotten into our bones, in a measure. Jimmy's and mine."

"Ma'am?" Ed looked at her.

"Capt. James Carr, U. S. Army, and Miss Loraine Stuart of New York City and Elmira, wish to announce plans for their wedding, to be held tomorrow at high moon!"

NOBODY else spoke. Ed and Pat both looked frozen.

"We really can't stop and visit just now, children," Loraine went on, triumphantly, "So much to do, you know. But—you'll both be there? Tomorrow at noon, right here at Sky Harbor, at that darling little marriage shrine! We'll want Mr. Bryan and Miss Friday by all means, won't we, Jimmy dear?"

"Yen," said Jimmy, line still

"Yep," said Jimmy, lips still ght. "Sure." tight. Ed tried to catch his eye, but Jimmy looked past him. Then Loraine led her man away. They really made a fine-looking couple

going down the terrace here; the distinguished young Army avia-tor and soaring expert, and the statuesque, blond girl. When they were out of sight, Ed exhaled again. He turned to

"I-I better get back to work," she said, nervously. He took her to Major Hale's office without another word. Peo-ple were waiting to see her. Ed went on away, a whipped, angry

man.

Pat did not go at once to the desk she had borrowed. Rather hastily she went on through to a small antercom. She just had to have a moment alone!

she opened her bag for a cigaret.

Jim Carr, who didn't smoke but
who usually held a match for her,
apparently didn't see the cigaret
at all now. He was that intent.

She didn't cry any more. Not
now. Control had to be forced
at any cost, because of the afternoon's task before her. . . But
for an ageless minute or so she
did think.

did think.

The old hope within her of course lay completely dead.

She had tried everything. Everything! Kindly Ed Bryan had sought to help her; it just simply hadn't worked. She had tried slaving for Jimmy. She had tried slaving for type to the state of the same hopes. tried slaving for Jimmy. She had tried being honest, sweet, girlish. She had tried—once back in Elmira—being sophisticated, and that had been terrible. Today, she had tried a cooing, purring technique which Loraine herself used so effectively on Jimmy Carr. Nothing had worked.

Pat whispered a quick little prayer. "Please take care of Jimmy! Please take care of Jimmy! Please take care of him, God. Always!"

God. Always!"

Then she hastened back to her assigned job. (To Be Continued)

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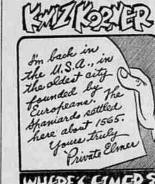
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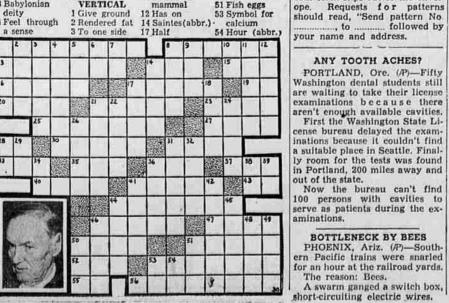
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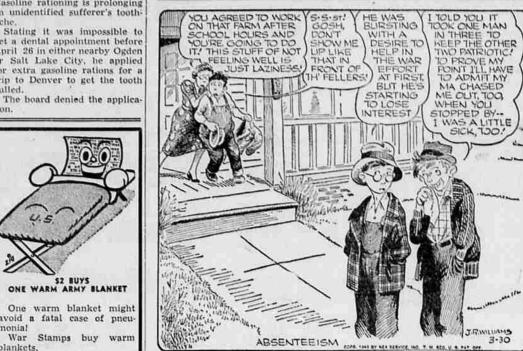
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Little Orphan Annie

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AH, GORDON

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