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CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC - RICHARD BRODERICK, ADMINISTRATOR

December 20 - 3:00 PM Jesse Tree Celebration. The story of Salvation through Old and New Testament stories and symbols.

December 24 - Liturgy of Christmas Vigil
5:00 PM Hymns and carols
5:15 PM Liturgy

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

(There will be no Christmas Day Liturgy.)

HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH

December 20 - Regular morning services
20 - 6:00 PM - Sunday School program

HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 20 - Regular morning services
20 - 7:00 PM - Community Candlelighting Service, Rev. Jack Armes, speaker. A birthday cake for Jesus will be served in the Annex following the service.

THE
STAFF
OF THE
HAGUE CHRONICLE
WISHES EACH OF YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A 1988
FULL OF GOOD HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS

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GL, BDG, JK

and all our faithful volunteers who make this paper possible

HVFD NEWS

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce its decision to purchase a new pumper/tanker truck. After analyzing the general condition and age of existing trucks (the newest being a 1970 Bean pumper), it was deemed the best choice to look into purchasing a new truck.

It is planned to use this new truck as a replacement for Hague's 339 pumper/tanker rather than proceed with expensive repair work needed. Projected needs for fire service were used in designing this new truck so that it will remain serviceable for thirty years.

After exhaustive research in seeking out different companies and suitable style trucks, it was decided to contract with the Pierce Company of Wisconsin. This truck has been designed from the chassis up with the specific needs and usage of the HVFD in mind. The Pierce Company has worked closely with us in designing this truck and we feel offers the best quality vehicle available.

The design of this truck and its unique serviceability to the Hague community would have been impossible without the guidance of Mr. Richard Frasier. With his expertise, the HVFD was able to design each operating system on this truck to the specific needs of the fire service in the Hague area. The truck itself is a 1500 GPM pumper/tanker powered by a 400 HP Caterpillar diesel engine with a 500 gallon tank capacity. The engine and transmission combination is designed for maximum speed and power efficiency coupled with high volume tank and pumping capability. All this adds up to more efficient, safer fire service to the Hague community well into the next century.

We are indebted to the effort of the committee that researched the needs of the community and designed the truck to meet those needs. Thanks to Tom Stull, Jim Young, George Hanna, Blackie Fitzgerald, John Breitenbach, Sr., Diane Frasier and Dick Frasier. Also, a special thanks to Richard Bolton for his support of the HVFD in this effort.

The HVFD responded to one call in November that required dispatching one pumper and one pumper/tanker and 15 man hours to complete extinguishment and cleanup. A note of caution on this incident. It was determined that combustible material in the pick-up bed of the vehicle ignited when the driver threw a lit cigarette from the window.

Extreme care should be taken when disposing of smoking material. If you are compelled to throw butts out of vehicles, please make sure they are extinguished. This will at least insure protection from forest and brush fires as well as your own vehicle.

The HVFD ambulance corps answered 5 calls requiring 15 man hours totalling 46 miles.

As we move into a new year, we wish to remind everyone that the HVCFD is continually seeking volunteer help. Being a volunteer organization, it is important to spread tasks around as much as possible. Tasks cover a wide range of skills and duties. Fire fighting and medical service, although the most visible, are certainly not the exclusive tasks of such an organization. Many people and skills are needed to support these services and no one is less important than the others. If ANYONE is seriously interested in supporting our community service, please don't hesitate to ask how you may help. Any assistance is needed and appreciated.

Finally, all of us in the HVFD wish all of you happy, healthy and safe Holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

AMERICAN LEGION

Next regular meeting of Hague Post will be held at the Legion Home on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 PM. Paid membership for 1988 stands at a record 71. Tony Mazzotte of Tony's Ti Sports was the winner of our Thanksgiving raffle, and he very generously returned the money portion of his winnings to the post, which in turn has voted to donate \$20 to each of our three local churches to be used at their discretion for charitable purposes.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will be meeting at Eddie's Restaurant on Wednesday, December 16 at 12 noon for a Christmas luncheon which will take the place of our regular Dec. meeting. Each guest will bring a small gift priced up to \$2.00 for the gift table. If you haven't signed up - we can add one or two more. Call Georgina Lindquist at 543-6095 no later than Tuesday (15th) by 12 noon.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Nov. 19, 1987

David Martucci is the new chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and presided at the November meeting.

As reported last month, the Ambra variance #10.87 was not denied but changed from a use variance to an area variance and discussed again at this meeting. Since only 4 votes were available (F. Fowler abstaining), the result of discussion was to resubmit it to the County Planning Board with all additional information.

Claudia Brignole again came before the board for permission to move an additional cottage from Hague Commons to her Busy Bee Trailer Park. The application was accepted by motion and public hearing has been set for January 17 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

The 9.020 revision for our zoning code was discussed with the question "should all commercial structures be included in this conversion?" receiving attention. The need for a tighter definition of "accessory structure" was also noted. Shoreline lots (minimum) and off shore access were also mentioned.

PARK COMMISSION MEETING - Dec. 1, 1987

On December 1, 1987 a meeting was held by the Park Commission at which the topic of discussion was the proposed Gazebo to be placed at the Town Park.

The Gazebo Committee (K. Santaniello, chairman), T. James and S. Priore, presented a very comprehensive plan for financing and developing the project. A separate article pertaining exclusively to the Gazebo plan can be read on page 5 of this issue.)

Resident input is important and can be given at any of the meetings held on this project, (or any other), but you must be there to be heard. You may also give your thoughts to any member of the committee or town board. "An announcement of the meetings are made in the Hague Chronicle and Times of Ti. Don't wait until the decisions have been made to voice your opinion.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GAZEBO COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16 at 7:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL.



TOWN BOARD MEETING - 12/8/87

When Supervisor Richard Bolton opened the floor to members of the audience, Mr. Rudolph Meala requested more information on the proposed gazebo. An informational meeting for the public was set for Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM. Robert Joy, architect will prepare a feasibility study which should satisfy the various questions people might have on the project.

In letters of communication the Dept. of Public Works informs us that the bridge leading onto the former school property is structurally sound but needs some minor repairs.

The Dept. of Equalization and Assessment says a new completion date has not been decided upon. David Martucci, assessor, says our residential assessments have been completed and he is working on building permits. These will be completed by the spring deadline but says there are twice as many permits as this time last year.

Cablevision tells us that there will be rate of adjustment in basic cable of \$1 starting in January.

Burial of scrap metal or storage is allowed, Encon tells us.

Surveys of the Ticonderoga District School-owned properties in Hague will be undertaken by Martin Thompson, surveyor, and sent to the T1 School District. The town is aiming at a return to our town of these properties (ballfield, etc.).

Association of Towns convention on Feb. 14-17 in New York City. A chartered bus will provide transportation and a \$30 deposit required for each official attending.

Supervisor Bolton commended our park caretaker, Elwin Monroe, for the beautiful decorations and decorated trees on display. Everyone at the meeting agreed he has outdone himself this year.

There are 17 members on the Environment Quality Bond Act II Advisory Committee. Two of these are Hague residents, Supervisor Dick Bolton and Laura Meade. This committee works with the state officials who acquire land for the state from private sources.

In new business our Winter Carnival Committee is again hard at work and will have an ad brochure developed soon. (Cont. on p. 4)

(Town Board Cont)

With Bob Flack as chairman of the commission to oversee the new Lake George Law, a meeting on Dec. 10 will be held to draw up rules and regulations for implementing the law. This, one hopes, will be a new era for the problems that have developed and those still developing on our "Queen of Lakes".

Improvements are taking place at Rogers Rock Cross Country Ski Trail (Campsite). Extra lights, etc. are among these improvements. Night skiing just like last year. All we need is snow.

Terrace Road will be kept open this year at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Chase who will winter here.

Our new school tax committee is hard at work trying to prove school assessments are not equitable with those of TI. This tax problem may go to a class action suit. People in Hague feel they are being treated unfairly.

Resolution #29 to grant an extra holiday (George Washington's birthday, a floating holiday) and to amend the Employees Guide to read "6 days off" was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bolton and Asst. Supv. Frasier have started looking into the possibility of a new town hall. Space is desperately needed. A Lincoln Log type of building is being considered since it blends so well in our community. An architect will be employed for a full feasibility study. Needs assessments will be undertaken and at the upcoming meetings we can give our ideas. Again, to be heard, we must be at the meetings.

Resolution #30 was carried unanimously. This will allow the town to legally cover the abandonment and dedication of a portion of the Shattuck land on Shattuck-Robbins Rd.

Supervisor Bolton recommended that at the county committee meetings attendance by the general public would be a great help to the members. Just as at our town meetings - input from the general public is important.

Tourism and Industrial Promotion is hoping to develop a package for hunting.

Warren County is down to three firms in their search for a company with a good proposal for landfill closing at a cost less than prohibitive. The county will choose the engineering firm, pay the bill for this plan, but assess each town for its share. Our payment will be approximately \$28,000. Bear in mind that this does not include closing expenditures. Those are additional and expensive.

The Board continued its discussion of the proposed revisions to Section 9.020 dealing with Conversion of Certain Existing Uses and added a change to the definition of "Accessory Structure" and added some proposed changes to Minimum Shoreline Frontages and Lots. It was also felt that Section 8.020, dealing with Gifts, Devices and Inheritances should be reviewed as to wording so that the intent of this Section is more clearly understandable. Prior to any final changes in the Zoning Ordinance, the proposed changes to the text would have to be made public and a Public Hearing held. APA approval would also be required.

Under new business, the Board listened to a presentation by E. Gilbert Barker for a proposed Class A major Regional Subdivision containing a maximum of 101 lots on 380+ acres located to the west of Rt. 9N in the area known as Indian Kettles. The area is zoned OC I which requires a minimum lot size of 2.9 acres per building lot. The proposed subdivision has been named "The Views at Hague", since it contains 2 ridges, one with an elevation of 900' and the other ridge varying from 800' to 1,000' above sea level. (Mr. Barker stated that Lake George is 300' above sea level.) 12 to 15 lots would have nearly a 180 degree view of Lake George, while others would have views of mountains, woods and/or other scenic vistas. Mr. Barker has also submitted his application to the APA.

MICHAEL DELARM FINDS GIRL SCOUT BALLOON

On November 23 Michael DeLarm was hunting on the far side of Wintergreen Lake in West Hague when he spotted a white balloon snagged about 8 feet off the ground in a pine tree. His curiosity caused him to climb the tree and retrieve the balloon, which had a "baggie" attached. Opening the "baggie", he discovered a note from a Girl Scout saying the balloon had been released on March 12, 1987 from the community of Greece, near Rochester, NY on the shore of Lake Ontario.

On that day, AROUND THE WORLD, young and old Girl Scouts celebrated the 75th anniversary of Girl Scouting. The note from Sarah Masseth of Troop 341 of the Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley said, "We want to share with the world our 75th year of Girl Scouting. Today, March 12, 1987, is our promise day around the world. "On my honor I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout Law." The balloon had traveled approximately 180 miles over land and water ("as the crow flies"), had endured the weather for 256 days during sun, rain and snow and was perfectly preserved when Mike opened the "baggie"

Never underestimate the power of a Girl Scout.

...L. Meade

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

SOMETHING NEW IN TOWN

As was mentioned in last month's edition of The Hague Chronicle, town residents and visitors can expect to see something new at the Town Park in the near future, possibly even next summer. The Chamber of Commerce, working jointly with the Town Board and Town Park Commission, is taking the initial steps to plan a gazebo for the center of the Park. A Gazebo Committee of three, Kathy Santaniello, Tom James and Steve Priore, is meeting on a regular basis, alone and with Town Board and Park Commission representatives, discussing design, funding, and many other details involving the project.

The idea of constructing a gazebo originated as the result of the Chamber's plans for a program of summer entertainment in the Park for 1988. If such a raised structure were located in the Park, the need for a stage for small shows, musical presentations, etc. would be met. The enthusiasm the idea has stirred thus far seems to indicate a general readiness on the part of residents to include a quaint structure such as this in the scheme of things the the center of town.

Design selection will be made with the help of an architect, who can best determine the appropriate size and style, taking into consideration the size of the park, surrounding architecture, and the uses proposed for the structure.

If all preliminary hurdles can be made by Spring of 1988, the Chamber and Town Board hope construction can be started and completed by early June. If this becomes an unreasonable expectation, construction would be delayed until Fall of '88.

Progress reports will be forthcoming each month in The Hague Chronicle.

MLH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Moses Ludington Hospital Substance Abuse Prevention Program has begun to provide curriculum and counseling services within the Ticonderoga School District. Frances Griffis, the Program's school-based counselor, taught the prevention curriculum for three weeks to half of the Kindergarten Class and all of the fourth graders at the Elementary School. Mrs. Griffis will be available in the Ticonderoga district on Tuesdays to see the students and/or family members concerned about their own substance abuse or the substance abuse of someone close to them. She can be contacted through the Middle School Office in the morning from 8 - 1:15, and in the High School from 11:45 through the end of the day.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR SNOW PLOWERS

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee recently approached several local snowplowing contractors by letter in hopes of finding someone to plow parts of North Pond beginning February 1, 1988, after any subsequent snowstorms, between then and the Carnival on February 13 and 14. On Carnival weekend, the contractor would have to be available on both Saturday and Sunday, but not necessarily present at the Pond at all times. If we missed someone by letter, please contact Kathy Santaniello or Dan Belden with your proposed expenses if you would be interested in this sort of venture.

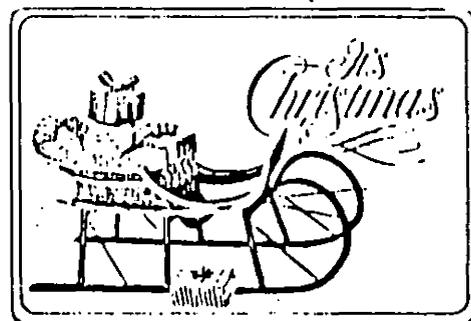
WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE GEARING UP

The Hague Winter Carnival Committee has begun meeting regularly to plan for the 1988 Carnival. The dates this year will be February 13 and 14, and the main site for most events will be North Pond.

The Committee finds they could use more volunteers in the following areas: one or more announcers to stay on the PA system at the Pond to help announce for the ATV races and introduce other events; someone to run the 10-K footrace; someone to run the horseshoe competition; someone who might like to attempt to make an ice skating rink on one corner of North Pond; and someone to put on some activities at the Pond for younger children. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kathy Santaniello, 543-6441, or come to one of our meetings. It would not be necessary for a volunteer to continue to attend all our meetings; just present your idea or plan and let us know if you need help, materials, etc.

This year the Carnival Committee will be selling advertising space for another Denton flyer to be included in The Times of Ti in early February. Our letter explaining ad sizes and rates will be sent out very soon. The Committee will hope to hear as soon as possible from those expressing support for the Carnival by taking out ad space and from those interested in physically helping with the Carnival.

February is not very far away.



SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

This is the second in a series of articles by Laura Meade acquainting our readers with The Silver Bay Association.

At the Silver Bay Association, Phase I of a Campaign for the 80's has resulted in improvements to many facilities, greatly enhancing the center's ability to serve groups which meet there.

The most notable of these is the construction of a new dining room and kitchen which can serve over 500 people. The dining area can also be used as a meeting room. A new breezeway provides sheltered access to the Inn, where one can see the transformation of the old dining room into a lounge, a place that can be used for relaxation, meetings or other functions. A new elevator in the Inn makes it easier to get one's luggage to the upper floors. Also, increased safety provisions at the Inn have been effected.

The second floor of the Service Building, up the hill behind the Inn, has been renovated and winterized to become the Brandenburg Administrative Building. A craft shop for summer use is above the offices. Renovation of the store building, now called the Lupton Center, has created an attractive ice cream parlor.

Other renovations include utility upgrade at Morse Hall, new lighting and carpeting at Hepbron Hall, restored masonry and organ at Helen Hughes Chapel, refurbishing of Spruce Mountain Lodge as a family recreation center, enlargement and redecoration of the Wee Woozle House and repairs to the dock and diving board at the EMP's Recreation Center.

The Silver Bay Association Board of Trustees has decided that more renovations and restorations are vital to preserve the unique buildings on the campus. With this in mind, they have launched Phase II of the capital development program with the theme "Our Past is Our Future." Six historic facilities have been targeted to be upgraded. According to Charles Lupton, campaign chairman, "The forces of nature and new needs make renovation of these buildings essential. We could raze them - but we'd rather preserve them"

The proposed projects include:

- Refurbishing of the Inn lobby as a gracious complement to the Inn's historic architecture.
- Structural repairs to preserve the boathouse, one of the oldest buildings.

- Renovation of the second and third floor Inn rooms (including fire safety improvements) to make them more suitable for increased use.
- Upgrading of Field Memorial Hall, Munn Hall and See Memorial Hall to better accommodate conference needs.
- Improvement of amenities on the third floor of the Inn.
- Relocation of the library to the Inn.
- Construction of a new housekeeping facility convenient to the Inn, deemed essential to provide more space and efficiency for the staff.

David F. McConaughy is President of the Board of Trustees of the Silver Bay Association, which includes 37 members plus four ex-officio members and three honorary members. In 1987 over 100 conferences enjoyed the Silver Bay campus, in all seasons of the year.

HAGUE FISH AND GAME CLUB

Hague Fish and Game Club will hold its annual Christmas party on Friday, December 18 at 6 PM at the clubhouse. Bring a covered dish and a gift for exchange. All club members and their families are invited to attend.

Regular meeting will be held on December 15 at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse.



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Let us keep Christmas, its meaning never ends...the time of year to wish happiness and good will to friends and loved ones, near and far...the time to share the joys of the past and the hopes of the future, and to remember all we have to be thankful for. If we can do this for a day, why not forever? Let us keep the true spirit of Christmas. Today, tomorrow and always...Anonymous

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A boy, Ryan Lawrence, to Bobbi (Bryant) and David Taylor on November 16 in Winston-Salem, NC. Shirley and Bob Bryant, Pine Cove Road, Hague, are the proud grandparents.

MARRIED - Bethany Wells, daughter of Agnes Watts and Walter Wells, to Jerry Lang, son of Marvin and Jennie Lang of Crown Point on November 28 at the United Methodist Church in Crown Point.

DIED - Donald B. Robinson, Sr., 93, at the Utica Masonic Home in Utica, NY. He is survived by his son, Bruce, Pine Cove Rd, Hague and two grandsons.

DIED - Robert Q. Stockholm, 64, Friends Point, Hague, on December 8 at the Veterans Hospital in Albany. Surviving are his wife, Mildred, one son and five daughters.

RICHARD STORMER JR., an air pak officer with the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. and DANIEL D. BELDEN, JR., a volunteer fireman, attended and successfully completed a "Breathing Apparatus Maintenance" course conducted by the Department of State, Office of Fire Prevention and Control at the New York State Academy of Fire Science.

The following Hague students participated in the fall athletic program at Ti High School:
Girls' Gymnastics - LIZ DeFRANCO
Girls' Soccer - Amber Stull
Cross Country - AIMEE LAPANN

WILLY C'S NOV/DEC 1987 WEATHER NOTES

Last issue we reported on the early Nov. weather with the high of 70° on the 4th. That was not exceeded during the remainder of the month. However, the low of 23° on the 6th was eclipsed on Nov. 21 when we hit a low of 12° lake side with the high for that day only 18°, backed by a 26 MPH north-northeast breeze. Mountain top, the low was an even 0° with a high of +8°. The cloudy days reported last month continued to prevail for the balance of the month, so it seemed dreary, but in spite of this perception, we had some truly sparkling days on the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 12th, 15th, 16th and 22nd, so it really wasn't as gloomy as one might

think. Precipitation for the month was very light with 1.65 inches of rain and 1-1/4" of snow. Better than half of the rainfall came on the 29th and 30th. Highest wind gust, 40 MPH on the 10th. We lost another 1 hr. and 4 min. of daylight for the month. As you can see from the above, Nov. was a typical northeast weather month. We had something for everyone, and if you didn't like the weather at any particular moment one had only to wait a few moments when something else, possibly more to your liking would be served up.

Dec. has had even less sunshine, but again very little precipitation. One inch of snow on the 5th and 6th, all now gone. Temperature at 1PM on the 10th was 45°, the air temperature 46° so you can see even with those cold days, over all we are having a mild fall. Remember last month the water temperature was 48°, so only a 3° loss month to month.

Just before Christmas, on the 21st, we reach the winter solstice; and then Christmas Day when, after a brief period, the days will begin to lengthen at both ends. We can then look to the hope of the new year nineteen eighty and eight. In spite of what we read, there is much to be optimistic about. May the new year find each of you in good health, and may love, joy, peace and hope enter into each of your lives during every day of what we hope will be the best year of your life.

HUD PROGRAM

Robert Hickey, Dept. of Planning, is still looking for applications from residents of the West Hague-Graphite area who need repairs to their property under County guidelines.

He recommends you fill out an application and let his committee decide your eligibility.

Applications are available at the Town Hall, or you can call Mr. Hickey at 761-6410.

SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Surplus food will be distributed between the hours of 10AM and 5PM on January 14 in the Town Hall.

WEE FOLKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party for all pre-school aged children will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 21 at 1:00 PM. Please bring a favorite toy for your child to play with (no exchange). Refreshments and fun will be provided. ..L.Meade

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 1987-JANUARY 1988

December

- 15 Fish and Game Club Meeting - Clubhouse- 7:30 PM
- 15 Board of Education- THS Cafeteria- 7:30 PM
- 16 Senior Citizens Lunch-Eddie's Restaurant- 12noon
(see p2)
- 16 Gazebo Committee - Town Hall - 7:30 PM
- 17 Sr. Cit. Bus to Glens Falls
- 17 Zoning Board of Appeals-Public Hearing- 7 PM (p3)
- 18 Fish & Game Club Christmas party- 6PM (see p6)
- 20 Community candlelighting service-Hague Baptist Church - 7PM -(see p1)
- 21 Wee Folks Christmas party - 1PM-Town Hall (p7)
- 24 Town offices closed
- 25 CHRISTMAS - Enjoy!
- 29 Town Board End of Year meeting - 6:30 PM

January

- 4 Fire Department meeting - 7:30 PM-Firehall
- 6 Chamber of Commerce - 7:30PM Town Hall
- 6 American Legion - 7:30 PM-Legion Hall
- 7 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 10 THE HAGUE CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 12 Town Board - 6:30 PM
- 14 Surplus Food distribution - see p7
- 19 Fish and Game Club - 7:30 PM

Veterans Administration representative is scheduled to be in Town Hall every Thursday at 11:30 AM. Call Town Hall 543-6161 first to make sure he will be there.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOUNG AND ALL

What some grandmas don't want for Christmas:

- 1. Membership in a health spa
- 2. Tight panty hose
- 3. Long earrings
- 4. Labor saving gadgets
- 5. "How To" books

What grandparents do want for Christmas:

- 1. Children's happy, not greedy, faces.
- 2. Peace in families
- 3. Little thoughtfulnesses
- 4. Healthy dogs and kittens and kids
- 5. Phone calls from far away friends and relatives
- 6. Health, peace and love for all.

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