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New Instructors

Mrs. Ernest Harvey (left) and Lt. Eugene Beaver are the two new members of the St. John's faculty this fall. Mrs. Harvey is an English instructor and Lt. Beaver teaches math.

To Leave March 29th

Eastern Trip Plans Started; Juniors, Seniors Eligible

Plans are now being made for the Junior-Senior trip to the East next spring.

The trip, sponsored by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will include two and a half days in New York City and a day in Washington, D.C.

B.& O. Man Here

John Hammar, passenger agent for the B.& O., was at St. John's recently to talk with Cadets who are interested in making the tour.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the group to leave Salina at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 29, and return early the morning of Friday, April 5.

While in New York the Cadets will headquarter at a hotel near Rockefeller Center. In Washington they will stay at the LaFayette Hotel.

Among the highlights of the visit to New York will be a tour of Rockefeller Center including a trip to the observation roof on the 87th floor, a network TV show, a six hour trip to the United States Military Academy at West Point, including lunch at the Academy, a complete sightseeing tour of Upper and Lower Manhattan and a boat trip to the Statue of Liberty and around the island; and a visit to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Columbia University.

Lunch With Senator

In Washington members of the tour will visit many of the public buildings including the United States Capitol building where they will have lunch with Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas.

A smiliar tour conducted by the B.& O. the past two years has been extremely successful. Cost of the trip this year will be $156.84. This charge includes all transportation, rooms, meals, tips, etc.

Parents of all juniors and seniors will receive a copy of the itinerary from the school soon explaining the entire trip. Reservations may be made as soon as the parents receive the itinerary.

Faculty Families Move To New Quarters

Four moves involving faculty families have recently been completed. Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Elmborg and their family and Capt. and Mrs. Virgil B. Loy and Larry have moved into the newly completed duplex.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Y. Hardy have moved to the newly redecorated "general's cottage" just inside the main gate which was formerly occupied by the Elmborg's.

The Rev. C. W. F. Pratt has moved to the Chapel quarters formerly occupied by the Hardys.

S.J. Board Of Trustees To Meet Here Friday

St. John's Board of Trustees will hold their first meeting of the year Friday evening, October 19.

Members of the Board and their wives will be guests of the Corps at dinner preceeding the meeting. Mrs. R. L. Clem will be hostess at a reception for wives of the Trustees following dinner while the Board is in session.

Plans have been made to show the school movie to the Board and for them to tour the recently completed duplex.

Bacon Named Battalion C.O.

FIVE OTHERS RECEIVE COMMISSIONS; PROMOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE

Roger Bacon, senior from ElDorado, Kans., has been promoted to the rank of cadet first lieutenant and assigned as battalion commander, Maj. Russell L. Guernsey, Commandant, has announced.

Roger Bacon

Five other Cadets received commissions as cadet second lieutenants and were assigned to key battalion positions.

Company Commanders

They are Fred Schram who was assigned as company "A" commander; George Akers, company "B" commander; Whit Masten, company "C" commander; Ronald Neely, 1st platoon leader, company "A"; and Robert Pave, 1st platoon leader, company "B".

Tom Simms and Tom Garrett were both promoted to the grade of cadet first sergeant and assigned as platoon leaders.

Promoted to the grade of cadet sergeant were Bob Swan and Joe Stanberry. Swan was assigned as a platoon leader in "C" company and Stanberry was assigned as a squad leader in "B" company.

Oliver Is Armory Officer

Allen Oliver was promoted to cadet corporal and assigned as armory officer, and Charles Hanks was advanced to private first class and was made communications officer. Cadet Pfc. Bill Crews was named photography officer.

Other promotions include: To Cadet sergeant — Larry Spencer and Wayne Billingsley; to cadet corporal — Park Learned, Mike Gannaway, Ed Stone, Roy Hovey, Clyde Stiteler, Lee Hales and Coors Kugeler; to cadet private first class — Glen Hayes, John Benne, John Heron, Don Martin, Paul Stappenbeck, Ben Brown, Jim Yeargain, and Harry Rehder.

Billingsley was assigned as a platoon leader; Learned, Beech, Spencer and Stiteler were assigned as platoon sergeants; and Hayes, Benne, Gannaway, McClanahan, Stone, Nelson, Carson, Hales, Kugeler and Ellifritt were assigned as squad leaders.

Record Size Cadet Corps For 70th Year

St. John's Military School started the 70th year of operation on September 12, with the largest enrollment in history, and showing a 31 per cent increase in the size of the Corps of Cadets over opening day figures a year ago.

The Junior School, with a capacity enrollment of 32 Cadets, and the Upper School, with 100 boys, combines to make a record total of 132.

Most From Colorado

Colorado leads the 13 states represented with 48 Cadets attending St. John's.

Two foreign countries, Canada and Venezuela, are also represented in the Corps of Cadets.

Denver Leads Cities

Denver, with 16 Cadets, is the city with the largest number of boys, followed by Wichita and Pueblo with 11 each, Albuquerque, 8, and Casper, Wyo., 7. In all, 66 cities have boys attending S.J.M.S.

Other states and the number of Cadets at St. John's include: Kansas, 32; New Mexico, 12; Wyoming, 11; Nebraska, 7; Oklahoma, 5; Missouri, 4; Texas 4; Oregon, 2; and one each from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Oregon and Arizona.

Platoon Makes First Parade

First public appearance of the year for the 1956-57 edition of the St. John's Crack Drill Platoon was made Saturday, October 13, in connection with Kansas Wesleyan University's homecoming parade.

Under the command of Cadet Lt. Roger Bacon, the Platoon performed fancy manuevers down Salina's Santa Fe Avenue. Later, during halftime ceremonies in which the homecoming queen was crowned, the Platoon formed a guard of honor for the queen and her attendants.

The St. John's color guard led the homecoming parade and participated in flag raising ceremonies before the game between K.W.U. and Ottawa University got underway.

A. F. Liason Officer In Official Visit

Maj. Bill Littell, newly assigned Liason Officer to the Kansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol, visited St. John's on Wednesday, October 17. He was accompanied by Sgt. Ed Solheidt of the Liason Office in Wichita.

This was Major Littell's first visit to St. John's. He replaced Maj. Kenneth A. Chatfield who has been reassigned to an Air Force Base in France.

NEW FACES ON STAFF

Two new teachers and two new counsellors were on hand for the opening of the fall term at St. John's.

Lt. Eugene Beaver replaced Capt. Raymond K. Hower as mathematics instructor. Lt. Beaver is married and has two small daughters.

Mrs. Ernest E. Harvey has been employed to teach two sections of English. Her husband is a physician in Salina.

Lt. Beaver has taught for the past several years in the Parsons, Kans., schools. Mrs. Harvey has been an auxiliary teacher at Salina High School.

Two counsellors have also joined the St. John's staff. John Howard, a graduate of S.J.M.S. in 1945, is acting as an Upper School counsellor while completing work on his degree at Kansas Wesleyan University. He is expected to join the faculty upon completion of his work at K.W.U.

John Marler, a freshman from Calgary, Canada, at Kansas Wesleyan is counsellor in the Junior School.

BISHOP OF SALINA CONDUCTS SERVICE

The Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, Bishop of Salina and president of the St. John's Board of Trustees, was guest preacher at a service of Evensong in the John Bradford Armstrong Chapel on the campus on Sunday evening, October 6.

The St. John's choir sang "Ave Verum" for the anthem at the service.

Bishop and Mrs. Lewis and their daughter were guests of the Corps at dinner following the service.

Rector On Trip

Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem spent the weekend of October 5, in Rapid City, S.D., where Colonel Clem performed a marriage ceremony.

Schram Starts Drill Practice

The Crack Drill Squad, St. John's precision rifle drill team, under the Command of Cadet Lt. Fred Schram, has been busy this fall preparing for another full year of public appearances.

Schram said the Squad would make their traditional first appearance of the year before the Cadet Corps probably around the end of October.

Many new boys, as well as Cadets who were on the Squad last year, have been busy practicing the zouave drill several nights each week.

The Crack Squad is one of several extra-curricular activities at St. John's in which participating Cadets must sacrifice their own free time to belong. No school time is devoted to the Crack Squad other than on special occasions.

Chapel Notes

By Father Pratt

Another school year has started at St. John's and it looks to be the best year in our history judging from the large group of cadets we have this year. All you cadets will find that there will be times when you need help of one sort or another. Some will be looking for extra help from your teachers in the particular subject you are studying with them. Others will be looking for and receiving the help, instruction and technique from the coaches in the several sports we have here. Still others will be learning to perfect their drill with the Crack Squad and Platoon under the leadership of your Cadet Officers and they too, will give you the best that they have.

All of us will, at one time or another be looking for the help and guidance of a higher Being Who is the help and strength of all men. His help is ever ready for us—at all times, day or night. Now when we need help from the faculty, coaches or others, we ask for it. That is what God expects of us, too. We know that He is watching over us even when we do not think of Him, but He does want us to ask for His help. We know this for He had His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, teach us a prayer which is the pattern of all prayer, when He gave us the "Lord's Prayer."

There are many places for us to say our prayers. No matter where it is they are heard as long as we are sincere in saying them. It helps us to feel His presence if we can go into the Chapel from time to time as well as for our regular Chapel services. It will be possible for us to see Him on the Altar at all times with the new lighting we have installed. And above all, don't forget your prayers each night and morning.

Finally, the Chaplain is available at all times day or night, every day to serve you in any way possible. God be with each and everyone of you this year at St. John's Military School.

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J-S Notes

By Lee Hales

A color guard made up of Cadets from the Junior School was chosen to conduct flag raising ceremonies at the first home football game at Martin Stadium. Members of the guard were John Scott, Bob Morrison, Bill Griffith, Tweed Ross, Bill Tack and Gary Marrou. White points and khaki uniforms were worn by the color guard. They looked sharp!

Smoky Hill Air Force Base recently was toured by Cadets from the Junior School. They had a chance to observe procedure on the Strategic Air Command base and an opportunity to see several of the big planes at SHAFB.

Question ! ! ! Who is it that keeps doing high dives off locker tops? F.B. might give you the answer.

Tips will be welcome for any news items for future issues of the Skirmisher of the goings-on in the Junior School. See Lee Hales.

Don Kirk and Bobby O'Dell celebrated birthdays recently.

We understand the faculty in the Junior School is getting a steady diet of Elvis Presley. Seems as though radios and phonographs are constantly blaring-forth with tunes by the "Pelvis."

"St. John's Forever" To Be Re-Published

"St. John's Forever," official school song is being re-published and will be on sale in the Q.M. soon. Words and music for the song were written by Capt. Frank W. Ryan, a member of the St. John's faculty in 1915-16-17. Captain Ryan was the composer of "Shadowland," "Varsity Days," and other songs.

MESSAGE FROM RECTOR

Welcome to St. John's! More than a month has passed since you cadets heard that expression but I use it again now to reassure you that we still mean it.

We are glad your parents have chosen St. John's because that choice has brought you face to face with many opportunities you might never have found elsewhere because here at St. John's opportunities are represented by responsibility. Any boy who wants everything given to him and who isn't willing to work toward self improvement won't be happy at St. John's.

You must work to grow and work comes naturally to few of us.

Be that as it may, I would like to remind you that your parents or sponsors believe strongly enough in St. John's to spend willingly several hundred dollars to keep you here. In addition they must pay taxes to your local public school system just as though you were using their facilities.

Obviously, therefore, you have responsibilities to them and yourself to spend your time as wisely and profitable as possible and we, your teachers, have the duty to lead, teach and govern you sensibly. We will try constantly to perform that duty and we hope you will try equally hard to live up to the aspirations your folks at home and your teachers here have for you. Do the best you can, day by day, and this will be a wonderful year for you.

Welcome to St. John's!

—R. L. Clem, Rector

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Cadets Attend Circus,

St. John's Cadets enjoyed complimentary passes to the Shrine Circus held in Salina recently. Nick Robson, owner of the R.& S. Men's Shop, furnished tickets for the entire Corps of Cadets. Cadet uniforms are purchased through the R.& S.

Honored At Shower

A bridal shower was held Wednesday evening, October 17, in the St. John's dinning hall in honor of Miss Sandra Kliem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kliem.

Miss Kliem will be married in December. Hostesses at the shower were Mrs. Richard King and Mrs. Jack McCandless.

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"New Boy"

Phil Hendren, junior from Albuquerque, N.M., steps forward in this first issue of the Skirmisher as "New Boy of the Month."

The honor goes to Hendren for his "all-around adjustment, excellent attitude and progress," according to a faculty committee which chose the 16-year-old Cadet.

Hendren cracked the varsity lineup on the Cadet football team as quarterback during the first week of practice and has held that position through the first three games. He is a starter on both offensive and defensive units.

Phil missed playing football back home in Albuquerque last year when his arm was broken before the first game of the season.

One of the most popular "New Boys" at St. John's, Phil has the ability to get along with his classmates in every situation. He shows determination in the classroom and good leadership in the military program.

Congratulations to Phil Hendren, the Skirmisher's selection as the most outstanding "New Boy" during the first month of school.

French Classes Held For Junior School

Two classes in French have been started for Cadets in the St. John's Junior School. One class is made up of boys in the eighth grade and the other for students below the eighth grade.

At present 23 of the 32 boys in the Junior School are enrolled in one of the two classes.

The classes are conducted by the Rev. C. W. F. Pratt twice a week during free periods.

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Armory Notes

By Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy

Prospects for the rifle team do not look too bad.

Several men from last years team are back in school and there are some new men that look pretty good. I have been working with the team and prospects since the first day of school. Practice is conducted almost every working day.

The first matches will be the N.R.A. postal matches that are fired through November, December, January and February. In the meantime local matches will be fired whenever they can be arranged. The team will train for and point towards the matches at Manhattan and at Wichita in the spring.

The boys that are back from last year's team are Whit Masten, Dave McClanahan, John Striegel and Allen Ovire. Old boys who show promise are Al Palmer and Ben Brown.

Of the new boys who have tried out and show possibilities are Jim McNaul, John Crawford, Garry Brown and Bob Kyle. We are hoping that there will be others who show up as tests are made. The firing range is kept open each afternoon for try-outs.

The regular firing for the entire Cadet Corps will start in about thirty days. All boys are trained in handling and firing a gun. A regular course authorized by the army is used for both .22 and .30 calibre firing. Firing starts after the cadets have had training in handling a rifle and instructed in safety factors. Firing is conducted during the entire school year.

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Library Notes

By Park Learned
Library Club Reporter

The St. John's Library Club was reorganized this year at a meeting on September 26. Mrs. H. E. Nuss, school librarian, is sponsor of the club.

Officers were elected at the first meeting with Whit Masten being chosen as president for the year.

Other officers include: Coors Kugeler, vice-president; Allen Satterfield, Secretary-Treasurer; Lee Hales, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Park Learned, Reporter.

Among activities planned is a party for late October.

Members of the club are willing and eager to help Cadets in library procedure.

Weekly Assembly Schedule Announced

Announcement has been made of the assembly schedule for the school year. Assemblies will be held during the regular chapel time on each Thursday or Friday.

The music appreciation series started last year by the Chaplain will be continued this year and be the program about every three weeks. Arrangements have also been made for travel movies to be shown frequently throughout the year. Movies shown will be through the courtesy of the Bren Travel Agency of Salina.

Among other interesting programs already scheduled are:

October 26, Salina High Madrigal, a mixed choral group.

November 23, Mrs. Josephine Myers, a lady attorney from Kansas City will speak.

February 8, The Cadet Choir will sing and guests will be members of the Vienna Boys Choir who will be appearing in Salina that night.

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EUROPE TRIP BEING PLANNED

Already several cadets and their parents have heard of the proposed trip through Europe during the summer of 1958. The Chaplain is making plans to take a small group of boys, with Cadets of St. John's having first choice, on a tour for over two months to England, Scotland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and home. The choice of the year 1958 was made by the Chaplain when he heard that the World Exposition would be held in Brussells, Belgium that year.

The tour will be by car which will travel overseas with the group on the boat and back again. Due to the size of the car and for greater mobility the party will total seven, including the Chaplain, so the choice of the boys to go will be very difficult to make. There is one place being reserved for a boy from Washington, D.C., whose parents spoke for a place some time ago. Several cadets and their parents have already spoken to the chaplain for a place. No definite acceptance will be made until a time nearer the date of the tour.

As far as can be determined at the moment, the total cost of the trip will be $1,200.00 per boy.

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40 Cadets Practicing For School Choir

The full Cadet Choir of nearly 40 cadets have been practicing regularly each week to sing at the Sunday services as well as learning numbers for TV, Radio and special performances. Plans for the Cadet Choir activities are in hand and will be announced at a later date.

The treble section of the choir will be heard, with Cadet John Scott as soloist, on KTVH-TV, Hutchison, Kansas, at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 26, on Helen Gard's program.

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Cadet Gridders Drop Three

MARQUETTE, 26-0

MARQUETTE, Oct. 12—Marquette High's Wolverines scored in each of the first three quarters to defeat the St. John's Cadets, 26-0, here tonight.

The victory was Marquette's third in four starts this season and was the third straight loss to a Quivira League team for St. John's.

Marquette built a 7-0 first quarter lead, a 20-0 halftime margin and made it 26-0 in the third period.

Marquette made eight first downs to four for St. John's, picked up 174 yards rushing to 70 for the Cadets. The Cadets connected for one of three passes for 12 yards.

The Cadets lost four fumbles and Marquette two. St. John's averaged 30 yards on four punts and Marquette 20 yards on two boots. The Cadets were penalized 15 yards and Marquette 20.

LITTLE RIVER, 20-0

Little River's Redskins punched out touchdowns in the first and last quarters to blank St. John's Cadets 20-0 in the soldiers' home opener at Martin Stadium Thursday night, September 27.

Coach Bill Baughman's hard-charging Skins, propelled by 204-pound senior fullback Billy Perry, cracked the Cadet wall midway the first period. Perry slammed across from three yards out and Jack McMurdo recovered a fumble in the end zone for the extra point.

The two teams struggled through scoreless periods in the middle quarters. On the third play of the fourth frame Dale Reschke, a sophomore quarterback, insured a Redskin victory by going across on a quarterback sneak. Perry converted.

Recover Fumble

Late in the final frame Little River recovered a Cadet fumble on the 30-yard line. Two long runs by Perry and a 15-yard penalty against the Cadets put the ball on St. John's one-yard line where Dallas Huntsinger, 174-pound senior fullback, crashed over.

The Redskins picked up 12 first downs and 245 net yards rushing to five first downs for the Cadets and 84 yards rushing.

	L.R.	S.J.
First Downs	12	5
Yards gained rushing	245	84
Passes attempted	4	9
Passes completed	0	1
Passing yardage	0	10
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles lost	1	3
Punting average	41	34
Penalties	35	40

Score By Quarters

St. John's	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	7	0	0	13	20

GENESEO, 13-7

GENESEO, KANS. (Sept. 21)—St. John's young and inexperienced football team had trouble the first quarter, gave up two touchdowns, and dropped a 13-7 decision to Geneseo High in the season opener here tonight.

After the initial period the Salinans settled down and outplayed the host club the final three periods but could strike for only one fourth-quarter touchdown.

Cadet Coach Jim Elmborg started a lineup that included only three boys who had varsity experience.

Spencer, Schram Out

One of those, tackle Larry Spencer, junior from Mancos, Colo., wrenched a knee and was lost to the team midway in the first period. Another, veteran two-letter winner Fred Schram, senior from Denver, Colo., was injured in practice last week and did not even suit up for the game.

St. John's led the Dragons in first downs, net yards gained rushing and passing. The Cadets took to the air with junior quarterback Phil Hendren, Albuquerque, N.M., passing 19 times. Hendren connected seven times for 98 yards.

A Hendren to end Roger Bacon, senior letterman from ElDorado, Kans., pass good for 22 yards set up the Cadets' lone score in the fourth quarter.

Score On Sneak

Bacon was dumped on the five-yard line, then Hendren went over on a quarterback sneak to score. A Hendren to Bacon pass connected for the conversion.

Fumbles hurt the Cadets. They lost the ball five times and drove to the Geneseo nine at one time, only to lose posession on a bobble.

The Dragons marched 53 yards against St. John's the first quarter. But the Cadets held them to three yards the second period, a minus seven yards the third and a net 18 yards in the last frame.

The Cadets lost 10 yards in the first period, picked up 28 the second, 35 in the third and 37 in the fourth.

Statistics

	Geneseo	S.J.
First Downs	4	8
Net yds. rushing	67	90
Passes attempted	6	19
Passes completed	1	7
Passing yardage	4	98
Intercepted by	1	0
Punts	4	2
Punting yardage	42	45
Penalties	7-65	4-40
Fumbles lost	2	5

Score By Quarters

Geneseo	13	0	0	0	13
St. John's	0	0	0	7	7

OLD BOY VISITS

Edward Lehman, class of 1943, visited the school in September while in Salina on business. Lehman is now an attorney in Denver.

What Is A Football Player?

(EDITORS NOTE: We borrow the following from "The Student Press" because we feel it is particularly appropriate at this time. With the Cadet football team getting off to a slow start as far as victories are concerned we all are prone to be critical at times. Read this and you may change your attitude.)

Between the innocence of boyhood and the dignity of man, we find a sturdy creature called the football player. Football players come in assorted weights, heights, jersey colors and numbers, but all have the same creed: to play every second of every game to the best of their ability.

Football players are found everywhere—underneath, on top of, running around, jumping over, passing by, twisting from or driving through the enemy. Teammates rub them, officials penalize them, students cheer them, kid brothers idolize them, coaches criticize them, girls adore them, alumni tolerate them and mothers worry about them. A football player is Courage in cleats, Hope in a helmet, Pride in pads and the best of Young Manhood in moleskins.

When your team is behind, a football player is incompetent, careless, indecisive, lazy, uncoordinated and stupid. Just when your team threatens to turn the tide of battle, he misses a block, fumbles the ball, drops a pass, jumps offside, falls down, runs the wrong way or completely forgets his assignment.

A football player is a composite—he eats like Notre Dame, sleeps like Notre Dame, but more often than not plays like Grand Canyon Grade School. To an opponent publicity man, he has the speed of a gazelle, the strength of an ox, the size of an elephant, the cunning of a fox, the agility of an adagio dancer, the quickness of a cat and the ability of Red Grange, Glen Davis, Bronko Nagurski and Jim Thorpe—combined.

To his own coach he has, for press purposes, the stability of mush, the fleetness of a snail, the mentality of a mule, is held together by adhesive tape, bailing wire, sponge rubber and has about as much chance of playing on Saturday as would his own grandfather.

To an alumnus a football player is someone who will never kick as well, run as far, block as viciously, tackle as hard, fight as fiercely, give as little ground, score as many points or generate nearly as much spirit as did the particular players of his own yesteryear.

A football player is a wonderful creature — you can criticize him but you can't discourage him. You can defeat his team but never his spirit.

Might as well admit—be you alumnus, coach or fan—he is your personal representative on the field, your symbol of fair and hard play. He may not be an All-American but he is an example of the American Way. He is judged, not for his race, religion, social standing or finances, but by the democratic yardstick of how well he blocks, tackles and sacrifices individual glory for the overall success of his team.

He is a hard working, untiring, determined kid doing the very best he can for his school. And when you come out of the stadium, grousing and feeling upset that your team has lost, he can make you feel almighty ashamed with just two sincerely spoken words—"We tried!"

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