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WILL SECURE TEMPORARY LOAN

Work On Change in Light Plant and Installing Filter Will Begin Soon—Temporary Loan of \$25,000 Will Be Secured in Order Not to Delay Work.

The town commissioners met in called session yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to borrow \$25,000 for 15 months for the purpose of putting in a filter plant and changing the lighting system. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the town has voted bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for that purpose and the bonds were sold, but the payment of same was held up on some point of law. After investigation, however, it has been learned that the last Legislature passed a law whereby the town could vote and sell the bonds. It is expected that the bond money will be available in a short time but the offer of a temporary loan of \$25,000 will be accepted and the work on the filter plant and also the work of changing the lighting system is expected to start within two weeks.

SCHOOL BOND MONEY RECEIVED

\$20,396.64 Now Available for School Building—Includes Interest On Bond Money Since October 1

The town received Tuesday \$20,000 high school bond money, \$155.56 premium on bonds and \$241.08 interest on bonds since October 1. This amount of interest was returned because of the fact that the money had been due since October 1, last and had not been available. The bonds were voted on July 28, last, for the purpose of erecting a school building.

The bonds were sold to Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 22. The bonds are serial and are payable as follows: \$2,000 in 1926 and \$2,000 each year thereafter until paid. The interest on bonds is to be paid every three months.

At the same time the above mentioned bonds were voted \$25,000 bonds were voted for the purpose of changing the lighting system and installing a filter plant. These bonds were sold to the same company. This money is not yet available, but it is expected that it will be forthcoming in a short time.

CARRIED SAFE OUT

Robber Who Entered Store at St. Paul's Carried Safe Outside to Open It—Lacy Robeson, Colored, In Jail Charged With Crime—Slightly Wounded by Officer When Arrest Was Made

Lacy Robeson, colored, is in jail awaiting a hearing on the charge of breaking into the store of the McEachern, Johnson & McGeachy Co. at St. Pauls on the night of the 14th inst. The building was entered and a safe was taken about 100 yards from the building, it is said, and opened. There was only a small amount of cash in the safe, however. The next day a bloodhound trailed right to the home of Robeson, about two miles from St. Pauls. Robeson was then at St. Pauls and Chief of Police Newton of St. Pauls was instructed to arrest him. When the officer proceeded to make the arrest the negro offered resistance and to protect himself Mr. Newton shot the negro in the thigh. The wound was slight and is now almost healed.

Rural Credits Bill Will Be Introduced in Congress After Holidays

A rural credits bill to be introduced in both houses of Congress after the holidays was virtually completed today by the special joint committee created by the last Congress for report at this session. Only a few details remain to be decided.

The measure provides for a system of co-operative local associations, federated with regional land banks, which banks would have the power to issue bonds based on the land mortgages of the local associations. The land banks 12 in number, would be supervised by the Government through a board appointed by the President. They would be distributed in accordance with the agricultural needs of the country, and would have a combined capital stock of not less than \$6,000,000.

European systems of land mortgage credit have been studied closely by the committee in working out its scheme.

Prison at Dunn Guarded by State Troops

Bernice and Olden Smith were to be tried today at Dunn, Harnett county, on the charge of shooting into a residence and wounding Mrs. J. W. Stewart as she was in bed asleep. The bullet grazed her forehead. Threats were said to have been made on the part of friends of the Smiths that they would take them from jail and release them, and Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young went to Dunn Monday night and arranged for a special militia guard of 15 men to be on duty at the jail until today, when the trial was to be held.

England Needs Every Fit Man of Military Age

Moving in the House of Commons this afternoon a new vote for an additional million men, Premier Asquith made a general survey of the everwidening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men. Great Britain, he said, already has a fighting force in the various theatres of 1,250,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous, the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified.

At Warsaw the Other Day the Infant Son, 15 Months Old, of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Sheffield, Was Badly Bitten by Mr. Sheffield's Bird Dog

The dog became angry when the child rolled a toy wagon over his feet and bit the boy on the head, inflicting a scalp wound which required several stitches.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

The Christmas Spirit—Tree and Entertainment at Philadelphia—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Dec. 22—Once more Christmas is nearly here and the people throughout the world are looking forward to a good time, especially the people in the United States have reasons to be more thankful than ever before, there being more prosperity among the poor people than ever before. A good many children will have a Merry Christmas, while there will be a good many that will not, unless those that are in good circumstances will lend a helping hand. We all should do our part, whether it be great or small.

We were in Fayetteville one day last week. While there we met up with Mr. W. A. Smith, who is always looking for more and larger stills. He told us he captured three stills during the day.

There was a Christmas tree at P. H. S. Tuesday night. An entertainment by the school was given afterwards.

Mrs. J. D. McCormac and Mrs. A. C. McGoogan of Rennett spent Thursday in Fayetteville in the interest of the new Presbyterian church the people of Rennett and surrounding community are planning.

Mr. W. K. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., spent several days in the Philadelphia community, returning to Birmingham Sunday. His sister Miss Maggie Brown returned with him. She will spend a week or more at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Brown.

Mr. James Ray of Laurin and his brother Mr. I. P. Ray.

KILLED A MAN 18 YEARS AGO

Remains of Ed Lowrey, Indian, Brought Home From North Dakota—Escaped to That State After Killing a Man in Robeson County—Property Goes to Wife, Who Remained in Robeson

U. S. Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw recently went to Matkon for the purpose of taking affidavits to be filed in the U. S. land office in regard to some lands belonging to Ed Lowrey, Indian, who recently died in North Dakota. Lowrey killed another Indian in Robeson county some 18 years ago and made good his escape. He settled in North Dakota and had accumulated quite a bit of property, which goes to his wife, Mary C. Lowrey, who never went to her husband but still lives in Robeson county. The remains of Lowrey were brought back to his old home, near Maxton, for interment. When Lowrey left he had only been married about 16 months. He passed by the name of Henry C. McNeill in North Dakota. Lowrey's wife had been in communication with him practically ever since he committed the murder and went away, it is said.

Notice of New Advertisements

The Jacobi axe, a household word for 47 years—N. Jacobi Hdw. Co. Legal notice of sale of valuable land—George A. Grimley, trustee.

Sale of Chas. O. Williams land Monday, January 3.

Hundreds have already joined the Christmas Savings Club at the National Bank of Lumberton.

Lightwood wanted on subscription.

R. D. Caldwell & Son wish all a merry Christmas and call attention to advantages offered at their store.

Late shoppers will find many distinctive gifts at McMillan's.

Battle in Search of a Thrill at Pastime Christmas day.

Farm near Atkinson for sale and property in town.

Go to "Busy Bee Cafe".

Early Morning Marriage—Miss Cora Powers and Mr. G. W. Hatcher

Immediately after the sun began to throw its light over the tree tops yesterday morning, S. C. and Miss Cora Powers of St. Pauls, applied at the office of Registrar of Deeds M. W. Floyd for marriage license. It was but a short time when the proper credentials had been prepared and Justice F. Grover Britt had been called to the scene of action. He at once spoke the words that made them happy in the knowledge that they were man and wife. The wedding took place in the office of Mr. Floyd, and was witnessed by a very few people. The happy young couple left immediately for Norton, where they will make their home.

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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

School Closes for Holidays With An Entertainment—Christmas Tree—Hotel Being Remodeled—Business Changes—Cleaned up and Ready for Christmas—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Dec. 22—Christmas is almost here.

The graded school will close this evening and will give about two weeks vacation. The high school department gave an entertainment Tuesday night that will long be remembered by a large house. The feature of the play was a mock trial. Gordon Beard and Worth Williamson were the leading attorneys in the case and Albert Currie was judge, and these three young men acquitted themselves well and were loudly applauded. The high school rendered two splendid choruses. Some splendid piano solos and duets were enjoyed, also three readings on the life of John Charles McNeill by three competent young ladies. The concert as a whole was a success. The admission of only ten cents was charged for the benefit of library.

If this scribe were as competent as "Aunt Becky" he would attempt to describe the beautiful snow of Tuesday morning. The house-tops yet are a beautiful sight. We fail to recall a more beautiful snow. The day opened fair and when the sun made its appearance all of nature's beauty was to be enjoyed that mortal eye could desire. We are always glad to see snow—and glad also to see it disappear.

All of the school faculty except Miss Ruferton are leaving for their homes to spend Christmas. Miss Ruferton's home is in Kentucky.—Mr. J. B. Birmingham, who has held a position with the Parkton Pharmacy for the past 4 months, left Sunday for Hamlet, where he holds a similar position. We regret much losing Mr. Birmingham. He made many friends while in our midst and he will be greatly missed.—Mr. John Gainey arrived home from Chapel Hill Monday night.—Miss Douglas Beard arrived home Saturday evening from Hobbesville, also her sister Mrs. Sikes, and children, all to enjoy Christmas with home folks.—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Johnson of St. Pauls were pleasant callers in town Sunday afternoon.

A very beautiful Christmas tree will be enjoyed at the school building this afternoon. A portion of the faculty and several of the energetic young ladies of the town met at different homes Tuesday evening and manufactured some candy that to my judgment no expert candy factory could excel, and all this will be enjoyed by the school this afternoon.

This all seems like Christmas. In fact the stores of our town have all enjoyed and are still enjoying a good live trade. Firecrackers have been heard already in abundance. While it is a violation of the town ordinance, yet the boys will pop them. Some arrests have been made and some fines have been imposed. One young man was fined \$1 more than some of the others and the question was raised, and it was decided that this extra dollar was a war tax.

Mr. J. C. D. McNatt is having the McNatt hotel remodeled, repainted and general repairs in every needed way, and expects to have it ready by the first of the year for the traveling public. Mr. and Mrs. McNatt expect to operate the hotel for another year.

Mr. E. W. McMillan of route 4, St. Pauls, left Monday morning to spend Christmas with his uncle Mr. J. M. Williamson in Florida and may remain for a few months.

We report one of the best fox chases of the season on last Saturday night from 7 till 9:30 when only two sections of the Parkton pack succeeded in the capture of a very large one. Messrs. McCormick and Hudson declare the music was superb. All this pack needs is a fair chance.

Mr. N. H. Perry has sold out his mercantile business to Mr. A. A. Wright who is now operating and rushing a mighty pretty business. Mr. R. B. Farrell will occupy the large N. McNeill store for another year. Mr. McNeill will retire from the mercantile business and take a needed rest and vacation.

The town fathers have put the Christmas sweeping on our streets and everything seems to be in readiness for a joyful Christmas. Everybody seems to be well supplied with something good to eat and wear and there is less booze than ever before. In fact, all intelligence has long gone out of such business. Even the best of darkeys have cut it out.

Mr. Editor, we extend to you an invitation to come up and assist us in carving the largest Branswell in the county, age five years.

With best wishes to all the readers of The Robesonian for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Parkton, the high diver.

[Invitation is appreciated. We are tempted to break previous engagements and accept.—Editor.]

Robbers Enter Store at Powersville

Robbers broke into the store of Mr. J. H. Powers at Powersville last night and escaped with quite a bit of flour and other edibles.

Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Livingstone, Principal and Assistant, Respectively of the Public School at Gaddysville, Near Fairmont, Came to Lumberton Yesterday and Will Spend Christmas with Home Folks here and at St. Pauls.

Mr. Livingstone is considering reviving the Fairmont Messenger, which suspended publication some weeks ago.

GLENNWOOD GLEANINGS

School Closes Today for Holidays—Christmas Tree and Play at Philadelphia—Marriage of Miss Nettie Townsend and Mr. Hector Duncan—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Glennwood (Pembroke, R. 1), Dec. 22—Mr. Lawrence Buie of the Harmony section, near Maxton, visited in this section last Sunday.—Mrs. Milton Hodges and little daughter Josie are visiting in this section.—Messrs. Lacy and Belton Beasley were visitors in this section last Sunday afternoon.—Mr. W. A. McNeill and sons, Calton and Ira, and daughter, Ila, were Lumberton visitors last Monday.—Mr. Law Gregory of the Hart Swamp section visited in this section last Sunday night.—Mr. Noah Duncan of Lumberton spent Sunday with home folks.

The ground was covered with snow this day. This is the second snow that has fallen this winter.

Mr. Calton McNeill was a Pembroke visitor last Saturday.—Messrs. Austin Smith and Dixon were in this section one day last week.

Glennwood school will close for its Christmas holidays Thursday afternoon. They will have one week and one day for holidays. School will open again on January 3d.

Miss Ruby Stubbs will leave next Friday morning for her home at Parkton, where she will spend her Christmas holidays.—Miss Stella McNeill will leave Friday morning for Blenheim, S. C., where she will spend her Christmas holidays.—Prof. Edgar Bundy spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

A crowd of young people attended the Christmas tree and two plays at Philadelphia school last night. All reported an enjoyable time. Among those who went from this section were: Misses Ruby Stubbs, Stella McNeill, Inez Lewis; Messrs. Calton and Bundy McNeill, Dan Buie, Roy and Glenn Lewis.

Misses Ruby Stubbs, Stella McNeill and Prof. Edgar Bundy and Mr. Dan Buie are Lumberton visitors today.—Mr. F. R. McNeill and son, Mr. Make, were Lumberton visitors last Monday.—Mr. J. D. McNeill was a Pembroke visitor yesterday.—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McNeill of the Barker's section passed through this section Tuesday morning going home. They had been to Center to attend the funeral of Mr. H. D. Morrison.—Prof. Edgar Bundy will spend his Christmas at Wilmington, Norfolk, Va., and other places.

Mr. Hector Duncan and Miss Nettie Townsend were quietly married at the bride's home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Duncan is the son of Mr. Noah Duncan and the bride is the daughter of Mr. E. P. Townsend. We wish for them both a long and prosperous life. They will make their home at Raynham, where the groom now has a position.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to The Robesonian and its readers.

DEBATE AND OYSTER SUPPER

Objection Raised to Quoting From Bible Broke Up Debate On Suffrage—\$25 Raised for Furnishing School

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Dec. 22—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large crowd attended the debate and oyster supper held at the Gaddysville school house last night. The query for debate was, "Resolved, That women should have full and equal rights of suffrage." The line-up was as follows: affirmative, Melton and James Shooter; negative, W. V. Branch and W. F. Livingstone. The judges were Messrs. Rowland Pittman of Fairmont, Oliver McArthur of Gaddys and Prof. Page of Centenary. The debate was splendid until the last speaker on the negative side brought out some Biblical points in his favor. One of the affirmative gentlemen objected to his doing this, his reason being that the Bible was too sacred a thing to bring into a debate in any way. To this the speaker on the negative side replied that where God's book of laws could not be carried he would not go either. The Bible brought out some interesting points relative to women holding public offices and through ignorance of the affirmative gentlemen they would not believe it. The judges gave the negative gentlemen the privilege of carrying on the debate and the house roared for them to go on with the goods, but as the affirmative gentlemen raised such a howl about it the negative refused to argue the query further. While no decision was given out by the judges, it is understood that they were with the negative side.

Twenty-five dollars was realized from the oyster supper that was given after debate. The proceeds will go toward furnishing the school rooms.

British Withdraw from Gallipoli

The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt war office statement marks the end of the great chapters of the war's history. The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in Parliament in which he declared that withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

Entertainment at Graded School—Students Home for Holidays—A Business Change—Personal Mentions—Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 21—Christmas is in the air and everywhere in Fairmont.

In connection with the closing of the graded school for the holidays last Friday evening, an entertainment in the form of a "Tom Thumb Wedding" created much merriment for the little folks.

Rev. T. Y. Seymour of Natural Bridge, Va., preached two interesting sermons in the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening and made a splendid impression upon the members of this church, who are without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. D. P. Bridges.

Misses Elizabeth Baker, Dina Belle Floyd, Jessie Ashley, Roberta Floyd, and Blanche Bullock, who have been attending East Carolina Teachers Training School, are home for the holidays. Misses Carrie and Sarah Floyd and Bennie Baker arrived last Friday from Murfreesboro, where they are students at Chowan College, to spend Christmas with home folks. The young men and boys who have been away attending schools and returned home for the holidays are: Halbert Thompson and William Shocket of Weaverville College; Bland Brown of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson; Ben Thompson, Dewey and Yates Floyd and Furman Lewis of Piedmont High School.

Mr. H. L. Blue, formerly assistant cashier in the Bank of Fairmont, has purchased the interest of Mr. James H. Townsend, who was sole owner of the Fairmont Drug Co. Mr. W. L. Kyle succeeds Mr. Blue as assistant cashier at the bank.

Dr. F. H. Pitman, Messrs. I. M. Thompson, R. L. Thompson and James Galloway went Monday to the beach near Cherry Grove to try their skill driving for deer. Hope they'll bring back plenty venison for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. J. D. Kyle, who has been in bad health for some time, was taken by Mr. Kyle Sunday morning to Charlotte where a specialist will be consulted.

Mr. Harry Davis of Martinsville, Va., was here Sunday and Monday on business.

MT. ELIAM MATTERS

The Beautiful Snow—School Progressing Nicely—Personal Mentions—Christmas Greetings

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam (Lumberton, R. 4), Dec. 21—The snow which fell last night is the prettiest this morning I ever saw. It is hanging on every bush and tree as white and beautiful as silver. I think enough fell here for a 6 or 3 inch snow but it melted as fast as it fell at first.

Messrs. Hector Stephens and Hezelle Phillips are spending today in town.

Mr. M. C. Britt, one of our former Mt. Eliam boys, who has been away for several years, is moving back home on the Mount, we are glad to say.

Messrs. Dudley and Edmund Britt spent Saturday and Sunday in the Baltimore section, below Fairmont, visiting relatives. They report a fine time. Messrs. Oscar Hinson and Clyde Edwards of Boardman were in these parts Sunday p. m.

Mr. Norley Britt, who has held a position in Brunswick county for some time, is at home to spend Christmas with his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt.

Miss Katie Stone, who is teaching at East Lumberton, will come home Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Martin of the Columbus county spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Okey Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stone attended preaching at Long Branch Sunday and report a fine sermon by their pastor, Rev. I. P. Hegpeth.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Edmund Phillips.

It will soon be Christmas and we wish the editor and all The Robesonian readers the merriest Christmas they ever had.

ELROD ECHOES

Blind Preacher Presented Purse for Christmas—Personal

Elrod, Dec. 21—This morning we found the ground nearly covered in snow, the first real snow of the season. It looks as if the world is putting on holiday attire.

Mr. W. L. McRae, who has been attending college in Atlanta, came home Saturday. He was accompanied by his friend Dr. Swindell, who will spend the Christmas holidays with him at his home here.

School closed for the holidays last Friday. Our teacher, Miss Nettie Hooks, left Monday for her home at Freemont to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. D. H. McCall and daughter, Miss Ruby, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Clo.—Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Pate spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McPhail near Purvis.

Miss Bessie Poole returned home Monday night after a stay of several months in Abbeville, S. C. Her many friends are glad to welcome her home again.

Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Scott of McDonalds was presented a purse of over \$14.00 as a Christmas gift by a few of his friends here. He is blind and has preached here for about 25 years.

NO PAPER NEXT MONDAY

Next call will be Thursday of next week. The Robesonian will skip Monday's issue in order to give its employees, whose faithful labor makes it possible for the paper to go to its readers twice each week, a few days of needed rest and recreation. Somebody will be on duty in the office tomorrow, however, and every day next week and will be glad to write receipts for any who want to pay their subscriptions or transact any other business with the paper. Send The Robesonian to some friend as a Christmas present. It is a present that will give pleasure twice each week for a year. And may this Christmas be a Merry Christmas and the New Year be a Happy New Year to all The Robesonian's large circle of readers.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—One of the most artistically decorated houses in town is the Lumberton barber shop.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kornegay, at their home, Eighth street, Tuesday night, an 8-pound boy.

—The play which was to have been given at the Raynham Baptist church tomorrow night has been called off and will not be given.

—Mr. S. F. Crofts and family are moving to Charlotte from route 1 from Lumberton, where they have lived for some time.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank M. Watts and Irma Gerrell; A. M. Hartley and Sallie C. Stephens; Sanford Britt and Belle Terry.

—Mrs. Wm. Mercer of Howells-ville township was taken violently ill on the streets about 12:30 this afternoon. It has not been learned where she was taken.

—The old wooden bridge across the river at the foot of Third street, which had been torn away for some time, has been replaced and is now ready for folks to cross over.

Mrs. Mamie Warwick left this morning for Greenville, S. C., in response to a telegram stating that her daughter, Mrs. Ben G. Suitt, was very ill with pneumonia.

—C. D. Brewington and H. R. Jones have bought a metal stand from Mr. W. R. Hendren, corner Fourth and Chestnut streets, and will conduct a fruit and grocery business.

—"Rev." Judge McNeill, colored, was arrested yesterday by Rural Policeman Eli Phillips and lodged in jail charged with the larceny of a pair of pants from the store of Mr. A. Weinstein.

—A force of hands is busy remodeling the office of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills. The office room is being enlarged and folding doors put between two rooms to be used as offices.

—Mr. E. E. Veith, who has been conducting a sale at the store of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son for some time, will leave Sunday for his home at Bishopville, S. C. While here Mr. Veith has made many friends.

—The dancing school which has been running for a month under the leadership of Miss Jean Thompson of Washington, D. C., will close Saturday night of this week. Those who have taken lessons say Miss Thompson is a skilled instructor.

—Mrs. Tempie Prevatt of the Smyrna section was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mrs. Prevatt has passed her 83rd mile post in life's journey and still takes The Robesonian and reads it twice each week. This was her first visit to Lumberton in a year.

—Mr. J. M. Powers, who had been in the county a few days on business, left yesterday for his home at Olin, Iredell county. Mr. Powers formerly lived in Robeson but this was his first visit to Lumberton in five years, and of course he noted great improvements in the town.

—"Cut your own wood" was the engraving on the side of an axe already "handed" and ready for use received through the mail by Capt. A. B. Small today. Mr. Small, who is a Confederate Veteran, is very often after other veterans in town to cut wood for him (joking, of course), and as a result one of them made him a present of the axe.

—If you intend to contribute anything towards dinner for the inmates at the county home, don't fail to have it at the home of Miss Lizzie Caldwell, corner Fifth and Eighth streets, by tomorrow night. Miss Caldwell will, as usual, arrange the dinner and see that it is taken to those unfortunate at the home. Will you help to make Christmas bright for those who are not so fortunate as you?

COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton is selling in the local market today for 11 1/4 cents the pound; strict middling 11 1/2 cents; seed 65 cents the bushel.

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