

Booster Club selling buttons

The Badger Booster Club will meet Sept. 30 at 7:00 at the high school.

One of our coaches will be on hand to discuss the use of weights. We have a hard working group and have several goals for all girls and boys in our school.

Coming up is our donut sale, October 5 starting at 7:00 a.m. Also we are excited about our "buttons". This week you will be able to buy a nice size button with your child's picture on it for \$3.00.

You may order extra buttons and 5x7 pictures also. If you join the Booster Club, you will receive one button per family free.

Canyon-Blair reunion set

Mulberry Canyon and Blair Reunion will be held at 122 Edwards October 5 at 9 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:30. The occasion is for all former and present residents

This is not an organization for a select few, we invite everyone to come and be a part of our Booster Club.

and all new comers are urged to attend. Many former residents from out of town and other states will be present. All members of the families are expected to attend.

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§ Thursday's fund raiser in benefit of the Taylor County Senior Citizen's Nutritional Program drew a full house at Heritage Hall.

The meal [stew, cornbread, beans, goodies] and auction raised more than \$1,400 for the program.

Tests for scholarships set

Through the PSAT-NMSQT students are selected for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Program, which enables talented students to compete for scholarships, and Hispanic students are considered for the National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program, funded through a \$2.1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

In addition, students can use the test as a guide to see how they ranked nationally among other students.

As preparation for the 100-min-

ute, two-part test, students receive a Student Bulletin containing a complete sample test with an answer key and scoring instructions.

After taking the actual test, students will receive a booklet, About Your PSAT-NMSQT Scores, a descriptive explanation of test results. Students will also be able to compare their individual answers with the correct answers by consulting the Report of Student Answers, another valuable guide. Actual test booklets will also be

made available to allow students to spot mistakes and work out answers correctly.

The College Board provides additional services for counselors and school personnel to better understand and interpret PSAT-NMSQT scores to students and parents. These services include summaries of student answers, profiles of academic characteristics and career interests of students who have taken the test, and a publication for inclusion in the regular guidance program.

MISD students begin taking TABS

tests next week; many changes included

Several changes in the state testing program will take effect during the next school year. The Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) test has been administered to all third, fifth, and ninth graders as part of the statewide testing program for several years.

Beginning with the 1985-86 school year TABS will be known as the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS). TEAMS will be administered to all students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Beginning in October, 1985, the test will be administered to 11th grade students for the first time. Any 11th grader who does not pass the test will be re-tested in May, 1986. As mandated by House Bill 72, beginning in 1987, all Texas public school students will have to pass the exit level TEAMS before receiving a high school diploma. This test includes English, Language Arts, and Math. Writing samples will be included as part of the TEAMS test for all

grades except first and 11th.

Students who do not pass the exit-level test on the first attempt may take it again as many times as necessary to qualify for graduation. Those not graduating may return at a later date to retake the test. The State Board of Education has announced, however, that 1985-86 seniors are exempt from the exit-level exam.

All MISD eighth, ninth, and

tenth graders and their families have received a list of the objectives that will be on the basis for this testing.

Test dates to remember are as follows: October 1-2 Teams Testing for Juniors; February 11-12 Teams Testing for Freshmen; March 19 Achievement Testing; May 1-2 Re-Take of Teams Testing for Juniors who failed.

Sipe, McWilliams nominated for honor

The Catclaw Jaycees have tackled a big job. They're selecting the Outstanding Young Farmer in the area. He'll be honored at a special Farmers Appreciation Night on Sept. 28 at the Briarstone. All area farmers are invited to attend. Tickets are available at 676-9934 or 692-4531. Mark your calendar to attend on Saturday, September 28 as the Catclaw Jaycees recognize Taylor County's

Outstanding Young Farmer.

Farmers in the Taylor County area are reminded that they're invited to the big Jaycee Farmer Appreciation Night. The festivities are set for September 28 at the Briarstone. Farmers can obtain tickets from the program's chairman Warren Wilkes. This will be an exciting night, highlighted by the naming of Taylor County's Outstanding Young Farmer. The public may purchase tickets for \$12.50 at from Warren Wilkes 676-9934 or Beth Wright 692-4531.

Agriculture is America's oldest and biggest industry. And as a consequence of the ability and efficiency of the men engaged in this industry, ours is the best-fed, best-clothed nation in the world. It is our hope that the OYF Program will result in better understanding and appreciation of the role the farmer plays in our daily lives.

The young farmer selected must be between the ages of 18 and 35, inclusive, and not turn 36 before January 1, 1986. He must derive at least two-thirds of his income from farming and does not have to be a Jaycee member. He will be selected locally, and judged in state competition, on his progress since entering agriculture, his soil and water conservation practices and his contributions to Taylor County, Texas, and the nation.

The winner will be announced and honored at the Farmer Appreciation Night, to be held Saturday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Briarstone Manor.

This is the thirtieth year The United States Jaycees, a leadership training organization, has conducted a national OYF Program and the first year the Catclaw Jaycees have participated. The program is sponsored nationally by Deere & Company, manufacturers of John Deere implements and farm equipment.

Taylor County's winner will be entered in the State OYF contest and, if he wins there, will represent Texas at the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress in Jackson, Mississippi, February 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1986.

Candidates for the contest, are: Harold Sipe of Trent, Lloyd McWilliams of Merkel, Joe Box of Hamby, Joe Compton of Abilene and Paul Hallway of Abilene.

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Merkel's Freshmen destroyed the Ballinger Bearcats by a score of 50-6 last Thursday night at Badger stadium.

Kenneth Jowers rushed for 107 yards, scored 2 touchdowns and added a 2 point conversion in just 8 carries. More importantly, he also had a fine night passing, completing 8 of 16 passes for 160 yards and 3 touchdowns to 3 different receivers.

Wade Toombs also had a great night catching 1 touchdown pass from Kenneth and intercepting 3 Ballinger passes.

Corey Hines added 43 yards on 6 carries including 1 touchdown and 1 two point conversion.

Freddy Gonzales rushed for 38 yards in 9 attempts. Freddy also caught a TD pass from Kenneth and ran in a 2 point conversion.

David Johnson rushed for 22 yards on just 3 attempts. He also scored a touchdown and added a 2 point conversion.

Eddie Proctor rushed for 21 yards on five carries and played an outstanding cornerback on defense all night.

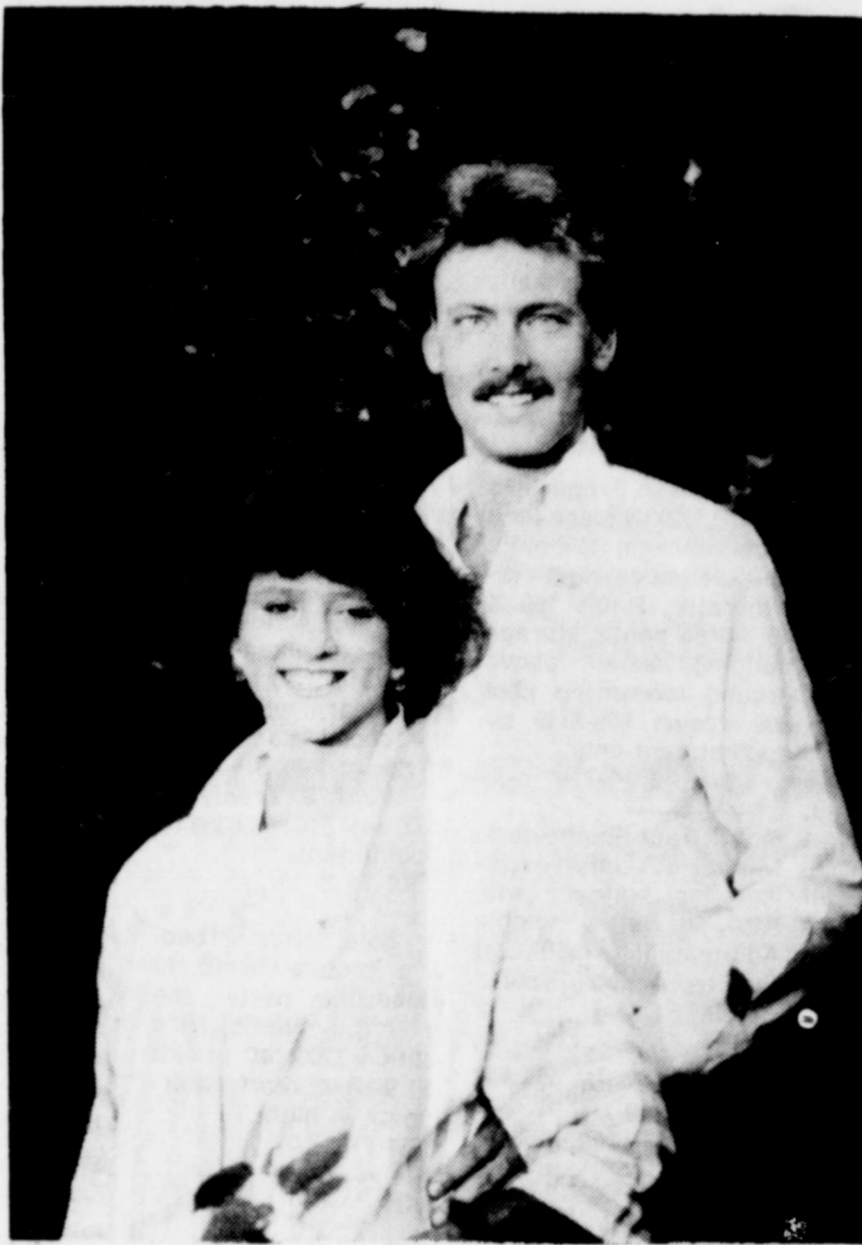
Davy DeLeon joined in the fun catching several passes from Jowers including one for a touch-

down.

Merkel's defense played shut out ball for the second straight week, the only Ballinger score coming on an intercepted Jowers aerial. Also, in addition to Wade Toombs' three interceptions, John Paul Dudley, Brian Keith and Eddie Proctor all recovered Ballinger fumbles.

"I believe this was the team's best game yet in their 2 1/2 years of football," Coach Woods said. "Our line of Scott Easley, John McNeal, Scott Graham, David Biera, and John Paul Dudley dominated the line of scrimmage. Kenneth had plenty of time to pass and our backs had huge holes to run through. We amassed 400 yards of offense in just 40 minutes with Kenneth directing a balanced attack of 240 yards rushing and 160 yards passing. We went into the game hoping to leave a lasting impression on Ballinger, because there's always the chance we'll be in the same district with them next year and I think we accomplished that goal."

The Freshmen are at Abilene Thursday for a 5 p.m. game at Lee Complex # 5 and then travel to Stamford on October 3rd for a 5:30 game.



Barbara McWilliams and John McLeod

FFA spotlights

The time for school is back and with it has come many new things. One of these is a new Pre-Vocational Ag class for the eighth graders at M.M.S. Some parents may not be sure of what this class is so I will explain.

Pre-Vocational Ag is an introductory class to Vocational Agriculture. It introduces the animals and techniques of working and feeding also. But its biggest advantage allows the student to receive a insight into the organization known as "The Future Farmers of America."

Some parents will now ask "What is the Future Farmers of America and what does it accomplish?" The F.F.A. is a world wide organization that teaches the youth of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. It consist of members and officers that learn skills as well as how to promote love for our country. We encourage confidence and high academics along with giving a look at the career choices in agricultural fields.

As you can see from our purposes and goals, we are really more than sows and plows. Some of the past F.F.A. members now sit in our House of Representatives and some higher. They, themselves, have said, "Without F.F.A., I may not have been put where I am."

If your child shows a interest and would like to join a F.F.A. chapter, contact the Vocational Ag department at the Merkel High School.

Spotlights for this week are 8th graders. They are: Misti Doan, Randy Toombs, Tim Hohertz, Steven Jacobs, and Susan Hammond.

Misti Doan is the daughter of Sandra Doan. She enjoys basketball, volleyball and occasionally track. Misti plays clarinet in band Schuknecht, Virginia Pirraglia, and has received a couple of U.I.L. medals. Misti says, "I like to meet Sheri Walton, Janet McKeenan, Rita Moore, and Debbie Roberson."

Next is Randy Toombs. Randy is the son of Freddy and Sandra Toombs. Randy shows steers and plays golf for hobbies. Randy has 3 grand champions to his name so far.

Tim Hohertz will be next. Tim is the son of Harold and Chera Hohertz. His projects and hobbies include show cattle, roping and riding horses.

Stephen Jacobs will be next in line. Stephen is 14 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs. His hobbies include football, basketball, and tennis. Stephen is raising cattle, horses, and chickens as a project.

Last, but not least, is Susan Hammond. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hammond. Her hobbies include band, honor classes and raising rabbits. So long till next week.

McWilliams -McLeod plans are told

Barbara McWilliams of Abilene and John McLeod of Waco, have announced their plans to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Craig McWilliams and the prospective groom is the son of H. H. McLeod of Trent.

The ceremony is scheduled to take place Nov. 23, 1985 at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High in Abilene and attended Angelo State and McMurry. She is employed at the InterFirst Bank South in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Trent High and attended Baylor and received a BBA from McMurry College. He is employed by State Farm Insurance of Abilene.

Hamlin blasts JV 30-0 ; no game this week

The Merkel J.V. traveled to Hamlin Thursday night for a football game with the Hamlin J.V. and found a very tough group indeed. The Hamlin J.V. completely shut out the Merkel J.V. offense, allowing Merkel only four first downs. Hamlin scored the first three times they had the ball, taking a 22 to 0 lead at halftime. Merkel managed a couple of long pass plays from QB David Doan to split end Mark Aldrete, for the only excitement.

Merkel came out in the second half and played a much better defensive ball game, having an interception by Scott Guenther to lead to several turnovers. But the offense never could get untracked and Hamlin came away with a 30 to 0 victory. Hamlin is now 2nd, and the loss drops Merkel to 2 and 1 also.

Merkel's next game will be in two weeks at Stamford against the J.V. Game time will be 7:30. Come and show your support.

Preceptor Eta Omega is 3 star chapter

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday at the R.E.A. meeting room with Mamie Steck hostess.

President Louise Dubose was happy to announce that the chapter is now a three star chapter.

Each officer and committee

chairman gave a brief report on what their duties were for the coming year.

A delicious supper was served to the following members: Louise Dubose, Val Patterson, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Betty Satterwhite, Blanche Hewitt, Yvonne Sadler, Ruth Tipton and Mamie Steck.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 26: Tuna sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, brownies.

Friday, Sept. 27: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, orange wedge.

Monday, September 30: Pizza, Buttered w/ k corn, lettuce wedge choice of dressing, rosie applesauce.

Tuesday October 1: Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, seasoned green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, sliced peaches.

Wednesday October 2: Mexican fiesta, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, rice, corn chips, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday October 3: Burritos, mixed vegetables, tomato, lettuce, plum cobbler.

Friday October 4: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, French fries, catsup, fresh apple wedge.

Monday October 7: Crisпитos with chili and cheese, lettuce, tomato salad with dressing, rosie applesauce.

Tuesday October 8: Beef and

cheese tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, taco sauce, sliced peaches.

Wednesday October 9: Fried Chicken patties, whipped potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, whipped jelly.

Walton presents program for Lambda Beta

Sheri Walton presented an interesting program to Lambda Beta at their regular meeting held on September 17. The program was entitled "What is a Successful Marriage". Rita Moore assisted Sheri with the program and all members enjoyed a good discussion afterwards. The hostess for the meeting was Janet McKeenan.

Members present for the meeting were Martha Sue Justice, Pat Schuknecht, Virginia Pirraglia, Kay Bishop, Debbie Sandusky, Sheri Walton, Janet McKeenan, Rita Moore, and Debbie Roberson.

The next meeting will be held on October 1, and Kay Bishop will be the hostess.

Public Notice

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Sr. Citizens say thanks for the help

The Senior Citizens of Merkel wish to thank everyone who had a part in helping with the fund raiser for our Nutritional Food Program. There have been so many to help that we must not name names, because we might accidentally leave out a name and we would not want to be guilty of that.

Someone asked, "Why a fund raiser?" Well, it takes a lot of extras to keep the program going such as cards, stamps, etc. also our home delivered meals have to be subsidized. The state of Texas pay a percentage of the cost of each meal served either at the center or home delivery. Our home delivered meals go to people who are unable to come to the center for a meal, though, most of them would like to be with other

people, they are unable either because of their health or no transportation to come and be with us. Many of these people are unable because of doctor bills, medicine bills and so forth to always have the money to pay for their meals, therefore, rather than say "no, you can't have a meal", we have fund raisers to help subsidize the cost of these meals.

We have regular donors who give donations for their people and someone suggested maybe there were others out there in Merkel or Trent who would like to donate regularly for some older person to have a hot meal twice a week.

Remember there are no free meals, someone has to help our elderly. Children or close friends or adopt you a grandparent and help with the program.



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Services for 'June' Hogan

Finus Tolliver "June" Hogan, 67 of Merkel, died Sept. 17 at 4:40 p.m. at Hendrick Medical center following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19th at the First United Methodist Church with John Waggoner, pastor and Russell McAnally and Lynward Harrison, former pastors, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 5, 1918 here, he had lived in Merkel all his life. He was a graduate of Merkel High. He had married Leona Bell Feb. 14, 1937

here. He was a Methodist and a member of the Methodist Men's organization.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Jackie Alexander of Frankston, Sandy Doby and Wendy Motley of Merkel; brothers Tom and Jack Hogan, both of Merkel; sisters Bink Smith and Nan Campbell, both of Merkel and Elanor Mae Darden of Lubbock and Margie Hendricks of Plainview, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Ken Hogan, Bobby Campbell, Sam Smith, Delbert dearing, Ricky Conley, Jerry Sanders and Buddy Hendricks.

Lambda Beta stew, keno

Lambda Beta hosted a stew Betty Lu Satterwhite, and Mamie supper and keno party at the Steck were present. Special guests Taylor Electric Building on September 12. Everyone attending enjoyed a good meal and had fun playing for prizes.

Guests attending included Mary Hill, Judy Elliot, Barbara Gardner and Diane Parker all of Xi Nu Chi, From Preceptor Eta Omega, Rita Moore, Virginia Pirraglia Louise Dubose, Blanche Hewitt and Debbie Roberson.

MHS volleyball teams have rough week

The Merkel girls volleyball team had a rough week last week. On the 17th, the Freshmen, JV and varsity traveled to Colorado City.

The freshmen lost 13-15, 7-15. The team served at a 77 percent clip and were led by Richa Hill and Lorena Pack.

The junior varsity also were defeated 3-15 and 8-15. Coach Rhonda Rainwater said Michelle Dudley played well defensively.

The varsity also lost 5-15, 15-8 and 12-15. Coach Rainwater said the team served at an 84 percent clip and Stacey Newberry played well offensively and defensively.

Saturday, the JV and varsity traveled to Bronte. The JV lost 0-15 and 3-15.

The varsity also was defeated 7-15 and 10-15. Coach Rainwater said her freshmen on varsity, Diem Tran, Christi Wade and Amber Whisenhunt, played well and she said Jana Pettit and Stacey Newberry played well defensively at the net.

The girls opened district here Tuesday night against Breckenridge (details not available at press time) and will travel to Graham Oct. 1.

Garden club plans luncheon

The Merkel Garden Club met September 19 at the home of Mrs. Leota Sherrill.

Mrs. Peggy Black conducted a brief business meeting and passed out the new yearbooks. The national and local themes, "Pride in the Land" and "Pride in Our Community" offer us a challenge of beautification and conservation to Garden Clubbers everywhere.

The upcoming projects and programs outlined in the yearbook were discussed. Of special interest is the Fall District Meeting to be held in Abilene on November 13th

and 14th. Club members, Olga Peachy, Lenora Wilbourn, and Muriel Thompson are to be commended for their efforts in the planning and preparation of this year's yearbook.

Mrs. Inez Detrick assisted Mrs. Sherrill in serving refreshments to the following other members present: Mmes. Peggy Black, Alice King, Georgia Alliday, Lottie Everett, Billie Hartley, Mary Russom, Estelle Humphrey, Shirley McBride and Linnie Fisher.

A noon luncheon is planned for the October 17th meeting at the home of Mrs. Alice King.

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CATSUP 100 BAGS BOX **\$2.59**

WOLF **BEEF STEW** 15 OZ CAN **79¢**

FRESH USDA GRADE 'A' TENDER, TASTY, MEATY
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PARADE **HOMO MILK** GAL JUG **\$1.89**

LOW FAT MILK GAL JUG **\$1.83**

ASSORTED & CHERRY 2 LITER BOTTLE **\$1.09**
COCA COLA EA

FRESH-LEAN-BEEF **STEW MEAT** BONELESS POUND \$1.69

WHOLE POUND **63¢**

FOREMOST 24 OZ CRTN **COTTAGE CHEESE** EA **\$1.59**

FOREMOST **SOUR CREAM** 16 OZ **98¢**

PHILADELPHIA **CREAM CHEESE** 8 OZ PKG **\$1.09**

CALIFORNIA **TOMATOES** VINE RIPE FRESH **49¢**

WASH FCY DELICIOUS **RED APPLES** LB **39¢**

FRESH CELLO LB **CARROTS** 2 FOR **49¢**

GOLDEN **BANANAS** LB **29¢**

FRESH **CORN ON COB** 3 EARS **49¢**

T. SEEDLESS **WHITE GRAPES** LB **59¢**

FRESH-GREEN **CABBAGE** LB **15¢**

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 LB BAG **\$1.19**

FRESH USDA GRADE A **FRYERS** CHOICE-BEEF EXTRA TRIM **T-BONE STEAK** LB **\$2.99**

CHOICE BEEF **CHUCK ROAST** LEAN LB BONELESS **\$1.79**

PARADE LARGE **FRANKS** ALL MEAT 12 OZ **89¢**

HICKORY SMOKED **BACON** SLICED SLAB LB **\$1.39**

OWENS BEEF OR PORK **SMOKED SAUSAGE** 1 LB PKG **\$1.83**

OWENS **SMOKED SAUSAGE** 2 LB PKG **\$1.83**

MORRISON 6 OZ **CORN KITS** 2 FOR **49¢**

PARADE 7.4 OZ **MACCARONI CHEESE DINNER** 4 FOR **99¢**

ASSORTED **JELLO** 6 OZ BOX **59¢**

DETERGENT **TIDE** REG OR UNSCENTED KING SIZE **\$3.19**



SUNSHINE 12 OZ BOX **\$1.29**

SOAP **DOVE** REG SIZE 2 FOR **\$1.09**

BLEACH **VIVID** COLOR SAFE 32 OZ JUG **\$1.33**

LIQUID **JOY** 22 OZ SIZE **99¢**

DOUBLE GIFT BOND STAMPS EACH WEDNESDAY ON \$5 OR MORE IN TRADE

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