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## J. G. Ramsden Wins First Prize H. V. Drone Second in Contest

Third and Fourth Awards in Free Press Local Sketch and Weight Contest Go to Mrs. J. Kentner and Mrs. A. J. Murray — Winner Was Only Half Pound Out in His Aggregate Score and Did Not Vary Over 2 1/2 Pounds on Any Character.

The Free Press Local Sketch Contest closed last Thursday, when all the coupons were collected and tabulated, preparatory to the final summing up and awarding of the prizes by the judges. With over 1,200 guesses recorded, it can readily be conceived that this summing up was no small task.

On Monday evening the Judges, Messrs. W. K. Graham, R. R. Arnold and W. Nisbet, assembled for their task. For nearly four hours they sorted and tabulated the guesses and checked with the names and weights which had been furnished.

On Monday each of the local individuals whose sketch had appeared in the Free Press during the Contest, kindly went to the Acton Creamery and had his weight checked on the scales there. All were weighed on the same scales and all on the same afternoon. The names secured from the artist, Mr. J. K. Gardiner, the dates in which the pictures appeared, and the weights, as carefully secured on Monday, are as follows:

March 23 — Ex-Warden A. Mason, weight, 161 1/2 pounds.  
March 24 — Ex-Councillor A. T. Brown, weight, 195 pounds.  
April 6 — Mr. J. B. Chalmers, weight, 170 pounds.  
April 13 — Mr. B. D. Rachlin, weight, 163 1/2 pounds.  
April 20 — Superintendent Chas. W. Wilson, of the Acton Hydro, weight, 222 pounds.  
April 23 — President E. E. Barr, of the Business Men's Association, weight 237 1/2 pounds.

The total weight of all is 1089 1/2 pounds.

After a careful checking up and comparison of the scores, the prizes were awarded, as follows:

First Prize, \$7.00 in cash—J. G. Ramsden, who registered weight guesses of 163, 137, 170, 165, 220 and 235 pounds. It will be noted that in no case were any of these guesses higher than 2 1/2 pounds from correct, and the aggregate of 1090 pounds was just one half pound from the correct weight.  
Second Prize, \$3.00 in cash—H. V. Drone, whose weights were placed 163, 139, 163, 228 and 237 pounds.  
Third Prize, one year's Free Press Subscription — Mrs. J. Kentner, who registered guesses of 162, 145, 169, 157, 221 and 236 pounds.  
Fourth Prize, one year's Free Press Subscription—Mrs. A. J. Murray and these guesses were 162, 140, 170, 156, 229 and 245 pounds.

Of course the winners and many others guessed all the individuals correctly. And those who won the highest standing did not confine their guesses to one entry each week. It is remarkable that so many accurate guesses were put in and that such keen competition was shown. In fact, it required a great deal of careful comparison before the final awards could be definitely settled.

The two sketches which proved the stumbling block to many of the entrants were those which appeared on April 13 and April 20, and were Mr. B. D. Rachlin and Mr. C. W. Wilson. On the other four characters the guessing did not vary and were very accurate. Some of the weights were very wide of the mark on certain characters. For instance, one was judged as 128 and another registered a correct of 285, both on the one man. His correct weight, was, of course, some place between these two figures.

Many guesses were registered by persons who did not complete the contest and therefore had little opportunity of hoping to win an award when so many complete records were made, and so many accurate guesses recorded. Some commenced late in the contest, also. But for all the fun and local interest has been splendid. With the experience gained in this event it is hoped that the undertaking of a similar affair will be more readily handled when staged again. For the hearty co-operation of the artists, the individuals who were sketched, the judges, the merchants, the contestants and all who participated in the event to make it such a success, the Free Press is indeed appreciative. If the successful prize winners will kindly call at the Free Press Office, we will be glad to give them the awards as set forth.

### Coming to Acton Thursday, May 18

The Monster Show, appearing in the Town Hall, Thursday, May 18, carries the funniest comedians in Canada. In addition to dozens of laughs, the show will also present Archie Cunningham, of Archie's Morning Melodics, broadcast daily over OKNC, in Toronto. Archie's ability at the piano has delighted thousands over the radio. May 18 he will demonstrate his ability to the residents of Acton and vicinity. Tommy Somers' brilliant Company of Dancers, singers and comedians have been well received everywhere. The show starts at 8.15 p.m.

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## The Halton County Musical Festival

Acton and Milton Junior Choirs Are Tied for First Place—Ethel Franklin Wins Second Place

The first section of the Halton County Public School Musical Festival was held on Saturday, May 6, in the Milton High School, Mr. Peter Kennedy, Toronto, Adjudicator.

Rural School Choirs — Selection, "Smiles and Tears"—Pine Grove School, Silver Cup, donated by Festival Association; Bell School, Sheld, donated by Mt. Union Women's Institute.

Piano Solos, 9 years and under, "Three and Twenty Pirates"—Eleanor Day; Ethel Franklin, 12 years and under; "Elfantex"—Joe Hartley, Irene Vyer; "Rural Solos—Girls, 'Autumn Winds,' 7 and under—Ruth Tyler; Shirley Watson, "Dreamland," 10 and under—Helen Jarrett; Wilma Johnstone, "Slumber Song," 14 years and under—Margaret Breckon; Muriel Smith.

Urban Solos, boys, "Dapple Grey," 7 and under—Norman Wood; Harold Clements, "Robin Lend Me Your Bow," 10 and under—Stanley Peck; Bobby Leonard, "Song of the Gondolier," 14 and under—Joe Hartley, Jerry Wedderburn.

Junior Choirs, 25 voices, "Early One Morning"—Acton and Milton, tied, Cup, donated by I. O. D. E., Oakville; Burlington Central, Shield, donated by the Festival Association.

Urban Solos, girls, "The Robin Song," 7 and under—Wilma Anderson; Betty Paul, "Dreams," 10 and under—Mary Galloway; Marion Snowball.

Urban Solos, boys, "There Stands a Little Man," 7 and under—Allan Tizard; Jack Allatt, "Dreams," 10 and under—Robert Arnold; Hartley Anderson.

The prizes for vocal solos Rural Girls, are gold and silver medals, donated by Halton County Women's Institute.

Vocal solos, Rural Boys, gold and silver medals, donated by Halton Home and School Clubs.

Vocal solos, Urban, Girls and Boys, gold and silver medals, donated by Festival Association.

Office of Festival Association—President, F. W. Cooke, Milton; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Atkins, Brynre; Secretary, Mrs. D. Hartley, Milton; Treasurer, J. A. Lockhart, Burlington.

The remainder of the entries are to be judged on Friday, May 12, and a concert on the same evening will be given by the winner of the first prize in each class.

## Acton and District

Steals Gas; Goes to Jail  
Appearing before, Magistrate Barr in Burlington police court on a charge of attempting to break open a gas pump on the highway near Bronte, Joseph Warburton, of Hamilton, was sentenced to six months determinate and six months indeterminate, Frank Gow, owner of the car, found beside the pump when Warburton was arrested, was accused of being the police that the car had been stolen.

Elderly Lady Injured by Fall  
Last Friday evening Miss Agnes Perryman suffered a fall at her home on John Street and sustained a fractured limb. She was bringing in some wood for the fires from the shed when she fell. As Miss Perryman's fall alone it was some two hours later before assistance reached her. Mr. H. N. Farmer, whose office is in this block, heard her moaning and went to her aid and secured medical and nursing attention. On Tuesday she was removed to Guelph Hospital for care and treatment, and is reported in a very critical condition.

Women's Institute Officers Elected  
The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Lantz, the President, Mrs. Gamble, presiding. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, and a brief business discussion ensued. A shield has been presented to the Musical Festival in Milton. The roll call was answered by paying of fees and "How I mean to help the Institute next year." Election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. J. E. Gamble.  
1st Vice-President—Mrs. F. Salt.  
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Geo. Agnew.  
Secretary—Treasurer — Miss E. Hawthorne.

Directors—Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mrs. A. H. Bishop, Mrs. G. W. Masses.  
District Director—Miss E. Hawthorne.  
Programme Committee—Mrs. Roney, Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. McGeachie.  
Social Committee—Mrs. J. E. Gamble.  
School Committee—Mrs. A. H. Bishop, Mrs. Geo. Agnew.  
Flower and Sick Committee—Miss E. Hawthorne.

Both Committee—Mrs. F. Roney—Plant—Mrs. Geo. Agnew—Assistant Plant—Mrs. F. Salt. Musical Festival—Mrs. Wilson. Representatives District Annual—Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Miss Hawthorne, Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mrs. J. Dobbie, Mrs. G. H. Lantz.

The meeting closed after lunch had been served and a social time spent.

## MOTHER'S DAY—1933

A day kept sacred, mother dear, To show our love for you, Our gifts and cheery letters, Bring love that's warm and true. We will wear the red carnation, Though far from home we stray, And although we fail to say it— We love you every day.

A wreath of pure white lilies, For those that are not here, O, we cherish fond, sweet memories, And shed the silent tear. We will wear the white carnation, Breathe a fervent, tender prayer, In God's eternal city, I know she's waiting there. —Bertram E. Nightingale, Rockwood, Ontario.

## TRAIN WRECK ON SUNDAY

Occurred at Trainer's Cut, Where Serious Accident Happened in 1927, When Three Passengers Were Killed

Derailment of six cars on a freight train shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday morning tied up traffic on the C. N. R. line between Guelph and Toronto, about a mile east of Guelph, was finally cleared by a Stratford auxiliary crew. Caused by the breaking of a draw bar on one of the cars near the front of the train, the derailment piled six empty cars in a heap, completely demolishing three, and badly damaging the others. The fact that the engine and 12 cars at the rear of the train remained on the tracks saved the crew from injury, but two transients, reported to have been riding in one of the cars, close to the pile-up, had a miraculous escape. Hundreds of people were attracted to the scene of the accident, which occurred within 100 yards of the Trainer's Cut wreck in 1927 in which three persons lost their lives.

The long freight was going from Toronto, and every car, except a couple which appeared to be loaded with ties, was empty. There was a group of half a dozen flat cars behind the engine, and it was from one of these that the accident occurred, which caused the wreck. While, of course, it is impossible to trace point to the fact that in some manner the huge iron draw bar in the coupling, dropped from its place, and fell apparently upright on to the track.

The next flat car struck it, and stopped, up-ending, and slewing sideways on the tracks. The following car, also built low, and the last of its kind, crashed into the one preceding it, and the line of box cars, travelling like the rest at a fairly fast rate of speed, piled up with a rending crash. One was smashed to matchwood, as it dug ten feet into the embankment of the cut. The next six months determinate and six months indeterminate, Frank Gow, owner of the car, found beside the pump when Warburton was arrested, was accused of being the police that the car had been stolen.

The following cars, while damaged from the shock, and derailed in some cases did not appear to be very badly affected. The road bed and embankment were torn to pieces where the heavy cars were driven into the ground, and the rails were badly sprung in several places.

The crew, in charge of Conductor Tom Burns and Engineer Haverson, of Palmerton, were at the front and back of the train, and consequently, escaped the most serious results of the wreck. The engine broke loose a short distance behind the tender, and the rest of the men were riding in the caboose, and while they felt the impact, were far enough away to escape injury.

## NASSAGAWEYA COUNCIL

Accounts are Passed—No Appeals to be Allowed After the Court of Revision

At the meeting of Nassagaweya Council, held on Monday, May 1, the following accounts were passed:

Norrish Bros., relief ..... \$ 96.64  
C. A. Easley, relief ..... 179.04  
E. Grespan, relief ..... 16.00  
R. S. Easley, relief ..... 19.73  
H. C. Easley, relief ..... 23.87  
J. Frucello, relief ..... 3.50  
Acron Free Press, printing ..... 4.24  
Road Superintendent's Voucher ..... \$28.55

To prevent a recurrence of belated appeals and complaints, Council passed the following resolution:

That this Council hereby makes it known that no dog tax, poll tax or any other change in the Assessment Roll will be entertained after the Court of Revision, to be held on May 29, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Council adjourned, to meet on May 29, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

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## Relief Curtailed in Eramosa Township

By-laws Are Passed and Court of Revision Dates Set—Accounts Passed for Month

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday May 8. Reeve Slims McLean, Councillors Albert Lush, J. A. Stewart, D. H. Storey and John Hindley were present.

A by-law consolidating existing awards and by-laws defining School Section boundaries was introduced by Messrs. Storey and Lush, and in accordance with a map certified by the Clerk, and in agreement with the Assessment Roll for 1933, the by-law was given the required readings and passed, on motion of Messrs. Hindley and Stewart.

On motion of Messrs. Lush and Storey, the Treasurer was authorized to register the transfer of Township of Eramosa debentures, (Hydro), registered in the name of J. A. Aldous, from J. L. Aldous to Rockwood P. V. Trustees (Rockwood Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund).

Mr. R. W. Hull, of the Erin Advocate, was awarded the contract for printing 250 copies of the Voters' List, at \$95.00. Several applicants for relief were presented and a lively discussion ensued regarding the wisdom of granting further relief. Eventually it was decided to relieve emergent cases for two weeks, at a maximum of \$2.50 per family per week.

Relief accounts for the month of April amounted to \$301.91.

Road accounts for \$304.69, and Collector's salary on account, \$150.00, were passed for payment.

The questions of calling for tenders for crushing gravel, and of carrying insurance against road accidents were laid over for a week.

After fixing Monday, June 12, as the date of the annual Court of Revision, Council adjourned at 6.30.

## Acton and District

Business Men Plan Activities  
At a meeting of Acton Retail and Business Men's Association on Tuesday night, a programme of activities for several months was mapped out. The first item is the Community Social Night, next Tuesday, May 16, when a euchre and dance will be the feature. Other items will be held each month that will make a lively interest in the community. There is a splendid membership enrolled and the officers and executive are very active and energetic.

Court Case at Cooksville  
In Toronto Township police court on Monday, Magistrate E. J. Pallett fined Harry Bernot, Toronto, \$5 for cutting in, Albert Baine, Toronto, had the wrong plates on his motor, and had obtained no driver's permit. He was assessed \$10 and costs on each charge. Joe Mitchell, Toronto, had no driver's permit, and was fined \$10 and costs. James Watson, Toronto, for speeding, handed the court \$10 and costs, and George McEain, Acton, paid \$2 and costs for failing to have a reflector on his truck.

Tennis Club Make Season's Plans  
A meeting of the executive of the Acton Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club was held on Tuesday evening, May 9, with all branches represented. Ground and playing rules for the season were drawn up and activities for the summer discussed. It was decided to encourage the younger tennis players by allowing them to book courts from 9.00 a. m. to 5.00 p. m. each day, with the exception of Wednesday, which will be an open day without bookings, in order to give members who can avail themselves of the afternoon holiday a chance to get on the courts. As the membership is expected to be quite large this year, each member will be restricted to not more than one hour of tennis per day, and the hour for "lights cut" will be 11.00 p. m., except in case of tournaments. The meeting was quite enthusiastic and it is expected that this will be a banner year for bowling and lawn tennis.

Weekly Newspaper Editors Meet  
The annual convention of the Ontario and Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association was held last Friday at the Royal York Hotel, in Toronto. Morning and afternoon business sessions were held and a dinner, held in the evening, Norman Sommerville, K. C., of Toronto, delivered an instructive and impressive address on conditions in Central Europe. The officers elected at the business meeting were as follows: President, C. V. Charters, Brampton; Vice-President, P. T. Lancaster, M. P., Havelock; Secretary—Treasurer, Adam L. Sellar, Huntington, Que.; Directors, W. C. Walls, Barrie; George Lake, Timmins; W. A. Dunlop, Forest; Bruce Pearce, Toronto; P. E. Blau, Drummondville, Que.; H. E. Rice, Huntsville; Walter Legg, Granby, Que.; and J. Holland, Rock Island. About 75 members of the Association were present. An invitation was extended to hold the convention next year in Three Rivers, Quebec. This city is next year celebrating its three hundredth anniversary.

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## Fall Fair Board and the Baseball Club Interview Council

Usual Grant is Made to Agricultural Society and Arrangements Made with Baseball Club for Use of Park — Fire Escape at Town Hall in Need of Repairs — Dog Tax Must be Paid or Animals will be Destroyed — Tag-Day and Concert are Given Endorsement.

Acton Council met on Monday evening, in regular session, with Councillors E. Jones, Jas. E. McMillan, S. M. Lasby and Wallace A. Lasby present, and Reeve Theford presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A deputation was present representing the Acton Fall Fair Board re the grant to the Fair in 1933. The Provincial Department bases its grant on what is received in grants from the municipalities and it was urged that Acton continue the usual grant or increase it.

It was moved by E. Jones, seconded by W. A. Lasby, that the annual grant to the Acton Fall Fair for 1933 be \$150; it being understood that \$100 be paid for rental of the Park and the arena as usual.—Carried.

Mr. F. L. Wright, Secretary of the Fall Fair, thanked the Council for the consideration they had received.

There was present a deputation representing the Acton Baseball Club, requesting a refund of rental of the Town Hall. Mr. Joseph Hurst spoke on behalf of this organization. He stated that the Baseball Club this year is a very strong one. The Baseball Committee intend to do all improvements at the baseball diamond and keep it in shape this year. The Curling Club room at the Arena was also requested for a dressing room. The use of the Park on Saturday afternoons was requested for the ball games.

It was decided unanimously by the Council that the rent of the Town Hall be refunded; that the Curling Club room be allowed for the summer as a dressing room; also that the Ball Club pay a nominal rental fee of \$1.00 for each Saturday afternoon they used the Park, so that the Baseball Club may have complete control of the Park when a game is in progress.

Some time was spent in going over tax arrears of 1932. The roll was considered to be in good condition.

The tenth account of the Finance Committee was recommended to be paid, as follows:

Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lighting ..... \$147.00  
Acton Public Utilities Commission, arena ..... 4.30  
Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump house ..... .88  
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall ..... 3.45  
Acton Public Utilities Commission, power at spring, etc. .... 19.24  
Acron Free Press, printing Auditors' Reports and advertising Ritchie & Agar, coal for pump-house ..... 4.05  
N. F. Moore, sharpening mowers ..... 3.50

\$293.11

A letter was received from the Mayor of Stratford re the Royal Scot special train now in this country, asking the Council to get in touch with officials endeavoring to have the train stop at Acton on its trip from Chicago to the Canadian National Exhibition. The Council decided to get in touch with Mr. T. A. Blakelock, M. P. P., and have him do what he can in the matter.

The Salvation Army requested permission to hold a tag day, in Acton on May 26. This permission was given.

The attention of Council was drawn to the fire escape from the auditorium of the Town Hall. This matter was left in the hands of the Town Hall Committee, for immediate attention.

Complaint was received regarding boys trespassing at Beverly House grounds. The Chief was requested to make a report and endeavor to stop the nuisance. Permission was granted the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I. O. D. E., to hold the usual Empire Day concert in the Town Hall.

Reeve Theford reported that the County Council had, at the last meeting, decided not to get any calcium chloride this year. Mr. Theford said, however, that it was expected this would be brought up at a future meeting of the Council, and he would then carry out instructions received at the last meeting of the Council.

It was also decided the the Roads Committee view several gravel pits, to see where the Council could get gravel for the roads this year.

Chief McPherson was authorized to interview all dog owners in Acton that were in arrears for dog tax, and if tax is not paid, court proceedings are to be instituted and the dogs destroyed.

## Various Interesting Items of News

Secured His Degree  
Rev. John Waldie, of Walkers, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waldie, has received his degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Waldie also received first class honors in history and English in recent examinations in his college course. Acton friends extend congratulations to Rev. John Waldie, M. A.

Child Struck by Car  
Shirley Miller, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Brampton, escaped serious injury when she was knocked down by a car, driven by John McClure, Acton. The child was attended by Dr. J. E. Bromley, and was able to go to her home. McClure was not charged, eye-witness declaring that the child ran in front of the car.—Toronto Telegram

Attended Meeting in Preston  
The meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial, held in Preston on Tuesday, was largely attended. The following ladies from Acton were present: Mrs. (Rev.) H. L. Bennie, Mrs. A. Kannawin, Mrs. Geo. (Murray), Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. W. J. Gould, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. Jas. Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Miss Emma Robinson, Mrs. F. S. Blow, Mrs. M. B. Davidson, of Galt, newly elected President of the Guelph Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, presided at the morning session of the rally served being held in Knox Presbyterian Church. Greetings from the Presbytery were extended by Rev. Walter Patterson, pastor of the church. A welcome was given by Mrs. G. V. Hillborn. Mrs. H. G. Freeman was installed as Recording Secretary. Mrs. W. P. Sutton and Mrs. E. A. Thompson, of Elora, spoke. A letter of greeting from Miss Ellen Anderson, a missionary in Kobe, Japan, formerly of Acton, was read.

Guelph Artists Present Pageant  
The members of the World Friendship Club of Dublin Street United Church, Guelph, presented a very fine pageant and concert in the United Church, Acton, on Monday evening. It was under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of Acton United Church. Rev. C. L. Poole was the chairman and the following numbers were given: Dublin Street Quartette, Mrs. Edgar Bell, Mrs. F. J. Hutton, Mr. W. G. Howell and Mr. Stanley Scott; solo by Miss Jean Saville; vocal solo by Miss Gladys McCarthy; vocal solo by Miss Hazel Strachan; reading by Mrs. J. H. McNally; vocal solo by Mrs. J. Kruger; duet by Mrs. Hutton and Mr. Scott. The pageant, "The Striking of Canada's Hour," introduced by Mrs. Moffatt, was splendidly presented. "Canada" was summoned before "Judge" Brotherhood, who was flanked by "Liberty" and "Justice," and accused of not fulfilling her duty to those who looked to her for Christian leadership. Heralded first were the Red Indians, who voiced their opinion concerning the unsympathetic attitude shown to them. These were followed by a group of "New Canadians," representing several European countries, who had come to Canada seeking new homes and destinies and felt the lack of friendliness. One of the number sang a solo, depicting their longing for the homeland. "India" was then called and a group of maidens, singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountain, from India's Coral Strand," presented themselves, and made an eloquent plea for more Christian missionaries. "China" followed and one of the group sang, to the accompaniment of the auto-harp, that is used in that country by missionaries to bring the gospel message in song—"Japan" was next and presented her plea for assistance in Christian leadership. "Africa" was presented by a typical group and made a pathetic request for more missionary leadership, one of the number singing a hymn in the African language. This presentation of the challenge from the populous countries eager for the gospel was followed by a duet from two young ladies representing a doctor and a nurse, emphasizing the importance of that work and a boy and girl, who sang "Away in a Manger," followed by a verse pleading for the children. Liberty and Justice then addressed "Canada," who acknowledged her acceptance of the challenge and accepted the cross from their hands and promised to endeavor to realize the "World for Christ." A large cross was then illuminated and the whole company knelt before it and sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The musical accompaniment and splendid costumes made the pageant very impressive and brought a realization of the missionary work yet needed to be accomplished.

## THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

The new office boy had just been instructed how to answer callers. Just before noon a man asked, "Is the boss in?"

"Are you a salesman, a bill collector or a friend of his?" the boy inquired.

"All three," was the answer.

"Well, he's in a business conference. He's out of town. Step in and see him."

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