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Promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the instruction of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlighten.

—George Washington.

While just government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest protection.

—George Washington.

This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

—Abraham Lincoln.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty, as we understand it.

—Abraham Lincoln.

A Conference

A conference of the members of the Kent County Board of Education the Kent County Health Officers and the Physicians of Chestertown was held in the County School Board Office Saturday, February 23, 1924.

The following report by Prof. Louis C. Robinson, Secretary County School Board, submitted to the public, will explain both the object and the results of this conference. This report may also relieve the minds of those who may have felt any uneasiness about sending their children to the Chestertown School.

Report

"A meeting of the Board of Education of Kent County, Md., was held on the morning of Saturday, February 23rd, 1924 to which Dr. Merritt Brice, Kent County Health Officer, Dr. J. P. Franklin, State Deputy Health Officer for Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties and all the practicing physicians of Chestertown were invited to discuss the scarlet fever situation in Chestertown and vicinity and to give the school board the benefit of their knowledge and guidance.

Those present were: Board of Education of Kent County—Mr. C. Romie Skirven, Mr. Harry Davis, Mr. Wm. G. Smyth; Health Officers, Dr. Merritt Brice, Dr. J. P. Franklin; Physicians, Dr. H. P. Copeland, Dr. Frank B. Hines, Dr. C. W. Whaland, Dr. H. B. Simmons.

It was impossible for Dr. Harry G. Simpers and Dr. Harry L. Dodd to attend this meeting but their opinions on the matter discussed were obtained over the telephone.

After the purpose of the meeting was stated the physicians were asked to express their opinions on the matter of keeping the Chestertown schools open. Each physician present expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to keep the schools open under existing conditions. Some of them stated that it would be folly to close the schools while the churches and other places of public gatherings were permitted to stay open and children were permitted to run the streets and visit each other's homes. The opinion of Dr. Harry G. Simpers transmitted through Mr. Wm. G. Smyth coincided with the above. An expression from Dr. Harry L. Dodd regarding the matter had not been obtained prior to the meeting. The Secretary was therefore instructed to get his opinion as early as possible. This was done and the writer was authorized by Dr. Dodd to quote him as follows, "I feel that it would be the proper thing to close the schools for a period until a line could be gotten on the source of the disease. But very little, if any good, however, could result from such a step while other places where people congregate are permitted to remain open and children are allowed by the parents to run the streets."

It is the unanimous opinion, then, of all the Chestertown physicians and the health officers that it is most advisable to keep the schools open for in that way it will be possible to keep in much closer touch with any new developments. If the schools should be closed, there would still be contact of the children on the streets and in the homes and business places as well as at churches and other public places.

Not more than six primary cases have developed among the children of the Chestertown Elementary school in approximately two months time. Considering the prevalence of Scarlet Fever throughout the State at this time and considering the small percent of school children attacked it would be very unwise in the opinion of the health officers to close the schools.

The Board of Education feeling that they would be guided by the opinion of the health officers, as expressed by one of the physicians in the conference, have decided to keep the schools of the town open. They feel this even more keenly in view of the fact that the physicians are unanimous in their support of the health officers.

Despite the rumors that the health officers have not been keeping in touch with the health conditions in the Chestertown schools they have informed the school board positively that they have and that they will continue to do so. The State Deputy Health Officer will visit the school each day of the period of incubation following each case of scarlet fever.

Thus the children in those rooms in which Scarlet Fever occurs will be under close observation by the health officer. In addition to this, the teachers are observing the children very closely and are sending all cases of suspicious illness home with a requet to the parents that they consult a physician immediately. In view of the care that is being exercised and will continue to be practiced throughout the period of incubation from the development of the last case it is most important that all children that are not sick or affected with sore throat attend school regularly so that the school and health authorities can keep a close check on the health of every child.

As an additional safeguard, the Board of Education decided to require any child absent from school to bring a certificate from a practicing physician upon his return to school even though he has been absent for only one day. The physicians that were present informed the Board that they will not make any charge for these certificates."

SCHOOL NEWS

Broad Neck

Mrs. Nannie K. Strong, Teacher.

The P. T. A. of Broad Neck held their fifth meeting on the evening of February 22, 1924. The school room was decorated with many flags and red, white and blue bunting. The blackboards were decorated with stencil designs of Martha Washington, the Flag, the Hatchet and Cherries. A large picture of Washington was hung in the front part of the room. The school house was crowded.

The program was carried out as follows:

The Lord's Prayer, Song, America, by the School and all present; Reading, Emma Davis; Recitation, Erdman Walls; Recitation, Helen Strong Selection on Victrola, Old Elks At Home, Alma Gluck; Salute to the Flag, Claude Taylor; The Red, White and Blue, by School; Recitation, Mrs. Ruthwin Strong; Duet, Mrs. Lusby and Mrs. S. Vickers; Minuet: Grace Maslin, Charles Dickerson; Helen Lusby, Claude Taylor; Leona Dickerson, Bartus Vickers; All members of "The Minuet" were dressed to represent Martha and George Washington; Reading, Mrs. Emma Taylor; Selection on Victrola, Star Spangled Banner, John McCormack; Recitation, Vernon Dowling; Song, Tramp—Tramp, by the School; Reading, Murial Dowling; Song, Sail Pretty Boat, sung by three girls and illustrated by two boys drawing the boats to the rhythm of the song; Address, Mr. Samuel Vickers; Mr. Vickers' address was very interesting and instructive and a very good lesson for the boys and girls; Duet, Emma Davis and Bertha Craig; Recitation, Frances Vickers; March, by Eight Boys with Guns; A Humorous Selection on Victrola; Song, Old Black Joe, Helen Lusby, Charles Dickerson, Herbert Fletcher; Recitation, Ruth Davis; Mrs. Rolph Stoops presided at the organ during the evening and played accompaniaments.

After the program, games were played. The ladies served chicken salad, Maryland biscuits and tea.

This was a very pleasant evening in Broad Neck.

Swan Creek

Marvel Ashley, teacher.

A social meeting of the P. T. A. of Swan Creek was held at the school house February 14, 1924, to which the entire vicinity was invited.

A play entitled, "The Valentine Man" was given by the pupils. The cast was as follows:

Valantine Man, Vernard Atkinson; Valentine Fairy, Fannie Willson; Valentines, Alice Willson, Keller Crouse, Pearl Fleetwood, Herman Crouse, Elizabeth Atkinson, Edward Gustafson; Children, Wilmer Atkinson, Albert Meekins, Charles Meekins, Emma Meekins, Earl Fogwell, Roscoe Collins, Elmer Gustafson, Johnnie Willson; Cupid, James Willson; Recitations were given by Emma Meekins, Elmer Gustafson, Johnnie Willson, Roscoe Collins.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, coffee, cake, and lemonade were served by the ladies.

Mr. Walter Kenly made a witty address extolling the P. T. A. and invited all who were not members to come into the fold.

National airs and old time songs were sung by all and at a late hour they all went home very much pleased over the success of the meeting. The school house at Swan Creek was never so full before. Every patron in the school is a member of the P. T. A. now, but one and that family will be a member by the next meeting. We hope so anyway.

Kennedyville

Reported by Mrs. Ida S. Parks.

Bird Lesson

An instructive and interesting talk about "Birds and Bird Houses" was given recently by Mr. Hugh Hartman. The facts in connection with the wonderful adeptness of the woodpecker's tongue were particularly interesting to the children. Mr. Hartman constructed a bird house from start to finish before the school and now four children report that they have made bird houses. One of these children is a girl, by the way. A boy states that birds are already in his house. Each child in Mrs. Park's room has sent for the bulletin "Birds and Bird Houses."

A very fine talk was given in the assembly room by Rev. B. B. Staats the subject being, "What You Read and How You Read."

Valentine Day

On Valentine Day short exercises were given in the assembly room and then a large bag of valentines were brought in and distributed to the whole school. A little favor was given each child. The children were then treated to all the pie and cocoa that they wished. All had a lovely time.

Washington's Birthday

On Washington's Birthday a peanut hunt was given to the Elementary Grade children after the regular Washington's Birthday Exercises were over. How they did enjoy it!

Monday Assembly

On Monday, February 25th, Rev. Lewis of the Shrewsbury Church was present at the assembly and told two splendid stories, each teaching a splendid lesson. One was about "The Animals' Christmas Tree" the other "The Boy and the Loaves and Fishes." The children were delighted and invited Mr. Louis to come again.

Pomona

Sara Watson, teacher.

The patrons of the Pomona School met February 19, to organize a Parent-Teacher Association. The day was stormy and it looked as if there might be no meeting but quite a number braved the storm and went to the school house. They organized and elected the following officers for the remainder of the year:

President, Mr. Norman Lee; Vice President, Mrs. R. R. Walbert; Secretary, Mr. William McClintock; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Chaires.

The next meeting is to be held Tuesday, February 26 at the school house.

Hanesville

Naomi Myers, teacher.

The patrons of Hanesville School met at the schoolhouse with Prof. Robinson as chairman. They organized a Parent-Teacher Association. The officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. George Cornell; Vice President, Mrs. E. W. Simms; Secretary and Treasurer, Naomi Myers.

The following program was put on for Washington's Birthday:

Questions about Washington, John Clayton, Answers by the School; Recitation, "The 22nd of February," Rosalie Lynch; Washington's Hatchet, H. Simpers Plummer, Rufus Simms, Wm. Lynch, Ethel Dill, Rebecca Greenwood, Benjamin Williams; Dialogue, Preston Fogwell, James Williams; Which General?, Richard Simms; Washington, Rhoda Williams; George Washington, Marie Dill; The Puzzling Question, Rufus Simms; Something Better, Hilda Fogwell; I'd Like to be a Washington, Henry Fogwell.

At the close of the program it was suggested by one of the patrons and agreed upon to serve pancakes at the regular lunch period March 4. We were then served with cake and candy by Mrs. Harry Lynch, one of the patrons.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. will be held at the school house March 7th. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

Chestertown

Reported by Miss Fannie Stuart, Principal.

Forenoon

Chestertown Elementary School observed Washington's Birthday by giving the following program:

In the morning, the first, second and third grades assembled in Miss Duyer's room for opening exercises and this program was given:

America, by School; Soldier Boy Song, First Grade Pupils; Exercise, George Washington, Clinton Robertson, Paul McGinnis, Ray Reed, Henrietta Duyer, Mary Godfrey Westcott; Song, Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue; Recitation in Concert, George Washington, Second Grade; The Flag, Four Pupils; Song, The Little Red Drum, Louis Hess.

Third Grade

George Washington, James Kreeger; 1732, Blair Lee; George Washington, Billy Capel; Betsey and her Needle, Betty Thibodeau; Golden Keys, Clara E. Robinson; George Washington as a Soldier, Ed. Collins; Rules of Behavior, Mary Ellen Brown George Washington and the Hatchet, Carolyn Jewell; Salute to the flag by all.

Afternoon

In the afternoon the grammar grades assembled and gave this program:

The Birthday of Washington, D. B. Ford; How a Little Girl Helped Washington, Maude Duyer; Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue, First Grade Children; George Washington, composed and recited by Paul Pippin; Flag Display, Ruth Allen, Margaret Smith, Elenor Rolph; Washington's Portrait, Earl Capel; George Washington, Billy Capel, Sulgrave Manor, Grace Hopkins, Rose Gordon. A Dialogue in Costume, "Betsy Ross and the Flag," Anne Kreeger, Mary Philips, Janet Atwater; Compositions were read by Frederick Usilton, Walter Elburn, Olivia Allen, Katherine Ford; An explanation of the picture 1776, Evelyn Allen, Jack Reed, Helen Brown, Ellen Ziesal; The American Creed and the salute to the flag was given by the school, closing with the Star Spangled Banner.

Siknner's Neck

Mrs. Minnie M. Kelley, teacher.

A party was held at the school house in Skinner's Neck February 15 the room was decorated with red and green crepe paper. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffe were served. Ice cream was sold. Proceeds were fifteen dollars; net proceeds ten dollars. This money will be used for the benefit of the school.

Morgnec

Mildred C. Melvin, teacher.

The P. T. A. of Morgnec held a pie social Thursday evening February 21st and the sum of $18.00 was realized. The P. T. A. will use this money to decorate the interior of the school room.

Sassafras

L. Mildred Colburn, teacher.

The P. T. A. of Sassafras will give a program Thursday evening March 13th at the school house. They are anxious for all patrons to be present.

Still Pond Celebrates

Sophia Miller, Principal.

The following is a report of the Washington's Birthday Supper given at the school house last Friday evening in Still Pond. The room was decidely a representation of the idea of the celebration. Booths were arranged around the room decorated in appropriate colors. It was certainly a "Cherry Festival" as named by the school. Mrs. L. P. Atwell, Mrs. Stanley W. Matthews and Miss Anne Bonwell presided over the Luncheon booth; the cherry pie was served most excellently and it was most excellent pie; Mrs. Oliver Jervis and Mrs. Charles Walters presided here in a booth called "Ye Pie Shop." Another booth where bread, Maryland biscuits were served was arranged and attended by Misses Lucille Parr, Katheryne Gilpin and Anna Bowers; a cake and ice cream booth was arranged by Mesdames Albert Jervis, Marion Ford and Mrs. Jones.

Colonial Dames

Anna Bramble, Anna Clarke, Katheryne Nicholson, Elizabeth Hepbron, Catherine Hepburn, with their assistants in "Little Colonial Hats"; Mary Jervis, Elizabeth Ford, Grace Trott, Eloise Hepbron, Helen Jervis.

Those who managed the whole affair aimed at emphasizing the great period in which Washington lived and served so well.

$50.00 was cleared which will be used for the school.

Note:—It was an evening of profit and enjoyment by all who were there we are sure. The editor of this department was present and thoroly appreciated the interest manifested by the entire neighborhood. Such a demonstration is not only educational but it serves to encourage the children to do their best; it serves to unite the ties of friendship closer and is a wonderful uplift to any community.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following is a list of the names of the children that have been reported to Mrs. Beck, the County Attendance officer as having been neither absent nor tardy during the month of January:

MASSEY

Franklin Maslin, Virginia Roe, David Alexander, Archie Shelton, Edgar Alexander, Mary Mullen, Rebecca Starkey, Anna Roe, Florence Hicks, Mary Whelen, Kathryn Maley, Enda Everett, Josephine Dunn, Reba Alexander, Harry Waecker, Louise Shelton, Josephine Whelen, Alvin Coxe, Helen Maslin.

MILLINGTON

Bailey Barnhart, John Walls, Wilson Campbell, Jeanette Myers, Mabel Baker, Gilberta Robinson, John Clark Norman Higman, George Manning, Harold Myers, Jessie Anthony, Geo. Duling, Hanson Horsey, Clossie Mench, James Campbell, Pauline Jones, Catherine Lee, Margaret Redmont, Pearle Baker, Mabel Comegys, Myrtle Jones, Lucille Massey, Mary Walls, Cornelius Comegys, Walter Kelley, Edward Walls, Carlton Wallen, Anna Jones, Eva Adkinson, Helen Higman, Emma Jones, Elizabeth Kulley, Frances Turner, Elizabeth Walls.

SASSAFRAS

Joseph Bailey, John Thornley, Aubrey Blackiston, Pearle Blackiston, Florence Blackiston, Helen Caulk, Irene Bailey, Mary Thornley, Catherine Caulk, Florence Rosin, Alice Thornley.

GALENA

Helen Jones, Agnes Mullen, Elizabeth Jones, Blanch Williams, Roger Davis, John Walls, Clara Bolton, Margaret Mullen, George Jones, Woodron Mulford, John Newnam, Julian Woodall, Roy Freeman, James Jackimski, Helen Jackimski, Helen Fogwell, Helen Mulford, Margaret Williams, Margaret Mulford, Sara Hyland, Sara Powell.

GOLT

Alice Johnston, Kathryn Garton, Edna Stephens, Bessie Biddle, Earl Hurd.

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Earl Hurd.

CHESTERVILLE

Louise Lockwood.

LOCUST GROVE

Anna DeShane, Della Gary, Bertha Beaster.

KENNEDYVILLE

Nelson Spencer, Wilmer Jones, Elanor Ford, Katherine McGuire, Mary Oliffe, Frances Stanley, Ada Jones, Carrie Lipscomb, Harry Walls, Anna Wiltbank, Thomas Robinson, Howard Jewell, Gladys Archibald, Margaret Kennedy, Dorothy Pennington, Evelyn Spencer, Adlean LeSage, Kathryn Nickerson, Della Spry, Elisabeth Hurlock, Lydia George, Frances Hill, Katherine Lipscomb, Louise Crow, William Crow, William Cleaver, Thomas Johnston, Thomas Moffett, Paul Spencer.

TURNER'S CREEK

Baynard Harper, Minnie Hilditch, Bessie Hilditch, Eva Hilditch, Mary Hilditch.

MORGNEC

Marion Towner, Emil Bartz, Albert Bartz, Bertha Bartz, Martha Bartz.

STILL POND

Alan Matthews, Allan Bonwill, Arthur Price, William Hepbron, Charles Clark, Harry Jones, Katherine Hepbron, Anna Clark, Howard Gosman, Galen Clark, Francis Hurlock, Thomas Norris, Godfrey Gosman, James Greenwood, Jack Hadaway, Edward Hepbron, George Hadaway, Helen Jones, Avis Clark, Katharine Ford, Dorothy Jones, Clara Jones, Virginia Jones, Esther Robinson, Eloise Hepbron.

CHERRY LANE

Harry States, Noble States, Wayne States, Leslie Donahoe, LeRoy Simpler, Steward Godwin, Rose Donahoe, Marion States, Lula States.

FLATLAND.

Emma Anderson, Agnes Ford, Lilian Ford, Ruth Williams, Elwood Morris, William Carroll. Herschel Carroll, Lawrence Anderson, Edward Anderson.

HANESVILLE.

Harry Holdson, Henry Fogwell, Preston Fogwell, Richard Simms, Hilda Fogwell.

WORTON POINT

Leonard Myers, James Biggers, Oscar Whittaker, Gorden Kendall, Hilda Watts.

WORTON

Carter Rash, Billy Beck Matthews Benge Thomas, Robert Wallis, Grace Parson, Dorothy Ivens, Emily Matthews, Neva Nichols, Anna Wallis, Hanson Smith, Clarence Hurd, Howard Moffett, John Thomas, Clarence Smith, Edith Leddon, Lrsula Moffett, Ella Perry, Anna Belle Parsons, Edith Smith.

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OPPOSES SOLDIERS' BONUS

SENATOR BRUCE TAKES DECIDED STAND AGAINST MEASURE NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS

Senator William Cabell Bruce, of Maryland, has taken a decided stand against Soldier's Bonus. He says he is opposed to it because it dishonors our military traditions.

"I agree exactly with the principles stated by the Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus League," continues Senator Bruce, "A bonus would not only dishonor our military traditions, but it would be subversive of the sound principles upon which the military obligation has always rested."

Senator Bruce points out that the bonus would, in his behalf, if it became a permanent part of the public policy of the United States, depress and impar the military efficiency of the American people. "It is the duty," Senator Bruce says, "of every individual capable of bearing arms bravely to face all the hardships and perils of war when required by his country to do so, and even cheerfully to die if her necessities should call for that supreme measure of devotion. This obligation is not the creature of contract; no element of barter or sale enters into it; it springs merely from the paramount allegiance that every citizen owes to the land that has bred and nourished, or sheltered and adopted him. It is the correlative of the duty of the State to protect him against domestic and foreign enemies and to assure him equality of opportunity in the pursuits of civil life, and it is an obligation of such a high and imperative nature that failure to comply with it is justly punished by some of the worst penalties known to human society.

BEES IS A SWARM.

A reader has asked the number of bees in a swarm and the reply was that the estimates of the number of bees in a swarm range all the way from 10,000 to 100,000, but it is admitted that a swarm of bees containing 75,000 or 100,000 is an exceedingly large colony. The answer is that the normal colony contains between 15,000 and 30,000 workmers, although swarms containing 40,000 or 50,000 are not uncommon in carefully attend apiaries. The drones in a swarm may number from a few dozen to several hundred.

This may be interesting, instructive and accurate information, but we are like the little boy when the physician came down stairs and said the stork has just brought you a little sister. don't you want to see her The boy said, I don't mind seeing her, but I would lots rather see the stok.

While we are glad to know the number of bees in a swarm, even if the number is rather indefinite and gives a wide range, we would lots rather know the modus operandi of counting the bees and the drones in a swarm.

The job must require high eye speed and lighting calculation if counting is done on the fly, and if done after the bees have settled or hived patience and courage.

We are not applicants for official bee counters. Mr. Spencer Biddle is Kent's champion bee man. Perhaps he could tell us.

BUSINESS MEN AT SALISBURY

The most important annual gathering of businesss and agricultural interests of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia peninsula took place in Salisbury Thursday evening at the third annual banquet of the Salisbury-Wicomico Chamber of Commerce, a member of the National Chamber, for which 250 invitations were issued. At this meeting problems confronting the business and agricultural interests of the section were threshed out among those attending, and the meetings have been conductive to the the betterment of both industries.

Following the meeting last year, the traffic bureau of the local chamber under the head of a traffic expert, broadened its scope to include the entire peninsula and has been credited with saving the thirteen counties several hundred thousand dollars by obtaining revisions in the transportation systems.

—Alfred B. McVey, school attendance officer for Cecil county, had the parents or guardians of fifteen school children brought before Police Justice Scotten, in Elkton, charged with persistent violations of the compulsory attendance law. A fine was imposed in each case and the children ordered to be kept in school.

WANT DAUGHERTY REMOVED.

SENATE MAY LAUNCH CAMPAIGN THAT WILL COMPEL HIM TO RESIGN

Having failed to induce President Coolidge to immediately remove Attorney General Daugherty from office, Mr. Daugherty's critics in the Senate have laid out a plan of campaign which they predicted would force him to resign.

Preparations were made to lay before the country in a public inquiry new information and charges that recetly have reached the ears of Senators, and to make ever clearer the belief of Republican Senate leaders that the attorney general should not longer be permitted to sit in the cabinet.

It was revealed that much of the material collected by those opposing Mr. Daugherty, as well as much of the data gathered by individual senators in the oil inquiry, has been withheld in the hope that the President voluntarily would clear his administration of those who recently have been attacked by Congress.

Among other things, a special investigator has reported to at least one senator that the name of a cabinet official appears among those listed as having participated in Sinclair oil stock. This development has been reported to the oil committee and to the President to establish the accuracy of the report.

Senators say the name of the cabinet official will not be revealed until any evidence produced on the subject is formally presented in the committee hearing after their resumption Monday. It is known, however, that the investigator's list of reported stock buyers also includes at least one man who formerly held a high post in the government but retired some time ago.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Walace Atwell has been nursing a scalded foot. She had the misfortune to upset a kettle of boiling water.

Mr. George Bennett and wife of Lancaster, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Cleaver.

Mrs. Mallie Cleaver spent several days with her sister Mrs. Atwell.

Service at Grace Church this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. B. B. Staats pastor.

Mr. Cleve Tucker and Miss Sue Johnston, of Washington spent a few days at their home here.

Quite a number are still on the sick list from which we hope a speedy recovery.

M. P. Church, S. S. at 10 o'clock; sermon by Dr. Trout at 11 o'clock; C. E. in the evening.

—Gilbert Hooper, said to be a college graduate and teacher in a Cambridge school, was arrested at Seaford last Thursday night by State Detective Donoway and State Policemen Holl and Withian, after a case of brandy was alleged to have been found in his automobile.

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