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OUR "25-YEAR CLUB".

At the suggestion of certain members of the Prince Rupert District Staff, the Newsletter is publishing a complete list of all those who, in the last 13 years, have been presented with the 25-Year Button, signifying one quarter of a century of service to the Service.

Since the practice of awarding the Buttons was started in 1937, ninety-seven have been presented. Fifty-seven of the recipients are still carrying out their duties for the Service, and one is now with the Lands Service.

In the list below, the Badge number is shown in brackets after the recipient's name and, where he is still "on the job", his present headquarters is listed.

Year Presented

1937 - G.R. McKay (1); M.V. Allen (2); S.W. Barclay (3); A.G. Mumford (4), Victoria; W.L. Thomas (5); N.F. Pite (6).

1938 - E.P. Fox (7), Vancouver; F. MacRae (8); C.J. Haddon (9); T.W. Brewer (10); J. Milroy (11); H.H. Smith (12).

1939 - J.G. McDonald (13), Marine Station, Vancouver; G.P. Melrose (14), Victoria (Lands); J.S. Asson (15); J. McCluskey (16).

1940 - G. Copley (17); E.B. Prowd (18) Victoria.

1942 - Miss T. Taylor (19); F.H.S. Pym (20).

1943 - J.A. Mahood (21), Chilliwack; A.H. Nunn (22); R.C. St. Clair (23), Victoria; J.L. Colbert (24); R.L. Scoble (25).

1944 - W.E. Noble (27); J. Thompson (28); G. Forbes (29); J.E. Mathieson (30); W. Byers (31); A.E. Parlow (32), Kamloops.

1945 - A.H. Waddington (33); G. Schupe (34), Nelson; Miss D.A. Trapp (35), Vancouver; C.R. Scharff (36); R.E. Allen (37); G.H. Birkenhead (38), Vancouver; F. O'Grady (39), Vancouver; A.E. Thompson (40); C.E. Henderson (41), Vancouver; W. Black (42), Powell River; P. Sweatman (43), Duncan; C.D. Orchard (44), Victoria; T.A. Simmons (45); L.S. Hove (46), Nelson; J.C. Ciceri (47); R.B.W. Eden (48), Kelowna; J. Jardine (49); F. Paterson (50), Vancouver.

1946 - W.N. Campbell (51), Prince George; J.H. Blake (52); E.T. Calvert (53); L.B. Webster (54) Vancouver; W. Holmgren (55); J.B. Scott (56), Prince Rupert; A.B. Williams (57); J. Davey (58).

1947 - S.F. Banks (59), Victoria; I. Martin (60), Prince Rupert; D.B. Taylor (61), Vancouver; E.S. Antle (62), Vancouver; A.C. Heard (63), G.A. Cahilty (64), Kamloops; G.G. Armytage (65), North Vancouver; S.E. Marling (66), Victoria; R. Murray (67); S.S. Simpson (68), Nelson.

Our "25-Year Club". (Continued)

- 1948 - C.R. Lee (69), Kamloops; J.R. McKinley (70); W.H. Browne (71), Victoria; J.A. Featherstonhaugh (72), Vancouver; E.R. Townley (73), Vancouver; G. Palethorpe (74), Nelson.
- 1949 - Miss A. Bruce (75), Vancouver; R.B. Carter (76), Prince George; A. Chisholm (77), Victoria; A.E. Collins (78), Victoria; A.M. Davies (79), Victoria; Miss D.M. Drummond (80), Vancouver; C.F. Holmes (81), Vancouver; H.C. Nichols (82); C. Williams (83), Kamloops.
- 1950 - E.W. Bassett (84), Vancouver; R.G. McKee (85), Victoria; D. Macdougall (86), Victoria; E.C. McNary (87), Vancouver; R.D. Greggor (88), Ranger School; S.G. Cooper (89), Terrace; C. Perrin (90), Penticton; R. Little (91), Harrison Lake; W.G. Henning (92), Prince George; P. Young (93), Victoria; J.L. Atkins (94), Vancouver; J. McNeill (95), Vancouver; C.E. Robertson (96), Clinton; P.M. Docker (97), Vancouver.

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THE WILLING "HORSES".

A good proportion of those who are now good British Columbians, "immigrants" from the Eastern Seaboard, will have practical knowledge of the maxim frequently credited to Calvin Coolidge -- "Use it up, make it do, wear it out". Perhaps it is this frugal pioneer influence that has introduced some of their noteworthy economy into Forest Service business.

At any rate, at Green Timbers the other day, we ran across a case in point. Cy Oldham greeted as a long-lost friend one of the first batch of dump trucks ever owned by the Forest Service, No. 248, a Chevrolet, dating from 1936, with more than 90,000 miles on the speedometer. Old "248" appears to be showing its age in some measure, for the operator has chalked around the front of the head -- "Green Lemon -- Gutless Wonder".

Telling the story of the Chev. at Manning Park ("where the birds shine and the sun sings") a few hours later, we were informed that they had No. 299, a Dodge of 1937 vintage, which had marked up on the speedometer 72,930 miles, "from time to time when the speedometer happened to be working". This one is on the job every day and, according to Bob Boyd, giving unqualified satisfactory service.

(Ed:--And then of course, to mention a couple more, there is No. 26 a 1930 Model A Ford at Green Timbers with more than 124,000 miles and No. 290, "Black Beauty", a '37 Chev. with 138,000 miles and still in constant use in the "Pool" at Victoria).

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EASTER INVASION OF MANNING.

By "The Girls" (Audrey, Agnes, Joyce & Joan).

We'd heard a lot about it, we'd done a lot about it too, if you take into consideration the letters we have typed, the stencils run off and the vouchers passed. It seemed everyone in the office had been there but us, but now the story is complete, for we too have been into the place where, even in winter, the birds sing and the flowers bloom.

For the information of our readers, "we" are the stenos. from the Parks and Recreation Division in Victoria and the "place" of course, is our Manning Park. Through the kindness of Mr. E.G. Oldham, Forester-in-Charge of the Division, arrangements were made for the transportation to and fro.

Ranger Boyd, taking the coward's way out, went on his vacation at this time rather than witness the invasion of such hallowed ground. This left Davie Davidson in sole charge and he rose to the occasion in magnificent style! Transportation was provided by the aforementioned Mr. Davidson and, as the miles sped by, he pointed out all items of interest. There is a suspicion that Davie is from a long line of troubadours, as he entertained his passengers with ballads of his own composing such as, "Bury Me UpsideDown", and "Never Show Your Tattoo to a Stranger".

Upon our arrival at Manning, Joe Hilton was present but, after one look at us, he too, disappeared.

The "PINE WOODS" concession is a beautiful building with its hand-carved doors, and carved plaques above the stone fireplaces in each lounge and in the cafe itself. The furnishings throughout are of maple. We made a mental note to return in June, when the building will be in operation.

The park also boasts a new Administration building and a staff building and, although they possess none of Len Neilsen's handiwork, they are lovely buildings.

Our tour was brought to a close by the inspection of the "livestock". Bob Boyd calls them "horses" but to timid city gals they looked like mighty big brutes. The braver members rode "Spider" but one preferred to stay close to the colt who was more her size. However, it may be stated that the Cavalry will never choose any of us for its ranks!

The following day, laden down with the clothes and ski caps we had begged, borrowed, or snatched from various males in the office, we set out to enjoy the great

Easter Invasion of Manning. (Continued)

outdoors. Skiing was the main attraction (besides Davie) and he went with us to instruct us in this sport. The girls had in mind skiing along a surface with as much slant to it as a pool-table, but no -- Davie took us up the road to the dam. Coming down was comparatively simple, you just have to keep picking yourself up, that's all. Getting to the top again proves to be the problem. It seemed that the coming down was Audrey's main problem, though, as she is now minus the seat of her slacks. Joan, Agnes and Joyce at least remained intact.

We thought we would like to try everything, even trapping, but Joe Hilton was having none of it. He must have realized that our interest in his beavers went as far as the finished product in the form of a warm coat. He did invite us to see a real trapper's cabin, which was most impressive, especially the heat.

Not able to resist the bright lights, the group drove to Princeton on Saturday night. As Davie and his harem sauntered down the street, a rumour spread that Tommy Manville was in Princeton.

It's amazing the appetites we acquired! We were even content with our own cooking, and Davie proved to be skilled in the culinary department, especially with his maple muffins!

The male minority was strengthened by two when Les Cook arrived with wife and small son, on the Sunday.

The holiday went very quickly and it was a weary lot who returned to work on Tuesday morning. The holiday had been a success and even the Easter Bunny visited the Park.

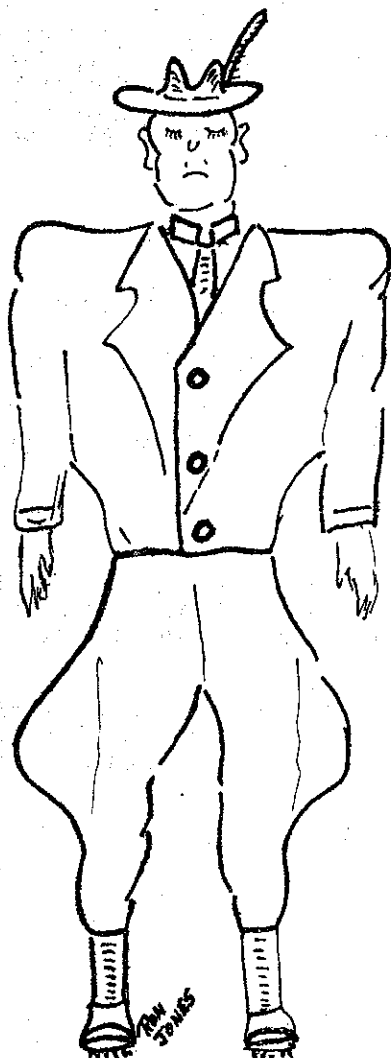
Many thanks go to those who made the holiday possible -- Mr. Oldham, Ranger Boyd, Davie and those who loaned their skiing regalia to us.

25 YEARS OF UNIFORMS.

With the matter of uniforms for the members of the Ranger staffs having been finally decided upon, we felt it might be of interest to show how the idea was received by at least one member of the Service twenty-six years ago last month. W.H. Browne, who is now in charge of Timber Marks in the Victoria office, advises us that he submitted his "pome" to "Root and Branch" (the Newsletter's predecessor) in 1924, but that said publication folded shortly afterwards and never did publish his submission.

Which all goes to show that we do get things done! True, it did take a quarter-century of discussion to decide on the uniforms and an equal time for the poem to be published, but remember -- "everything comes if a man will only wait". (Disraeli).

THE RANGER'S UNIFORM.



A Ranger was tired of Tin Lizzies--
As he thought of the grease on his hose,
His hat was all adrift sideways
And his shoes were burned full of holes.
So the Chief looked on him sadly,
And gave him a uniform green,
To be worn on all occasions--
This filled him full of spleen.

He doffed his suit of "Ready Mades"
And put them aside very gently,
Said "au revoir" to P.Z.C.,*
Who was amused immensely.
The stenographer with her camera,
Asked him to step outside,
Some friends who were waiting for him
Shouted "Here Comes the Bride."

Never was seen such a Ranger
In a uniform so green,
Shirt of a similar colour,
Shoes that could not be seen.
The Patrolmen simply grinned at him,
This ill-fitted figure so cute,
But he hadn't the courage to check them
In case he would spoil his suit.

But at last the Ranger decided
This wonder suit, By Gee,
Was by far and away too conspicuous
To be worn by any like he.
So he sent in his resignation,
And now he is On the Fence,
Clad in clothes that suit him,
And blessing his common sense.

W.H. Browne,
Grazing Office,
April 4, 1924.

* P.Z. Caverhill, Chief Forester at the time.

PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICT.

PRINCE RUPERT RANGER MEETING.

A highly successful and interesting Ranger Meeting of the Prince Rupert Forest District was held in the Civic Centre at Prince Rupert on March 29 and 30. Fifteen Rangers and Acting Rangers, representative of all Ranger Districts, together with five Victoria representatives, R.C. St. Clair, Sam Marling, Percy Young, W.G. Hughes, and Mel Hughes, two Prince George representatives, Walter Henning and Floyd Nelson, and ten members of the Prince Rupert Headquarters staff, were present.

District Forester Marc Gormely presided over the assembled delegates and expressed pleasure at the second opportunity of having such a large representation of the staff brought together for a general round-table discussion of District problems, and wished the Meeting success in its deliberations for the next two days.

The following papers were presented for consideration and discussion: (1) Logging Inspection, D.R. Smith; (2) Stumpage Appraisal and Special Use Policy, J.A.K. Reid; (3) Ranger's Relations with His Operators and His Community, S.G. Cooper; (4) Introducing Practical Silviculture, L.B. Boulton; (5) Farm Woodlot Management, W.G. Hughes; (6) Office Methods and Problems, W.H. Murray; (7) The Pedley Report (as it applies to this District), S.T. Strimbold; (8) The Essentials of a Good Pre-organization Plan, C.L. Gibson; (9) Notes on Control Burning, J. Mould; (10) The Forest Insect Problem, M. Hughes; (11) Forest Diseases in this District, J.E. Browne; (12) Radio, F. Goertzen.

Interesting discussions as to the pros and cons took place throughout the session and many informative points were brought to light as a direct result of these discussions.

At an "Open House", held at the District Forester's residence, a most enjoyable evening was had by all those present. The evening was spent in playing cards and generally reminiscing on subjects of an unprintable nature.

The ladies joined the party about midnight to serve refreshments of a more solid nature and the highly successful party concluded in the early hours of the morning.

The following evening, after the conclusion of the meeting, a banquet was held at the Broadway Cafe. A cocktail hour, supervised by Bill Murray and Carl Smith, preceded the dinner, which was an appetizing stimulant. Following the banquet, Mr. Gormely called upon several visiting guests for a few words which were well delivered considering the various unavoidable interruptions. The highlight of the speech-making was the presentation to Ranger S.G. Cooper of his 25-year pin by Assistant Chief Forester "Bob" St. Clair. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing by those who could, accompanied by Andy McNaughton at the piano and the rest recommenced the cocktail hour.

In conclusion it was felt by all present that this meeting was bigger and better than last year's and we all look forward to a bang-up meeting for 1951.

Welcome Mat.

Although slightly belated, we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming several new members to our fold. Mr. R.W. (Bob) Corregan, who hails from Vancouver has joined the staff as a Forester-in-Training. Mr. Murray Johnson, formerly with the Department of Transport, is our new Radio Operator, and Ned McLeod from good old Prince Rupert is our new Operation Clerk. We hope your stay with the Forest Service will be a long and happy one, fellas.

Hatched.

At this writing, we have no "matched" but have three "hatched".
Corregan - To "Bob" and Mrs. Corregan, a SON, Brian Robert, on February 16, 1950.

Goertzen - To Frank, our Radio Technician, and Mrs. Goertzen, a SON, Herbert Henry, on December 13, 1949.

Murray - To our Chief Clerk "Bill", and Mrs. Murray, a DAUGHTER, Helen Christina, on December 17, 1949.

Good Luck, Bill Murray.



It is with a sad heart that we bid adieu to our Chief Clerk, Bill Murray, who left the Forest Service on April 28 to try his luck at private enterprise.

Although we'll miss Bill after his 16 years of service, we nevertheless wish him all the success and the best of luck in his new field of endeavour.

W.H. (Bill) Murray.

PRINCE GEORGE DISTRICT.

Ranger Meeting.

The biggest event here in recent times was the Ranger Meeting. There was a good-sized Victoria contingent consisting of Gerry McKee, Sam Marling, Bill Spouse and Wally Hughes. It's really amazing the way they can handle awkward questions from the floor. Another welcome visitor was Jim McDonald of the Prince Rupert staff. A good deal of old ground was gone over again -- yes, the meeting passed a resolution condemning the inadequacy of the B.C. Log Rule -- and much new material was introduced. Highlight of the discussion was Gerry McKee's description of the new Forest Service uniform. There was a good deal of relief observable in certain quarters when it was realized that the rumour to the effect that when the B.C. Provincial Police were absorbed by the Mounties, we would be getting their cast-off uniforms, was false.

After two days discussion, the meeting got down to real business, which centred around an excellent dinner and a large punch bowl. The punch -- mixed by those experts, Jim Fieldhouse and Don Ritson -- was a knockout in every respect. Guest of honor at the banquet was the Minister of Agriculture and local M.L.A., the Honourable Harry Bowman. We were greatly impressed by the amount of influence wielded by Lorne Swannell. It seems he warned the Hon. Minister to make his speech short and believe it or not, it lasted a bare minute-and-one-half. This so intimidated the other speakers that all speeches were over ten minutes later. The high point of the meeting was then reached when Gerry McKee presented Asst. Forester Walter Henning with his twenty-five year button and scroll. There can be few better-liked men in the Service, and we hope Walter will stay with us for a long time to come.

Next, Bill Spouse M.C.'d a beauty contest initiating this year's newcomers to the staff, notably Messrs. Cosens, McAskie, Clough, Tully, Northrup, Irwin, Redel and Burrows. Need we add that the judge's decision was a foregone conclusion and that that photogenic fellow, Ed. Clough, was the winner? Even so, some of the losers were heard to mutter darkly that he won on the strength of his fancy tie.

The subsequent entertainment in the form of a skit built around a radio programme, scripted by Eric Robinson, would put most radio programmes to shame. In fact, a good many of that hardened audience were observed to be blushing as the skit progressed. Most notable of all was the vigorous manner in which Al Dixon delivered the singing commercials. We are convinced that he could sell anything with that technique. A dance (and a fresh bowl of punch) followed, and your reporter regrets that his memory of subsequent events is somewhat hazy. However, everyone assures him that they had a wonderful time, so it must have been good. Luckily we had the Easter holidays in which to recover from the effects.

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Things and Stuff.

The amount of dust in the streets of Prince George would indicate that summer is nearly here despite the fact that the snow is still two feet deep in the woods. After all, we have already killed our first mosquitoes. (Bet the snow will still be there when this appears in print).

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We were glad to note that even Victoria can slip up on occasion, such as when they cleared a timber sale over a very active timber licence. Luckily the aggrieved party was quite decent about it, so it all went off very well.

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Even Economics has its troubles. "Red" Frey and his survey boys dropped in with a tale of mishaps. It seems he and his group arrived at Prince George airport and he took a taxi into town and picked up his truck and returned for his crew. Unfortunately, they ran out of gas when only a quarter of the trip was completed, so he and his myrmidons pushed the car to the nearest garage, only to find that they had sold their last drop of gasoline! Never did find out just how they did reach town eventually.

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A certain member of the office staff has achieved a degree of notoriety. It seems she was walking home one night when she collided with a horse (and a white one at that!) According to our most recent information the horse is slowly recovering, but the S.P.C.A. is investigating. Always knew those girls were dangerous critters.

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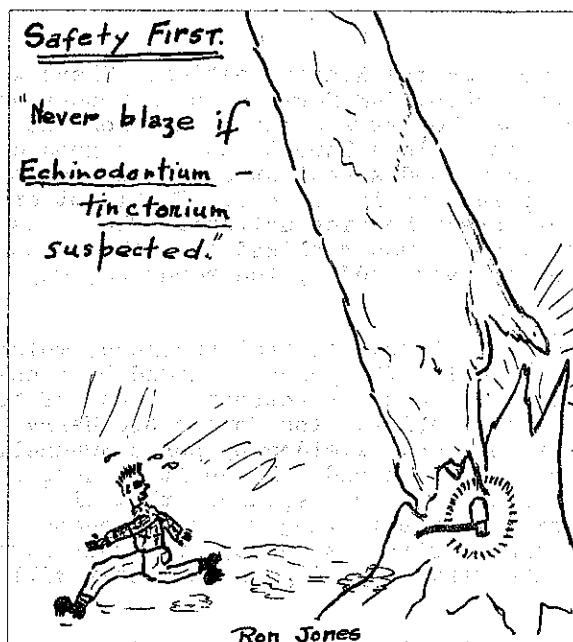
Next time: Will the Rangers please submit suitable Newsletter material?

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RANGER SCHOOL CLOSING.

On Wednesday, April 5, the fourth group of students to attend the Ranger School and the first that had undertaken the new nine-months course, wound up their affairs preparatory to returning to their own bailiwicks. In accordance with tradition, the evening ended with a dance in the lounge of the new dormitory building, with various instructors, members of the Vancouver District staff, and a spot or two of Victoria "brass" as guests of honour.

Formal termination of their studies took place in the afternoon, when "Dean" Greggor and "Assistant-Dean" Pedley expressed the earnest hope that the students had managed to absorb some of the instruction they had been given and the Chief Forester outlined the opportunity for satisfying service which had been afforded them and wished them "God speed" on their return to their respective Districts.

Ranger School Closing. (Continued)

Following the afternoon session, the students were photographed for the records and then adjourned to the dining-hall for a bang-up spread of "turkey-and-all-the trimmings" from the hands of the chef. What might best be described as "incidental musical accompaniment" was provided at intervals between oases by Messrs. Morrison, Orchard, Pedley, et al and et cetera. It sounded real nice.

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FOREST SERVICE PUBLICATIONS.

One of the difficulties in connection with the production of Forest Service publications is to ensure that knowledge of the publication reaches every member of the Service so that he may secure a copy, providing he is interested and desires one. Generally speaking one of two methods is followed to achieve that end. The first is to supply all H.Q. Divisions and District offices with a sufficient number of copies to enable them, as distributors to place one copy in the hands of every employee; the second method (applied in the majority of cases) is to furnish H.Q. Div-

isions with a specific number equal to the number of senior officers in the Division and to furnish District offices with a copy for each of their senior officers and a copy for each Ranger District under their jurisdiction. When this latter method is used, Divisions and Districts are invited to order any additional copies required.

To further ensure that every member of our Service knows what is being produced in the way of publications, what material is available to them for distribution, and what they can secure for their own interest and information, the Newsletter plans on publishing details of each Forest Service publication as it is produced. A list of the more recent ones appears below.

Incidentally, we would like to urge that Ranger offices plan on keeping a complete file of the Newsletter. This is a personal, personnel publication but it often contains information and suggestions well worth having on record. If you do as we do and take your copy home for the "little woman" to peruse, order an extra copy for the filing cabinet.

- (1) J.2 - "How the Fir Forest Was Saved" by H.W. Weatherby. An illustrated book for children from 6-10 years which has been distributed to all the school libraries and all Grade V pupils in the Province.
- (2) B.40 - "Forest Management" by the Chief Forester. An illustrated booklet on the need for intelligent use of our forest resource. This has had a wide distribution to schools, Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, the press, and many other groups.
- (3) T.31 - "Direct-Seeding Experiments in the Southern Coastal Regions of British Columbia, 1923-1949", by E.H. Garman and A.L. Orr-Ewing. A technical bulletin, the contents of which are indicated in the title. Special limited distribution.
- (4) T.32 - "The Development of the Spruce-Balsam Type in the Aleza Lake Experimental Forest", by A.R. Fraser and J.L. Alexander. Another technical publication for special limited distribution.
- (5) B.34 - "Green Timbers Forestry Station and Forest Tree Nursery" -- a 20-page, liberally illustrated general bulletin, revised from the original bulletin printed in 1943, and dealing with the operation of the Nursery and general planting practises.
- (6) B.41 - "Collecting Seed from Forest Trees" -- an illustrated bulletin designed primarily as a manual for those interested in collecting seed for reforestation purposes. (This bulletin should be available by the time you receive this Newsletter).

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OUR MASTHEAD STORY.

For the masthead on this issue of the Newsletter, we are once more indebted to the talented pen of John Rogers of Nelson. This time his sketch features a view of Les Stilwell's Kettle Valley Ranger District in the southwest corner of the Nelson Forest District.

We'd like to have more, John.

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