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HOME ON SPRY FARM BURNS

WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST HOMES IN COUNTY

The home on the Spry Farm in Morgnec, near Crumpton, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon of last week. This property, formerly owned by Mr. George E. Powell, was transferred to Mr. Anthony Richter, January 1st of this year who moved on the property at that time. Mr. Richter was in Chestertown attending the tax meeting when the fire started and when he arrived home the house was a complete loss together with practically all of the household furniture and clothing. The origin of the fire is unknown and when discovered was breaking out through the roof and the upper part of the house was so full of smoke that it was impossible to get up stairs to save any clothing and furniture. Mrs. Richter who was home at the time, had a very hot fire in the kitchen stove and it is thought that sparks from the chimney set fire to the roof. Mr. Richter stated that $1700 in cash was destroyed in the fire.

This house which was one of the largest homes in Kent County was built by Mr. Wright Spry, Sr., and later altered and enlarged by his son. This property was the center of activities for that section at that time. All of the grain was shipped from Spry's wharf on which there was a large granery used for storing grain and it also contained a general store. Where the lane met the Morgnec road there was a small settlement, known as Spry's Gate but there is no trace of it now.

The home was insured for $4,000 with Mr. Jose ph N. Wheatley, agent and there was also a small amount of insurance on the household goods.

AMBULANCE HAS HARD TRIP

TAKES SIX HOURS TO GO 35 MILES

The Kent County Ambulance was six hours on a trip from Chestertown last Sunday with a patient. The ambulance went to Rock Hall to take John Price, colored, to Easton hospital who was badly burned when he fell against a stove at his home. The drivers, Messrs. E. Leaverage and J. C. Hadaway passed through Chestertown at 12 o'clock and below Centreville the road was banked with snow drifts. The snow plows were all busy clearing the roads in that section but it as four hours before the drifting snow was cleared. The patient died at the hospital two days later.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The Board of Directors of The Peoples Bank has agreed to take over the assets and assume the liabilities of the Citizens Bank. The Board of Directors of The Citizens Bank has adopted a resolution to carry this agreement into effect, subject to ratification by the stockholders, at a meeting to be held at 10 a. m., Monday, February 20th, 1933.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank of Chestertown, Md.

J. FRANK CONNELLY, Cashier.

TURKEY SUPPER AND CARD PARTY

BENEFIT OLD ST. PAULS CHURCH AT RECTORY, FAIRLEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH,
6 P. M. ADMISSION 50c

ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. F. A. HOLDEN will be in the Health Center, Chestertown,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1932
Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Hours from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BAKE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
11 o'clock A. M.
Lobby Of New Lyceum Theatre
BY
Young Men's Bible Class Of M. E. Church
PIES, CAKES, BREAD, CANDY
f4-2t.

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MY GARAGE ON CANNON STREET NEAR QUEEN STREET.
FOR PARTICULARS, APPLY TO,
W. C. SUTTON,
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LIQUID—TABLETS—SALVE
Checks Colds first day, Headaches or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, Malaria in 3 days,
666 SALVE for HEAD COLDS
Most Speedy Remedies Known

NEW FORDS ON DISPLAY

The new 1933 Fords are on display in the show rooms of Eliason Motors on Cross street, Chestertown. The horse power of the new car has been increased and there is a change in the body lines. This increase in horsepower in the eight cyclinder motor is said to give the new car a speed of eighty miles an hour. This is the first showing of the New Ford 8 in this section and is creating considerable interest among motorists.

CHESTERTOWN BANKS MERGE

CITIZENS AND PEOPLE'S BANKS COMBINE

Announcement was made at the time of going to press of the merging of the Citizen's and People's Banks of Chestertown.

The business of the new organization will be conducted at the People's Band building for the present.

The merger will not go into effect for ten days.

MAY REDUCE TAX RATE 71 CENTS

KENT RATE MAY DROP TO 76 CENTS

The fact that Kent County may enjoy a tax rate next year as low as 76 cents may turn from a dream to an actual fact was revealed on Friday of this week by Senator S. Scott Beck.

Senator S. Scott Beck and Delegate Arthur Brice have been working at Annapolis with the idea of relieving Kent County of $70,000 expenditure and at the present time it looks as if their efforts may be successful. Their present plan would relieve the tax rate 43 cents aside from an almost assured reduction in the school levy from 67 cents to 40 cents and probably lower, making a total reduction of at least 71 cents on the tax rate. This reduction would come by the State taking over this proportion of the present county obligations and whatever further reduction that the county may make in local county expenses would still further reduce the rate. The details of just how this reduction of the county tax rate will be cut almost in half is not available at this time, but its accomplishment has gone far beyond a dream.

DR. TITSWORTH HEADS COMMERCE BODY

DIRECTORS MEETING HELD MONDAY EVENING

At a meeting of the Directors of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce held on Monday evening of this week, Dr. Paul E. Titsworth was re-elected President to serve until June when he will leave Kent County to accept the presidency of Alfred University.

Mr. Fred G. Usilton was elected vice president, Mr. Marion deK. Smith, Jr., Treasurer and Mrs. Nell C. Westcott, Executive Secretary.

The Board of Directors are as follows: Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, Dr. H. B. Simmons, Messrs. F. G. Usilton, Howard Turner, Ellsworth Leary, L. A. Sutton, W. A. McGregar, W. B. Copper, Wroth Stavely, Marion deK. Smith, Jr., R. H. Collins, Jr., and Mrs. Evelyn Harris. The second installment of Dr. Titsworth's annual report showing activities in Kent county during the past year appears on page 3 of this issue.

BASKET BALL SUMMARY

DEFEATS ST. JOHN'S AND LOSES TO U. OF MD.

Washington College trimmed St. Johns last Saturday night by a 33 to 21 score. Washington had the upper-hand during the whole contest. Two local boys, Bill Nicholson and Aldy Clements were in the line-up for Washington. Huey star guard was out of the game due to injuries. St. John's was unable to penetrate Washington's airtight defense.

U. of Md., trimmed Washington College on Wednesday night by a 35 to 27 score. Long passes by Maryland proved Washington undoing.

Washington's record so far.

Dec. 16—West Chester	19 —	W. C. 23
Jan. 10— St. Josephs	29 —	W. C. 38
Jan. 13—Hopkins	33 —	W. C. 20
Jan. 14—Mt. St. Mary's	34—W. C.	29
Jan. 17—Western Md.	24 —	W. C. 37
Jan. 18—Delaware	23 —	W. C. 37
Jan. 21—Western Md.	31—W. C.	34
Jan. 28—Loycla	36——W. C.	35
Feb. 4—St. John's	21 —	W. C. 33
Feb. 8 — Maryland	35 —	W. C. 27

FUTURE GAMES

Feb. 11—Hopkins	Home
Feb. 17—Mt. St. Mary's	Home
Feb. 21—St. John's	Away
Feb. 24—Delaware	Away
Feb. 25—Loyola	Home
Feb. 28—St. Joseph's	Away
Mar. 4—Swart'more	Away

NOW AND THEN

AN OLD VALENTINE

BY ALICE MATHEWS

Wrapped in tissue, perfumed rare,
Laid aside with earnest prayer
Is a satin heart of mine,
A flowered satin Valentine.

Somehow through time's open door
When good February's air
Seems to rush around the floor.
And to step upon the stair.

I must slip aside, ah then,
Where my little treasure stays,
Back to old days once again
Back to love, and back to praise.

I take up the old love token,
Yellow grown, in faded frame
Read about a hearts devotion
Whisper, lovingly a name!

How the New Year is slipping from us! Next Tuesday is St. Valentine's day. What a Saint the old fellow must have been, going around and writing love letters for the lovers and the love lorn! To appreciate what he did one must remember how few could either read or write in those days, and to have some one to write to the absent and to understand must have been a great joy to the sweethearts of olden days. For that reason tokens of love are sent on the day that we keep in memory of this patron Saint.

Last Tuesday, February 7 was Dickens' birthday and many of his characters stepped out of his books and filed their way to the pretty home of Miss Hope Wickes, who is an ardent admirer of the great man, and taking the part of Mrs. Chick assisted by her niece, Miss Florence Dombey she welcomed the visitors. There was a goodly number, Mrs. Nickleby, Mrs. Tox, Mrs. Wilfer, Mrs. Flora Flintwinch Mrs. Larriper, Mrs. General, Miss Petowka and the Legacy. Such a very congenial evening they had together. The home was beautifully decorated with the plants that Dickens most loved, red and rose geraniums and the Ivy green, while his bust was lighted by a number of candles. Mrs. Nickleby. Miss Petowka and Miss Florence Dombey all recited poems relating to what he had done for his fellows, showing that his memory is ever kept green by a multitude of men. Prizes were given for the best characterizations, and to those most familiar with his words. A delightful feast was served which all the characters thoroughly enjoyed and when at last they wended their home they all declared that Mrs. Chick certainly was a gifted hostess to have planned and carried out an evening of so much enjoyment to all of her visitors.

"Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself completely; in great aims and in small, I have always been thoroughly in earnest." Charles Dickens.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The Chester River took its name from the famous old walled city of the Romans in England, and was known as such as early as 1667.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Crumpton was for some years known as Callister's ferry?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

In the Colonial period that a bounty of two hundred pounds of tobacco was allowed on each Wolf head, but that the tongue had to be cut from each head, and the ears cropped to prevent fraud?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

At a session of the General Assembly of Maryland, November 26, 1783 a petition was presented from Sundry inhabitants of Kent and Cecil Counties praying a law may pass for dividing the counties, and erecting a new one out of such part there of as are contained within the bounds and limits following, viz. All that district of Cecil County containng Bohemia Manor, Middle Neck, South Sassafras, West Sassafras, and Bohemia hundred; and all of that district of Kent County containing Chapel. South Sassafras and Georgetown hundred and all that part of Morgan's Creek hundred lying to the eastward of the great road leading from Georgetown to Callister's Ferry, and that the said new county be called and distinguished by the name of "Smallwood County." Endorsed by the Senate Nov. 26, 1783.

C. H. S. DEFEATS OXFORD

The Chestertown High School basket-ball team defeated the Oxford High School team in Chestertown last Tuesday night.

The game was played in the Washington Gymnasium. This is the second time these two teams have met this season. Chestertown defeated Oxford at Oxford.

TAX-PAYERS RECOMMEND CUT IN COUNTY EXPENSES

ADVOCATE ELIMINATING EXTENSION SERVICE AND COUNTY VETERINARIAN

Two-hundred and fifty Kent County Tax Payers gathered in the Court House, Chestertown on Saturday of last week. The meeting, which was called for 2 p. m., did not get underway until 2.45 due to a delay in the preliminary meeting of the tax committee which who were mapping out a program for the public meeting.

In the absence of Mr. E. Thomas Massey, chairman of the tax committee, caued by sickness, Mr. Howard Turner acted as chairman and conducted the meeting in a very efficient and fair way.

The following program, as mapped out by the committee, was acted on:

1. General Expenses—That a general reduction in County expenses be made consistent with efficient operation in all County affairs. Approved.

2. Schools—That the County levy for schools be reduced from .67 to .40 cents or lower if possible. Approved.

3. Roads—That all County roads be maintained from a portion of the gasoline tax carried. Mr. George Vansant, of Lambsons, asked whether this would prevent the building of new roads and if so he thought that the gasoline tax should be used for building and maintaining the hard surface roads and that the land should be taxed for maintenance of the dirt roads.

4. New Revenue—a. That a tax of 3 per cent. be made on race track winnings for the support of schools. Approved.

b. That a general tax on all retail sales be made without exemption. Tabled. There seemed to be a general protest against a sales tax. Mrs. Evelyn Harris asked if the sales tax would apply in Baltimore City as well as in the counties. Senator Beck advised that action on this matter be delayed as at the present time as the Finance Committee of the Legislature are making a strong effort to cut State expenses and if the sales tax was assured at this time it might have the affect of halting their efforts and instead, give them additional revenue to spend. Governor Ritchie favors the cutting of expenses first before additional tax revenues are considered.

5. Automobile Trials—That all expenses incident to trials of automobile law violations be assumed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles without expense to the County. Approved.

6. Larceny Cases—That magistrates be given authority to dispose of all larceny cases of $25 and under. Approved.

7. Tax Sales—That the treasurer be authorized to defer the advertisement from May 1 to August 15 for unpaid taxes for the current year. Approved. A bill to this affect has already been introduced in the Senate by Senator Beck. At this point Mr. Edward Spear, of Millington, offered a resolution and he as asked to hold it until the regular program had been dispensed with.

8. Extension Service—That the appropriation now made for maintaining the Extension service be discontinued. Approved. The previous seven recommendations had passed with very little discussion but this question brought forth more discussion and occupied more time than any of the other topics.

The original recommendation of the committee carried a reduction in the expense of this department from $3300 to $2200, but a motion was made by Mr. George Vansant no appropriation be made for the department. Mrs. Evelyn Harris stated "Aside from other advantages, Extension makes boys and girls into good men and women and this is badly needed at this time. No one knows the value of Extension until they try it." Mr. Vansant replied that boys and girls grew into good men and women before Extension was thought of and that his grandfather made a living on a farm without Extension advice and that if advice was needed it should not be taxed for but paid for by those who need it. Mrs. H. M. Baker said that she favored the cutting down in Extension but not the doing away with it, that the parents could take care of their children. Mrs. Harry Williams advocated cutting the expense of Extension but strongly disapproved of the elimination. Mrs. Elmer Thomas pointed out the work being accomplished by the Home Demonstration Agent and disapproved the elimination of that department. Others spoke disapproving the motion and all the women, about forty in all, voted against the motion but it was carried.

9. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication—After October 1, 1933, the services of the veterinarian be dispensed with and no appropriation be made by the County after that date. Approved. The original recommendation of the committee was that the appropriation for this service be limited to $1200. Before the final motion was carried a number of motions were made and defeated; among which was that the cost be limited to $2000 and that the county vetenarian test both accredited and un-accredited herds also the joining with some other county and sharing the expense.

10. Cost of Prisoners—That the rate of $.65 per day for this service be reduced to $.45 per day. Approved. Mr. Harrison W. Vickers stated that Sheriff Vickers had volunteered a reduction to 50 cents. During Sheriff Vicker's term of office the allowance for prisoner's board has been cut from 75c a day to 65c. A motion to do away with the sheriff's office had no second.

11. Salaries—That the salaries of County officials above $1000 be reduced 10 per cent. Tabled.

12. Clerk to County Commissioners—That the salary of the clerk to the County Commissioners be reduced from $1500 to $1000 with no extra compensation. Approved. The recommendation of the tax committee was a reduction to $1200.

13. Printing—That the contract for doing the County printing, now divided among the three local papers, be reduced 10 per cent. Approved.

14. Health—That the appropriation for the support of the public health service be reduced 15 per cent. providing it does not impair the efficiency of the work. Approved. This concluded the regular program of the tax committee and Mr. Edward Spear, of Millington offered two resolutions, one, to advocate a State income tax to provide additional revenue and the other to declare a moritorium on property taxes for one year. Both of these resolutions were carried.

At this point the crowd began to leave the Court House and the exit was more rapid when the fire siren blew. A motion was made by Mr. George Vansant to abolish the office of County supervisor of assessments. Eleven people voted on this measure 7 for the motion and 6 against.

The activities of the tax committee started last summer when the Farm Bureau called a meeting of representative farmers and business men of the county for the purpose of considering tax reduction. At this meeting the chairman, Mr. Thomas Massey, was instructed to appoint a committee of one representative from each district to study the tax situation.

This committee has had several meetings and at the public tax meeting on January 21st it was voted to increase the committee to three from each district. This committee called the meeting last Saturday which is the final meeting.

"FRISCO JENNY"

AT LOCAL THEATRE FEBRUARY 13TH AND 14TH

Ruth Chatterton comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14, in the First National picture, "Frisco Jenny," in which she has a typical "Diamond Lil" role.

The polished and dignified actress turns entirely away from her recent society roles in her latest starring vehicle, and reverts to a character part similar to those in which she made some of her early and most outstanding successes, such as "Madam X" and "Sarah and Son."

In "Frisco Jenny" she appears as the Queen of the Demi-monde, who rules her kingdom with an iron hand, a woman hard and unscrupulous, yet with an underlying tenderness and so unsurpassable a love for her only son, that she goes to the gallows with sealed lips rather than acquaint him with his mother's shame.

"Frisco Jenny" is a stirring and glamorous tale of the old Barbary Coast of San Francisco, with its temples of pleasure, its gilded dives and gambling dens which formed the background for the wild orgies of the young bloods of the city a quarter of a century ago.

Miss Chatterton is supported by an exceptionally strong cast which includes Donald Cook, James Murray, Louis Calhern, Hallam Cooley, Pat O'Malley, Robert Warwick, Harold Huber, Helen Jerome Eddy, Frank McGlynn, Sr., J. Carroll Naish, Noel Francis and Robert Emmet O'Connor.

The picture, which covers the period of the great earthquake and the years following, is filled with thrills, including the quake itself and the fire that followed, a dramatic court scene in which Miss Chatterton is branded by her own son and orgies in the gay dives.

INCOME TAX ADVISER HERE MARCH 3

A communication from the Treasury Department this week stated that a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Court House Chestertown from March 3rd to 6th. According to the schedule he will be in Elkton February 28th to March 2nd, and in Centreville March 7th.

The collector will assist tax-payers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1932.

MILLINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

(BY MARGARET N. JONES '34)

Last Monday morning we greeted a new substitute due to the fact that Mr. Rasin was confined to his home. We are glad to have him back.

We have started a new semester, may we learn as much the last half of the year as the first half.

In literature the Juniors and Seniors are taking Macbeth and the Freshmen and Sophomores are taking stories by Hawthorne.

We are looking forward to the movies next week. We hope the attendance will be as good as before.

The elementary school welcomed Miss Harrison on Tuesday morning. We understand that the elementary pupils are taking tests. Good luck to them.

We are getting quite a sum of money in our athletic club and we hope to have enough to pay for our spring athletic equipment.

The present geometry class thought that rectilinear figures were rather hard but this week they have found circles much harder.

We are glad to say we have finished this month's periodic examinations. We will be much happier when we finish the last ones.

We expect our reports this week. We hope that nobody will be disappointed.

WOULD POSTPONE TAX SALES

NEW BILL INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

As noted last week, Senator Beck has introduced a bill in the Senate postponing the date whereby the County Treasurer must seize, levy and sell property of delinquent tax payers. from May 1st to August 15th. The purpose of this bill is to postpone the day of seizure until farmers have had an opportunity to cash in on their spring crops. The bill follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland. That Section 154 of Article 15 of Flack's Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Kent County," sub-title "County Treasurer," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

154. On the first day of January in each year taxes shall be deemed to be in arrears and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from September the first, the date when they become due and payable; and immediately after the first day of January the Treasurer shall mail or deliver to each delinquent who has not prior thereto received the same, an account of his assessment, and the taxes and interest due thereon, with a notice and warning to said delinquent thereto attached that unless payment be made in full within thirty days from the mailing or delivery of such notice that the same may be collected by a process of law, and said Treasurer may at any time after the first day of January proceed to seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon; and said Treasurer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of August of each year proceed to seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon, according to the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws relating thereto, and for this purpose the said Treasurer is hereby clothed with all the powers possessed by collectors of taxes under the Code of Public General Laws; and the said Treasurer shall make his final accounting with the State Treasurer and with the County Commissioners on or before the Tuesday after the first Monday in September in each year, and after being allowed for insolvencies, close the tax account for that fiscal year.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1st. 1933.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO HAVE ANOTHER TAX MEETING

Although the tax-committee has no plans for calling another public tax meeting, efforts are being made by some of the tax payers to have another meeting to discuss State Taxes. If the meeting is held it will probably be held this Saturday week.

COLLEGE CELEBRATION FEB. 23

HONORARY DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED

A large attendance from the Delmarva Peninsula of former students and friends of Washington College is anticipated at the annual mid-year convocation to be held in William Smith Hall at Chestertown the morning of February 23. Washington's Birthday and the part the Father of His Country played in the founding of the Eastern Shore college will be celebrated, as has been customary.

But, according to President Paul Emerson Titsworth, it will be the first time an honorary degree has been conferred on this occasion. The recipient will be the principal speaker of the day, Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati and former dean of Swarthmore College. This educator and former Army officer during the World War will receive the doctor of letters.

The occasion will be more formal than usual. An anthem will be sung by the college choir and processional and recessional played by the college orchestra under direction of Dr. Frederick G. Livingood. The faculty, in academic costume, and the Board of Governors will assemble on the stage, together with distinguished guests.

In speaking of the principal guest President Titsworth said that the Swarthmore Honors Plan which President Aydelotte, a former Rhodes student at Oxford University, introduced into Swarthmore College, one of the first copy the English program in America, has depended largely upon the work done by President Walters while dean at the Pennsylvania college. Dean Walters was its most effective interpreter not only to students and faculty but to the public at large.

P. G. WILMER HEADS YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club was held at the club house on Tuesday evening of this week.

All of the officers were re-elected as follows: P. G. Wilmr, president; E. W. Emory, vice-president; Dr. J. S. Wm. Jones, secretary; E. R. Strong, treasurer; P. M. Brooks and C. E. Truslow, directors.

The reports of the president, secretary and treasurer showed the club to be in excellent financial and physical condition. Through economical administration, each of the various committees operated within their budget during the year and the treasurer was able to reduce the indebetness $1900. The golf course, under the direction of Mr. Claude E. Truslow, is equal to any course on the shore and continues to improve.

The pier and boat slips were reported to be in good condition and at the present time ten yachts are using the boat slips for winter quarters. Golf has continued throughout the winter except during a short period when snow was on the ground.

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED

THIEF CASHES TWO WORTHLESS CHECKS

William Boyce, of Caroline County, age 21 years, is in the Kent county jail charged with stealing the automobile of Mr. Harry T. Williams, of Worton, last Saturday afternoon from in front of the Court House, Chestertown, while Mr. and Mrs. Williams were attending the tax payers meeting.

After taking the car, which was unlocked, Boyce drove to the Sunoco gasoline station where he cashed a check, giving reliable references in Chestertown, and drove to Caroline county where he is reported to have cashed another check in the name of Mr. Williams using the courtesy card as reference. His travels took him through Delaware into Pennsylvania and back to Delaware where he was arrested. The speedometer showed that he traveled about 850 miles, although the automobile was not damaged. He states that he was stopped by three Pennsylvania State Police and then let go after being questioned. Sheriff Vickers learned the identity of the thief shortly after the car was stolen and laid a net for his capture when he returned to Delaware or Maryland. No effort was made to apprehend him in Pennsylvania due to the difficulty and cost of extradition between the two States. Boyce was an inmate at the Maryland Training School for boys several years ago.

—See the picture entitled "The Golden West," at the New Lyceum tonight

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