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The Christmas Tree: Story Of The Yule

Boone Business and Professional Women's Club, held on the fourth and I was getting panicky. Every evening my father came hame with mysterious bundles under both arms, but he seemed to have forgotten the most important thing of all—the Christmas tree. To a twelve-year-old such as I this was serious. We were usually the first kids on the block to have a tree on the back porch.

I found my mother in the kitchen. "Do you think dad has forgotten the tree?" I saked anxiously. "I just stood there holding the axe and shaking. Butch had really got us into a fix this time!

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I looks like we'll have to take you two in!" panted Officer Calhoun. It was plain that he didn't relish the idea.

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is almost here!" ther went out of the kitchen oo busy to spare time listening

o my complaints.

The kitchen door flew open. My prother George dashed in, his eyes vide, his jowls quivering. "Guess what, Bob? Butch Miller just got a Christmas tree! I saw him going down the alley with it."

Sudden Thought

Then George got a great idea.

"Mr. Sherwood's got millions of Christmas trees on his estate," be said with a sly look. "They just

"So? Mr. Sherwood doesn't sell

"Remember the camping axe dad bought for your birthday?"

At first I was shocked. Then I began to think of going through Christmas without a tree. George nodded seriously—as if this were the only solution to our problem. "You don't think he'd miss a teenie one?" I asked.
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but we were desperate. As we trudged towards Mr. Sherwood's place 1 suggested: "Suppose we leave some money on the stump when we cut down the tree? Then it wouldn't seem like stealing. I got eleven cents. How much you got, George?"

"Three cents. I'll bet nobody ever got a tree for fourteen cents "Well, we will."

But I was wrong. A few minutes later we got a tree for nothing. We were nearing Mr. Sherwood's place when Butch Miller came running towards us, dragging a tree behind him. He dropped the tree at our feet and without saying a word scooted on down the road.

George and I looked at each other—then at the tree. We walked around it two or three times, just



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"Why?" aksed George calmly. He had nerve, George did.
"Why?" sputtered Mr. Sherwood,
"Guess all we can do now is tote this tree over to the orphanage. They can use it. Trees are high this year."

When George aurned to Officer Calhoun: "If we took this tree, why ain't we out of breath, same as you? And take a look at Bob's new axe; bet it isn't even scratched yet!"

Calhoun reached for my axe.

"By gum, the boy's right!" He handed the axe to Sherwood. "Guess all we can do now is tote this tree over to the orphanage. They can use it. Trees are high this year."

When George and I got home the best darn tree you ever saw was on our back porch. Weeks later we learned that dad had bought it from Butch Miller. I guess Butch did pretty good that year.

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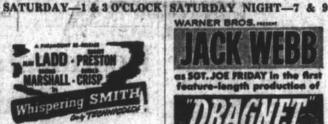
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