**Wow! What a Buck Will Buy — On Child's First Shopping Spree**

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Janie sat very still on the front seat as Daddy drove down the dark, winding street (where homes were) and headed for the shopping section.

Janie was excited but she didn't say it out loud — she sat silently, staring ahead at everything. Even though she couldn't see anything but the glove compartment door, it wasn't very interesting, but after all, Janie was five and six and it was more a little to make sure the little red pants with the little white stars on it was tightly closed and her dollar bill perfectly safe.

Traffic noise increased a little and way ahead Janie could see some traffic lights. She knew that after Daddy had driven under those three lights he would start the little lights again so he could make a left turn. Then just a little ways more and a right turn into the brightly lighted parking lot, a short walk to the store and there she'd be, doing her very own Christmas shopping.

“GOOD thing Daddy is tall,” she thought. “The clerks wouldn’t even know she was there unless she waved over the counter or called out, and my goodness, no young lady would do that!”

Daddy drove under the three green lights, made the left turn and the right turn and the parking lot glimmered around them. Janie blinked a little and prudently waited for Daddy to come to a stop and open the door he did for Mother. She thought he was stopping for her in case he should see any危险 things. Then he got out, and remembered what she had told him, handed her two nickels for the meter. He locked the doors and went away.

“DADDY” Janie said, stopping short, “Maybe I'll let you pay for my money for me. I heard Grandpa say sometime. I never know if he's correct or not, but anyway, I heard him say there was a pocket-slasher and Daddy wouldn't want to take my money.”

Daddy opened his empty wallet and told her he'd be especially careful if she did have any pocket-slashers. Janie didn't want her pocket-slashers to take her trip either.

At the department store where they stopped to buy perfume for Janie's mother, she told the clerk she had earned the money herself, in one corner of the store.

Daddy made himself busy looking at some cigarette lighters and the clerk ducked behind the counter because, as Janie knew, it was very bad manners to cough in a customer's face, especially if it was a rich customer who just paid $1.35 (plus tax) for a bottle of perfume.

Daddy tucked the small package into his pocket, thanked the smiling clerk and with Janie's hand tight in his, started down the street. She was happy.

JANIE'S dignity deserted her and she squirmed with delight at the beautiful dolls, cuddly dolls, and many other items that caught her fancy. For a long time she debated buying a Christmas present for herself but finally decided that it was not the thing to do, and settled on a 25-cent bottle of little Mary and a space ship and spaceship men ($3.53) for her beloved Daddy.

Daddy looked ashamed at the hefty packages but he didn't care. He knew that she firmly when Janie offered to carry the packages to her she wouldn't have as much of a load.

**Christmas Crooning Early**

Joan Thorlakson, 750 Kennewee, can't make up her mind who to vote for. It seems to her successful and Pat Boone and Frank Sinatra. The 14-year-old Kennewee High Schooler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thorlakson, has been doing a lot of crooning at Marty's Recitals, Cranbrook and Maple.

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**Just Bear-ly Her Size**

It's obvious that Kimberly Squires wants the huge teddy bear she latched on to at Wilson's Drug store. But the deciding factor is whether it should be for her third birthday. Dec. 22 or for Christmas. Kimberly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Squires, 96 Wallen, was just browsing with her mom when she located the bear.