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# C of E NEWS

## COACHING LEGACIES

The legacies of two of the College of Emporia's greatest football coaches, **Bill Schnebel** and **Gwinn Henry**, continue today with the extraordinary feats of their descendents.

Brock Schnebel, MD, is Coach Schnebel's son. He is team physician for the University of Oklahoma and has served nationally in several distinguished capacities. He has served nationally in several distinguished capacities. He was physician for the entire U. S. team at the 2000 Olympics, for the volleyball team at the 1996 Olympics and, most recently, for the U. S. team at this year's World Games in China.

Most noticeably, Dr. Schnebel has, during his tenure as OU team physician, worked in partnership with the team's head athletics trainer, Scott Anderson, nephew of **Helen (Haucke) Huston, X48**, in identification and treatment of one of the leading causes of death for college athletes, sickle cell trait (SCT). Not only has this team worked to understand the cause and effects of this disorder on athletes, but, perhaps more importantly, they have worked unceasingly to heighten awareness nationally of the dangers of SCT. They are saving lives! (More information can be found in an article at [http://www.mcbrideorthopedichospitalphysicians.com/Portals/0/docs/Testing for Athletes at Risk.pdf](http://www.mcbrideorthopedichospitalphysicians.com/Portals/0/docs/Testing%20for%20Athletes%20at%20Risk.pdf).)

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## C of E Exhibit

A College of Emporia exhibit is now on display at the Lyon County Historical Society Museum in Emporia. Included are posters, articles of clothing, photographs, pennants, plaques, buttons, license plates and more. Among the unique items being exhibited are a model of the campus with buildings built to scale and a plate with a picture of Anderson Library and Stuart Hall.

The Historical Society is currently raising money for a new home for their museum and archives. There is to be a permanent C of E room in the new facility. The current



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## IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

*By: Ruth Griffiths Timberlake, A59*

A few weeks ago my husband and I took a small group (10) tour – riding trains in Colorado. While visiting with a delightful lady, I found that she was a 1942 graduate of C of E! I would like to share her story with you.

Doris Irene Sharp and her family lived in Emporia approximately eight blocks from the C of E campus. She won a full scholarship and majored in Home Economics.

Kenneth Lloyd Remy grew up in the same neighborhood and also attended C of E. Kenneth played football for the Fighting Presbies. They “discovered” each other. He was four months shy of completing his degree when he was drafted into the Army during WW II. He was able to complete his required courses in France at the University of Paris.

Doris and Kenneth married in 1943. Doris taught Home Economics and Political Science at Reading, Kansas. Kenneth then earned his MA from Emporia State (Yap House).

A son, Daniel Ray, was born. Kenneth was Senior Master at St. John's Military School for boys in Salina. The young family lived on campus and took their meals with the students. Due to Daniel's allergies, Kenneth accepted a job with the Monte Vista School District in Colorado. They stopped by Colorado Springs

to visit friends and got no further. Both Kenneth and Doris were offered jobs in the Colorado Springs School System. Doris taught third grade and was soon promoted to supervisor in elementary reading. The school district sent her to Colorado College to obtain her Masters. She held this job for 24 years and loved it! Kenneth liked teaching so much that, even though he was an administrator, he taught geology at Palmer High School. During summers and after he retired from teaching, Kenneth worked as a Park Ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park. Their son, Daniel, passed away in 1996, followed by Kenneth in 2002.

Doris, a spry 92 year old, lives in The Village of Skyline in Colorado Springs and loves it. She travels with her daughter-in-law, Barbara.

I asked Doris to recall some of her memories during her years at C of E. She was a cheerleader. Homecoming weekend found the students forming a chain from 12th & Commercial to 6th Street. The town loved this. Doris was Assistant Editor of the *Alla Rah* in 1941 and Editor in 1942. At that time the *Alla Rah* went to a paperback edition. Doris loved her teachers, especially Dr. Flournoy and Dr. Miller. She has enjoyed many lifelong friendships with fellow C of E students.

Doris looks forward to and enjoys reading the Alumni Association Newsletter.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Planning for the October 5 – 7, 2012 reunion in Philadelphia is moving at a rapid pace. A large number of volunteers from the eastern states are already stepping forward. Networking among these and other alumni

has yielded names and contact information for more alumni, some of whom had been lost from the Alumni Association's database, but even more volunteers are needed. Those who are interested in either planning for the event or assisting at the reunion are urged to contact **Larry Kincus, A70**, at [lkincus@gmail.com](mailto:lkincus@gmail.com).

### [www.c-of-e.org](http://www.c-of-e.org)

The C of E Alumni Association's website is constantly being updated with new material being added. Alumni who haven't visited the site lately, are urged to check out the newest updates.

Of particular interest is the continuing stream of first-time visitors to the website. Figures for the first half of 2011 indicate that almost two thirds of the website's visitors were new visitors. Of those, approximately 85% found the site with the aid of a search engine. This tells us that interest in our alma mater continues unabated in the 21st Century.

### Keep Us Informed

Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. You may e-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at [jacomb2@mac.com](mailto:jacomb2@mac.com) or Larry Thompson, Vice-President for Membership at [larthomp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larthomp@sbcglobal.net). If you prefer, please write to C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998.

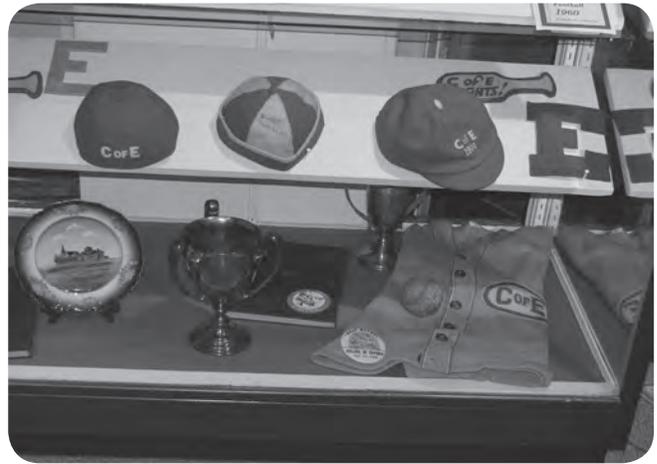


## COVER: C of E Exhibit

display is not permanent, but the end date has not as yet been determined. All alumni in and anywhere near Emporia are urged to visit this exhibit. Hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Letter sweater and cap displayed at the Lyon County Historical Society Museum



Artifacts displayed include a plate depicting two campus buildings, caps, varsity letters and more.



Here are models of campus buildings. Buttons and a license plate show the scale of the models.

## 2012 College of Emporia Reunion SAVE THE DATE • October 5th-7th, 2012 • Philadelphia, PA

**We will celebrate our school's 130th anniversary in the cradle of American liberty.**

The Reunion Committee is holding a "Theme Contest" for the reunion. We are looking for suggestions of what the "Theme" of the 2012 C of E Reunion should be. Do you have any suggestions?? Give it some thought and

contact Larry at the address below. The committee will be presenting an appropriate prize.

In an effort to control costs, we are also looking for alums that have access to manufacturers willing to donate "reunion mementos."

Please contact **Larry Kincus (A70)** lkincus@gmail.com with your input.

## COVER: Coaching Legacies

Pat Henry is Gwinn Henry's grandson. He is enjoying an extraordinary career as a college track coach. He coaches both men's and women's track. His career began at Blinn College where he won two consecutive Junior College National Championships. He then went on to Louisiana State University (LSU) where, in his first year, he won a

National Championship. This was the first of an astonishing 27 National Championships for Henry's teams.

This year at the NCAA Championships, Coach Henry's Texas A&M teams won both the men's and women's national titles. Coach Henry is the only coach in history to win both titles in the same year. He has done it five times!

**Ruth M. (Jones) Henrikson, A36**, of Emporia, died March 11, 2011, at age 95. She was a medical technician at Newman Hospital where she was instrumental in starting the hospital's lab. She left the hospital to assist her husband in his veterinary medicine practice. Later in life she returned to the medical technician field and worked in a doctors' office in Emporia. Three children and nine grandchildren survive her.

**Howard L. Sell, A39**, of Fredonia, KS, passed away on January 18, 2011, at age 93. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII. Subsequently he went to work for the Radiant Electric Cooperative in Fredonia where he served as manager until his retirement in 1982. During his tenure at Radiant, he founded and served as the first president of KEPCo, a bulk power supplier and services provider to rural electric cooperatives. Two children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive him.

**Lyman S. Prater, X43**, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away March 3, 2011, at age 89. Lyman graduated from the University of Chicago with an MBA. He was a Navy veteran who served in World War II and in Korea. He was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander. Subsequently, he worked at Ohio Plate Glass as controller and assistant treasurer for 28 years, retiring in 1990. Three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

**George A. Ehrnman, X51**, of Jackson, NJ, passed away on August 31, 2010, at age 87. He was a Navy veteran who served in both World War II and in Korea. He retired as export manager for Whittaker, Clark and Daniels of South Plainfield, NJ. He is survived by his wife, **Frances (Smalley) Ehrnman, X45**. A son, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive him.

**Edwin A. Gorsky, A51**, of WaKeeney, KS, died on May 30, 2011, at age 85. After graduation from high school, Ed served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After discharge, he went to C of E where he earned a B.S. degree. Subsequently he earned a Masters degree from KU. After initially working as a high school teacher, coach and guidance counselor in Bonner Springs, KS, Ed moved on to become a college administrator. He served at Bethany College in Kansas and then at Lindenwood College and Park University, both in Missouri. His wife, a son, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

**Rev. David L. Grimm, A53**, of Cozad, NE, passed away on July 28, 2010, at age 78. Rev. Grimm was a retired Presbyterian minister who had served various Nebraska and Kansas churches. He was a proud C of E alumnus whose e-mail name was "Presby Pete."

**Elizabeth "Bo" (Bolding) Wood, A54**, of Boston, MA, died on April 3, 2011, at age 78. Bo developed a lifelong love of antiquities, particularly rare American books. She worked as manuscript librarian at the Winterthur Museum of American Decorative Arts in Wilmington, DE. Subsequently she and her husband restored an 18th century inn in Connecticut. She became an accomplished photographer, served as president of her local historical society and participated in a successful effort to get a national scenic byway designation for a local road. Two children and two grandchildren survive her.

**Willard Shepherd, FF**, of San Antonio, TX, passed away on November 8, 2010, at age 94. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII where he served as a band director.

Afterwards, he served as associate conductor for the U.S. Air Force Band and the Air Force Orchestra. After the war he founded the University of Houston Marching Band. He also taught at Texas Western University. He taught and served as Director of Bands at C of E in the late 1950's and early 1960's. He then went to Trinity University (TX) where he taught and directed both band and orchestra for nineteen years before retiring.

**Max E. Pickerill, PhD, FF**, of Colby, KS, passed away on May 9, 2011, at age 86. Max's PhD was from Louisiana State University. Dr. Pickerill arrived at C of E in the fall of 1960 to teach chemistry. He remained until the college closed. He then went to Colby Community College where he taught until his retirement in 2010. In his honor the college has established the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series and endowed a scholarship fund in his name and that of another professor. A large portrait of Dr. Pickerill was unveiled at the announcement of the new scholarship fund. He was also named Professor Emeritus in 2010. Six children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive him.

**Kenneth G. Kelley, X62**, of Topeka, died on September 15, 2010, at age 70. He was an area manager for Goodyear where he worked for 39 years. He was a member of the Goodyear Top Ten Supervisors Club. His wife, three children, six grandchildren and a great grandson survive him. He is also survived by his brother, **John R. Kelley, A57**, as well as five other siblings.

**Edd O. Beach, A64**, of Hohenwald, TN, died August 4, 2011, at age 78. He was a science teacher, teaching in both Kansas and New Mexico. His daughter survives him.

**Stephen J. Weiss, A66**, of Pembroke Pines, FL, passed away November 6, 2010.

**Rev. Joseph W. Hagenlocker, III, A69**, died at home in Stuarts Draft, VA, on May 7, 2011, at age 64. Joe spent 32 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring from the Naval Reserve as a Commander in 2001. Concurrent with his Navy career, Joe worked for the Virginia Department of Corrections. In 1979 he earned a MS in Administration of Justice and Public Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University. After retiring from the Corrections Department, Joe launched himself on a new career as a Methodist minister. He is survived by his wife, two children, two stepchildren, five grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

**Wayne L. Predmore, A72**, died at home in Clearwater, FL, on November 12, 2010, at age 61. He is survived by his mother, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert J. Prins, FF**, of Canon City, CO, passed away on November 14, 2010, at age 78. Dr. Prins came to C of E January 1, 1972, as Executive Vice-President for Administration and Development. In the summer of 1973, Dr. Prins was named Acting President and asked to attempt to keep C of E open. His exemplary work on this task was recognized as he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business Administration by C of E. Despite his efforts, the college closed. Subsequently, after stints as administrator elsewhere, Dr. Prins was named in 1986 as the 25th President of Iowa Wesleyan College. He retired as the longest serving president in that college's history. He is credited with increasing the college endowment and stabilizing enrollment. His wife and six children survive him.

## Career Cut Short

**Jim Young, A74**, scored 1,195 points for the Fighting Presbies' basketball team. However, in the middle of his final season the closing of C of E abruptly terminated the still-undefeated Fighting Presby team's run to the NAIA National Championships.

Conceivably, with a deep tournament run, Young could have surpassed the all-time C of E career scoring record of 1720 points, held by **Charles Dehlinger, A55**. That, of course, is just speculation. Jim Young's actual position on the all-time career-scoring list is fifth. At the last Alumni Association Reunion in Kansas City, Young was inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame.

The basketball program at C of E was extremely strong in the college's last years. In the fall of 1971 the college joined with Baker, Ottawa, Tarkio (MO), Graceland

(IA), William Jewell (MO), Central Methodist ((MO) and Missouri Valley (MO) to form the Heart of America Athletic Conference. C of E won the conference's first two basketball championships in 1972 and 1973. The school was on its way to a third consecutive championship when the college abruptly closed.

Jim Young, along with 42 of his C of E classmates, completed his senior year at Emporia State where he was a part of the basketball team for his final half-season of college hoops. These 43 students received their college degrees from E State.

Today, Young lives in Kansas City where he is a middle school special education teacher and a former high school basketball coach. However, this will be his last year teaching as he intends to retire in 2012.

## New Board Members

Seven members have been elected to the C of E Alumni Association's Board. Their term will begin in January, 2012, and they will serve through 2014. Individuals elected are: **Jean (Johnson) Gilmore, '59, Gracie (White) Corrick, '60, Roger Klein, '72, Earl Visser, '61, Sue (Roberts) Nispel, '59, Arthur Snyder, '65 and Les Palmer, '63.**

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of **John Patton, '71. June (McWilliams) Hubert, '71** was named to fill Patton's unexpired term, which will run through 2013.

## Attention Snowbirds

We are discovering that our newsletters aren't always getting through to alumni with different winter and summer addresses. If you would keep us informed about your addresses and the timeframes that they are in use, we will make every effort to properly address your newsletters. Please send this information to

Vice-President for Membership Larry Thompson at [larthomp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larthomp@sbcglobal.net). If you prefer to mail the information, please send it to the C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City MO 64152-9998.

**Lois (Crowder) Doyal, A43**, writes that she enjoyed seeing her name and that of her sister, **Hope (Crowder) Cookson, A41**, listed among the Athena Society members named in the Summer edition of this newsletter. She also tells us that she is "currently bedfast, but my children are seeing to my care."

In May Americus High School's annual alumni banquet recognized the 50th anniversary of the school's Kansas State Class B High School Basketball Championship. On hand for the festivities was the coach of that team, **Rich Freeman, A59. Rich Edmiston, A66, and Gary Gibb, A66**, both members of that team, subsequently attended C of E.

The Leavenworth, KS, City Commission honored **Jim Mathis, A61**, by renaming the local municipal tennis courts as the James "Coach" Mathis Tennis Courts at a September 3 dedication ceremony. This honor, which came as a surprise to Jim, recognizes his many contributions to tennis in Leavenworth, including running the city's Labor Day Tennis Tournament for every one of the tournament's 39 years of existence.

**Jack W. Traylor, A68**, has retired from a thirty-five year career as a historian – four with the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka and thirty-one with Bryan College in Dayton, TN. He is now working as a brakeman/conductor on the Tennessee Valley Railroad in Chattanooga.

## Lost Alumni

Over the years some former C of E students who were on our mailing list move, and we don't get the forwarding address. Newsletters are returned as undeliverable. These people are gone from our mailing list, but they are not forgotten.

### Class of 1950:

Maria Acosta  
Lora White Burns  
Ruth Knott Janssen  
C. Ray Louderback  
Wayne P. Smith

### Class of 1951:

Barbara Mastin  
Helen Owens  
Mona Carson Short  
Ralph Weinland

### Class of 1952:

Mrs. Kenneth Davis  
Darrell D. Hawkins  
Doris Hormel Stittsworth

### Class of 1953:

Alan B. Lehmann  
Pauline Sjogren Sluder

### Class of 1954:

Mrs. Jim Broadstreet

### Class of 1955:

Moo-Sung Pak

### Class of 1956:

Lloyd J. Moore  
Donna Watkins Sheridan  
Charles H. Soo  
Richard G. Studer

### Class of 1957:

Sharon Y. Kahn Lafferty  
or Sharon Y. Kahn Yang  
(Young Sil Kahn)

### Class of 1958:

Sang Kyu Chang  
Ollie D. Roberds Cole  
Tong Jim Kim

### Class of 1959:

Mrs. John Arvidson  
Kee Sung Chang  
Ki Song Chang  
Mrs. David E. Engdahl  
Kenneth Gabbert

We are asking for your help. Do you have addresses for any of these people? If so, please send this information to Larry Thompson, C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998. Thank you!

Irmgard W. Hoehn  
Don Hung? Myung?  
Bill L. Keaton  
Raymond Montoya  
Arlene Russell Olmstead

### Class of 1960:

William T. Graves  
Sidney Marie Yerkes Hughes  
Victor Khongkhukul  
Dr. Gary D. Larson  
Chung Jin Park  
Sophia F. Strand Porter  
Mary Helen Masten Stroder  
Bunlue "Bunlang" Yontrarak

### Class of 1961:

Robert Cater  
Larry Eiker  
Jerry Linebarger Hayes  
Robert Scott Phillips

### Class of 1962:

John D. Beard  
Ebb Everett

Amy Adams Gabbert  
Norma Rader Higgins  
Linda Johnson  
Norman K. Johnson  
John B. Rockwell  
Randall Updike

### Class of 1963:

Richard A. Currie  
Kenneth S. Crockett  
Leroy E. Franklin  
Robert M. Gould  
Peggy Mueller  
Robert J. Schultz  
Stephen J. Smith  
Yvonne Swanson Stephan  
Sue M. Muchmore Stewart  
Louis Stoico

*Editor's Note: This list goes as far as the Class of 1963. Future issues of this newsletter will run lists of "lost" alumni for class years 1964 through 1975.*

## Correction

Thanks to an alert reader, we have discovered that an incorrect zip code for the current alumni association address has appeared in recent editions of this newsletter. Fortunately, mail addressed with the zip code error seems to have arrived safely at its destination. The correct address is C of E Alumni

Association, P. O. Box 14450, Kansas City, MO 64152-9998. Discerning readers will note that this correct address is sprinkled liberally throughout this newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Achievement Hall of Fame

A committee has been formed under the leadership of **Ron Roberts, A56**, to come up with an initial group of inductees to a newly created "C of E Achievement Hall of Fame." Committee members are **Daleen Rustman, A62**, Walt Newberger, **Ray Rundus, A55 & FF** and **Carolyn Magnuson, A61**.

The committee is currently discussing scope and selection criteria. The intent is to present the official name as well as rules and regulations, at the January Board meeting of the

Alumni Association. The process of soliciting nominees is to begin in the spring of 2012 with the official induction to take place at the 2013 Kansas City Reunion.

Ron would very much like to have some additional individuals volunteer to serve on the committee. The committee operates by e-mail and telephone. Consequently, geographic proximity or willingness to travel are not required for membership. If you are willing to assist in the creation of this exciting new endeavor, please e-mail Ron at [rroberts@advertisnet.com](mailto:rroberts@advertisnet.com).

# Membership Information for the College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc.

Please write legibly. Make checks payable to the C. of E. Alumni Association.

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\*C. of E. Class is the graduation year of the class with which students were associated, whether or not they graduated. Please use prefix "A" for alumnus, or "X" for former student or non graduate. "O" here means did not attend.

Membership dues (\$10 per year per member): Number of memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ For Years \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund (Voluntary) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## C of E Moat

A moat was included under Kenyon Hall when the building was constructed. It was intended to provide cooling air to the auditorium. The two and a half foot deep moat extends seventy-five feet from the front of the building. Storm water was collected from the roof and passed through two

shafts incorporated into the architecture on either side of the doorway into the moat underneath. The cooling system was powered by fans blowing over the underground water. *Editor's note: Rumors of ferocious albino crocodiles living in the underground moat were untrue.*

## Scholarships Awarded

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee has awarded six college scholarships of \$2,500 each to descendents of C of E alumni and faculty. These scholarships are awarded for the 2011 – 2012 school year. The winners and their schools are: Johanna Peterson, University of Kansas School of Medicine; Jerilyn Whitsitt, Rockhurst University; Chynna Prenzler, Emporia State University; William Bostic, Emporia State University; Erin France, South Carolina University and Kendra Clark, Baker University.

Areas of study vary among these individuals. They are: Peterson – Medicine; Whitsitt - Speech & Language Pathology; Prenzler - Elementary Education; Bostic – Education; France - Athletic Trainer and Clark - Criminology.

The Alumni Association Board, at its July meeting, decided to add current scholarship recipients' names to the mailing list for this newsletter. Also, the amount of money awarded to each of the 2012 – 2013 recipients will be \$2,000. Individuals interested in applying for the next round of scholarships are urged to go to the C of E Alumni Association's website [www.c-of-e.org](http://www.c-of-e.org), click on scholarship, study the guidelines and download the application form. Doing so now will assist in the organized gathering of the information needed to apply. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2012. Those who wish to contribute to the scholarship fund may use the above form. All alumni are urged to contribute annually.



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## Theme and Date Set

The Kansas City Reunion theme will be “Through the Years.” Dates are set for July 5, 6 and 7, 2013. Once again this highly anticipated event will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

In keeping with the theme, every attendee will receive a memory book. Also, the memorabilia area will be expanded, and it will include items not previously seen at a reunion. C of E merchandise will once again be for sale.

Any alumni who are considering organizing a mini-reunion for a class or group are urged to contact **Les Palmer, A63** at [lepalmer@aol.com](mailto:lepalmer@aol.com). Les can arrange a lunch buffet or just a place to get together for your gathering.

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