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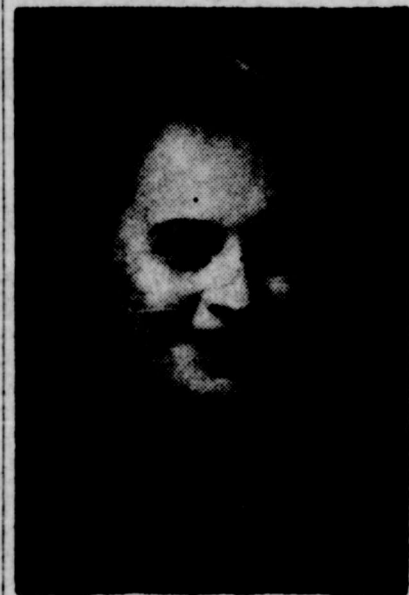
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It's so much more fun to gift-shop in the stores you know so well . . . and that know you so well, too . . . stores whose year-round aim is to have what you want when you want it . . . and especially at Christmas! Here you are not "just another customer" but a friend and neighbor. Here, with every gift you buy is wrapped, the warm and helpful interest of those who serve you . . . folks who will share your thrill in finding the just-right gift for everyone. Here indeed you can buy WITH CONFIDENCE the gifts you'll give with pride on Christmas morn.

So why travel tedious miles and waste precious hours? Everything you need is right here practically in your own front yard . . . priced to make your Christmas dollars go farther and buy more happiness! Come on down and ENJOY your Christmas shopping. Revel in the Holiday spirit that's simply everywhere!

Remembering you  
AT CHRISTMAS  
with a wish for peace  
and all the  
season's blessings.



**ELIZABETH L. RAINS**



All the blessings  
of  
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**H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS**

**Christmas Pearls**

By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phoney baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last, realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him — the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman, "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed, "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.



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"I had a present for you, Jean . . ." he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package . . . Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

**In And Out Of Town**

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Mr. and Mrs. Walton Harral and family are spending the Christmas holidays on their Pecos County Ranch.

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Joyce, of Big Lake, were visitors Sunday with Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. Dave Gentry.

Little Kitty Cowden of Crane is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of a baby girl named Tonya Harlene. She was born in a Lubbock hospital and weighed 5 lbs. 12 ozs. Mrs. Allen is the former Roma Elliott.

Our present day sport of aquaplaning developed from the surfboard of the native Hawaiians.

— BUY MORE WAR BONDS —



Our sincere good wishes go out to you.  
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**RANKIN DRUG**



We are stocking up on wishes for your Holiday happiness.

**Rankin Beauty Shop**



In the East, a star, and in the hearts of men a great joy, for unto the world is born a Saviour. His blessing upon mankind!

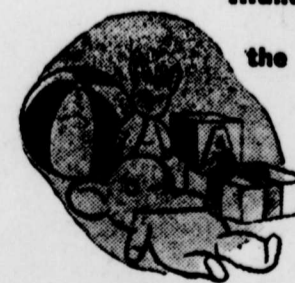
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In the prevailing spirit, we offer our hope for your complete happiness...



...and we commend to you the extra joy this season brings to all our hearts.



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FOR YOU AND YOURS  
IS THE SINCERE WISH  
FROM EVERYONE AT...

JOHNSON'S

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 AND 26



**D**URING the days of

the year we too seldom take sufficient time to acknowledge the courtesies and friendships of those whom we know and serve.

For that reason we are glad Christmas comes at least once a year — it gives us an opportunity to pause and say to you in all sincerity

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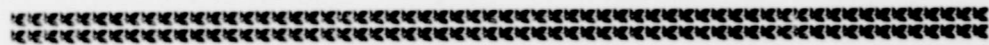


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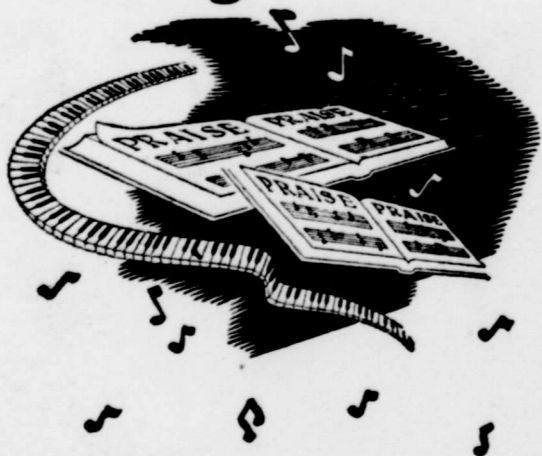


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By Anne O'Sullivan

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He was the first to stir from the surprising but comfortable dark. "I'll take care of it, Ma," he called toward the kitchen, "probably just a blown out fuse."

"Wouldn't you know it?" Gloria's voice rose sharply, complainingly.

Pa, armed with a lantern, stamped in the back door, shedding snow as he shook his heavy jacket off. "Brrr, a real snow-piling easterner, but the animals are all right."

"Did you check the fuse box, Pa?" Ran asked.

"Not much use—the wind probably took care of a transformer. What's the matter boy? When you were living at home we didn't even have electricity."

"Yeah, well, we still got plenty lanterns around?"

"Long as we got horsesense, we'll keep the lanterns ready," it was Ma's turn to laugh. "Likely our lights'll be off two-three more times this winter."

"We can't trim the tree, Pa, when the light string won't work." Gloria sounded petulant, dissatisfied. Was Hilda disappointed too? Ran wondered.

"Remember the times we trimmed the tree with popcorn balls and all?" Bridget asked. "Let's do it tonight, shall we, Ma?"

"Why of course, Pa and I'd get a sight of pleasure out of that. How about you, Hilda?"

"I'd like to help." To Ran she sounded enthusiastic, but maybe it was just politeness.

"A sight more work too," Gloria pointed out. "Why you won't move . . ."

"I'll need another lantern for the kitchen, Pa, if I'm to string cranberries," Bridget interrupted zestfully.

**R**AN KNELT beside the deep fireplace, built by his great-grandfather, to stir the coals. As a boy he had risked burning himself to pop corn in a frying pan; now they had a long-handled popper. The angry surge of wind reassured him in a strange way. He was at home. Safe and protected. If only Hilda could share his feeling for this place . . .

He leaned on his heels, whistling, as the kernels began to pop.



"I wish you'd let me help," Hilda said.

"I wish you'd let me help," Hilda said, "Bridget sent me in with a bowl, salt and butter."

Ran moved aside, finding it natural for Hilda to kneel and work beside him. Her eyes sparkled and her face was flushed in the firelight, but Ran missed his chance to ask if she were happy when Bridget summoned them to string popcorn.

Gloria held up a string of popcorn. "Not half so pretty as tinsel."

"Means more," Bridget said. "Seems like popcorn strings have a special beauty—the kind you can't buy."

Soon the Christmas tree was festooned with strings of popcorn and cranberries. It looked beautiful to Ran even before they moved presents underneath. He caught the satisfaction on everyone's face, though Gloria still looked cynical.

Just then Hilda rushed out of the room and went upstairs. When she came back, she paused half-shyly in the doorway, an accordion in her arms. "I thought you'd have a piano and, now that the radio's off, maybe you'd like some carols? It's been such a perfect evening."

Ran knew then, as he guided her into the circle and saw the family make way for her, that Hilda was one of them and his voice rose exultantly in "O Come All Ye Faithful."

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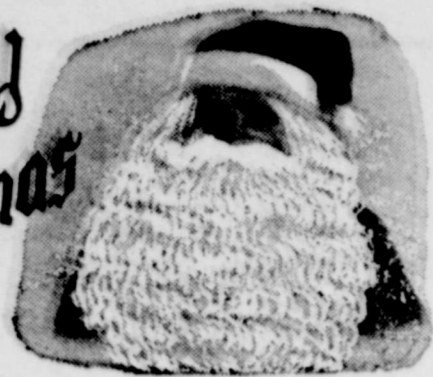
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FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY... Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game 'Lord of Misrule.'

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the 'Lord of Misrule' is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the 'hodening horse.'

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS... Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/4 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partially burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

The following College students are at home for the Christmas holidays:

- Barbara McSpadden, Canyon, Virginia Still, Texas Tech, Joey Manry, Baylor University, Bill Hurn, San Angelo Junior College, Lloyd Yocham, Tarleton, Pat Yocham, Sul Ross, Rusty Daugherty, Texas University, Weldon Kennedy, ACC, De Ann Gamblin, San Angelo Jr. College, Jackie Stewart, Texas University, Andy Cleve Lyle, Odessa Junior College, Paul Johnson, Texas Tech.

Jack Young of Isabel, S. D., has been a recent visitor with his mother in Crane and relatives and friends in Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cochran and children are spending the week with relatives in Dallas.

One great trouble with a checkered career is that it's always your move.

Congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dale Lee are parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7:29 p. m. in the San Angelo Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and 10 ozs. and has been named Stephanie Jo Lee. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Daniel and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Langford of Rankin. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lee of Muleshoe, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields Branch are parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 22 at 5:31 a. m. She weighed 7 lbs. and 10 ozs. She was born in the San Angelo Clinic Hospital, and has been named Jeanine Edwina Branch.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Godsey of Pryor, Okla. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Branch of Rankin.

Mrs. Tommy Hall of Fort Worth and Mrs. Gertrude Hall of Rankin are spending the Christmas holidays with Tommy at Fort Bliss.

METHODIST CHURCH PLAY

A dramatic reading, "Everyman, A Morality Play," was presented at the Methodist Church on Sunday night. Instrumental music preceded the reading. It was given from the flood-lighted rostrum by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin, Mrs. Tom Ed Montgomery and Don Cochran.

Following the reading, the Scriptural Christmas Story was read by Bill Hurn. Mary Anderson sang "Gloria In Excelsis," accompanied by Nola Boyd, Mary Lou and Nancy Shurley, sang "Silent Night."

Christmas carols sung by the Junior Choir and the congregation, concluded the program.



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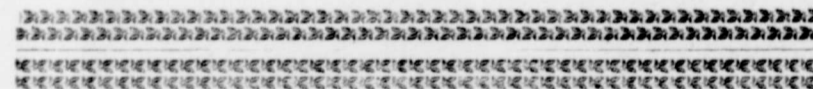


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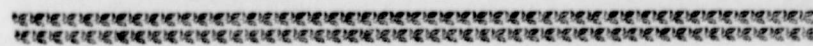


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Rankin Study Club Has Christmas Program

The Rankin Study Club met on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Park Building.

Mrs. Hamp Carter, president, presided at the business session. Mrs. R. H. Johnson, program leader, then introduced the guest speaker, Miss Eudora Hawkins of the Public Service Department of the West Texas Utilities Co. She presented a film, "Holy Night," and read a Christmas story.

Miss Hawkins is a board member on the hospitality committee, and is chairman of the program committee of the seventh district of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. R. O. White led the group singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Max Lewis accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. W. A. Hudson was appointed by the executive board to fill the office of publicity chairman vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Bruce McGill.

Mrs. Hamilton Still and Mrs. Leola Hurn served refreshments to the members present who were Mes. Jack Skiles, J. L. Manry, Jr., James Campbell, Jack Smith, Sam Holmes, M. C. Duer, Jap Edwards and Misses Mary K. Hurn and Maggie Taylor.

Mrs. Clint Shaw, Mrs. C. J. Holcomb, and Clarence Holcomb of Kermit, visited in Ozona Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swafford of Lordsburg, N. M., visited in the home of Walton Harral, and will go on to Beeville and to spend Christmas with relatives.

Lois Shackelford will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Marathon.

Mrs. Murray McCain and children were shoppers in San Angelo Saturday.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT WARRANTS

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF UPTON )  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Upton County, Texas, to pass an order on the 12th day of January, 1953, authorizing the issuance of UPTON COUNTY PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT WARRANTS in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four (4%) per cent per annum, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, with a maximum maturity date not to exceed ten (10) years from their date, for the purpose of evidencing indebtedness of Upton County to be incurred in constructing improvements and additions to the County Hospitals and purchasing equipment for the County Hospitals.

GIVEN PURSUANT to a resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court, this the 22nd day of December, 1952.

G. H. FISHER,  
County Judge,  
Upton County, Texas.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS THE STATE OF TEXAS ) COUNTY OF UPTON )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Upton County, Texas, to pass an order on the 12th day of January, 1953, authorizing the issuance of UPTON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four (4%) per cent per annum, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, with a maximum maturity not later than ten (10) years from date, for the purpose of evidencing indebtedness to be incurred in constructing permanent road and bridge improvements in said County, including claims for labor, material, equipment and supplies, and purchasing necessary right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith.

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G. H. FISHER,  
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Upton County, Texas.

This Monkey Business

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree. Discussing things as they are said to be.

Said one to the others, "Now, listen, you two, There is a certain rumor that can't be true.

That man descended from our noble race.

The very idea is a disgrace. No monkey ever deserted his wife, Starved her babies and ruined her life;

And you have never known a mother monk

To leave her babes with others to bunk.

Or pass them on from one to another.

Another thing you will never see. A monk build a fence around a coconut tree.

And let the coconuts waste, Forbidding other monks to taste.

Why, if I should build a fence around a coconut tree, Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't do—

Go out at night and get on a stew, Or use a gun or club or knife

To take another monk's life.

Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss,

But, brother, he didn't descend from us."

—By A. B. Harris.

A banquet was held in January, 1835, during Andrew Jackson's administration, to celebrate the fact that the country was almost free of debt.

Maryland was settled by the Catholics; Pennsylvania by the Quakers; New York by the Walloons, Georgia by the English debtors, and Virginia by the Cavaliers.

Our present day sport of aquaplaning developed from the surf board of the native Hawaiians.

Fidellis Matron Class Of Baptist Church Has Christmas Party

The Fidellis Matron Class of the First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas party Thursday night, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Harrielson Wheeler. Mrs. Elizabeth Rains and Mrs. Wheeler were hostesses.

Each member brought a gift for a boy or girl to be sent to the Buckner Orphans Home.

The following members present were: Mrs. D. S. Gentry, Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. A. F. Eades, Mrs. Hamilton Still, Mrs. Mary Pierce, Mrs. R. C. Schlagal, Mrs. J. L. Manry, Mrs. R. L. Shannon, Mrs. Tyson Midkiff, Mrs. Grace Zachary, Mrs. Zack Monroe, Mrs. R. L. Bell, Mrs. Sam Holmes, and teacher, Mrs. Jap Edwards.

Refreshments of coffee and cake was served.

The game of ping-pong received its name from the sounds made when the bat hits the celluloid ball.

Word has been received here by friends that Mrs. T. H. Blue, who has been ill in the Bronte Hospital for the past month, is able to return to her home.

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