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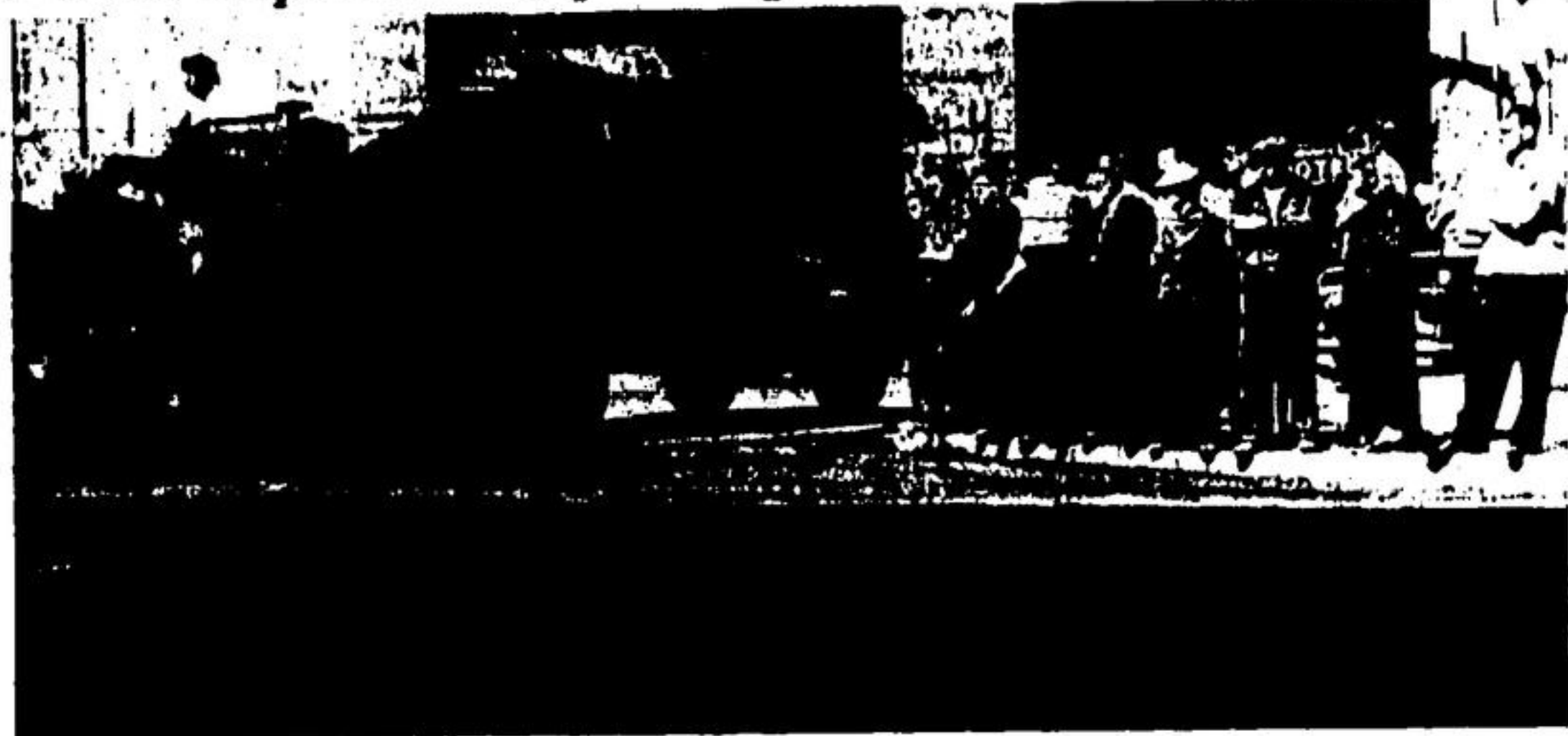
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'51 FALL FAIR PLANS BIGGER, BETTER

A Well Supervised Job Completed



SATURDAY MORNING saw the corner of Mill and Main St. an exceedingly busy intersection with paving operations diverting traffic and supervising the job of applying the black asphalt substance to the intersection. The opposite corner was shaded and just as crowded with the interested citizens.

Rained Out Street Dance Floated In The Town Hall

A street dance to climax the completion of road and sewerage installations, was rained out Saturday in a downpour that only dampened the crowd and not the spirits. It seemed to be a well-scheduled rain. Acton Citizens' Band under Bandmaster A. Perrott got the evening's program under way with a snappy parade and started a band concert for some 300 early gatherers in the Main St. block. The clouds unleashed a driving rain, scattering the band and 300 to nearby doorways and any conceivable shelter.

Hurried preparations were made and operations were transferred to the Town Hall for the dancing. Meanwhile, the crowd, expected to near the thousands, dribbled off with dampened clothes. But the Town Hall was jammed to capacity with youngsters to oldsters and all the ages in between enjoying the swinging, swinging, bumping of the dance.

Financed by the businessmen of Acton, the event was dotted with many cash prizes that added to the excitement and entertainment of the evening. In all, the businessmen made possible 30 cash prizes of two and three dollars for lucky draw winners, spot dance winners and novelty prizes.

Winners of lucky draw prizes chosen from the free tickets distributed at the door were: Misses Dona Braida, Ruth Smith, G. Robertson, D. Rigley, D. Dawkins, Helen Somerville, E. DeForest, Messrs Clarence McCann, Martin McCrist, all Calvert Sprawl, Bert Doskes, C. Douglas, Andre Caron, Jack Gilchriston, Rene St. Pierre and Mrs. George Fryer.

The raffle attending the celebration dance from the greatest distance were AC Fryer of the RC MP, home on leave from Pond Inlet, Baffin Island and Lance Corp. Charlton of Halifax.

Cash prizes for the oldest man and oldest woman present went to Fred Kingsmill who was celebrating his birthday at the dance and Mrs. M. J. Marshall. Winners of spot dance awards were Miss Joyce Vekery and Miss E. Jennings. Miss D. Dorell and Mr. C. Douglas. Miss Sheila Paul and Miss Jaunita DeForest. Miss M. Marks and Mr. Leo Marchmont. Miss Lorna Dunn and Mrs. Roy.

Genial and efficient master of ceremonies for the busy program of dancing and drawing was George Muselle. Members of council made the arrangements for the big dance and Acton's business.

VOCAL TALENTS DISCOVERED AT CAMP REHEARD AT Y.P.'S MEETING

Knox P.Y.P.S. held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18 beginning with the usual worship period with Bill Bell and Crawford Douglas leading in prayer and David Davidson reading scriptures. After the business of the Society was dealt with, some very entertaining reports of Glen Moberg were given by O. J. Muselle. Mrs. McCallan, Bill Bell and Douglas Davidson.

Bill Bell whose vocal talents were discovered at camp entertained the members by singing "Sweet Violets". Next week the topic for the evening will be "The How and Why of Young Peoples'."

Officials, Pavers -- Congratulations!

Final touches were given the new paved roads in Acton this week. The top surface was completed on Tuesday, street entrances put in and manholes reset where they were not level with the surface. Yesterday, the surplus material and dirt were taken from along the Mill St. curbs and the streets are ready again to be taken over by the municipal staff and kept clean and tidy as they were before the installation of sewers.

The new pavement is a credit to the town and the Hamilton Construction Co. No town can show finer roads now than Acton, which for the past year has taken quite a deal of ribbing from motorists who passed through. We hope that careful and moderate driving will be done by the visitors.

It seems odd that the paving west of town on the highway left a strip of the old surface about 200 yards before the new surface started. It is said this section was in good condition and did not require resurfacing but it gives the impression of a section that might be in dispute over the obligation of paving, which is certainly not the case.

To Municipal Officials and the Hamilton Construction Co., we add our congratulations for a splendid piece of roadway and the elevation of Acton to notoriety for "Good Roads."

Board Addressed -- By Two Architects

Two architects addressed the North Halton High School District Board meeting at Milton on Monday night and the Board decided that no more would be interviewed until more definite arrangements were made on building two schools and a new gymnasium.

Mrs. MacArthur, home economics teacher at Milton, told of the overcrowded conditions in teaching this subject and urged that the class of 31 from Georgetown be divided. The matter was left for Principal Lambert to arrange for smaller groups.

It was decided to teach Basic English for new Canadians in any of the schools where there were sufficient number to warrant the classes.

Permission was granted three pupils to attend Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute and denied to two other applicants who were taking courses that were available in the district.

Supplies were approved for Acton school amounting to \$109.60, for Milton school of \$100 and Georgetown school of \$68. Principals Lambert asked the Board to consider exchange and purchase of typewriters.

Members present at this meeting were Messrs. Beaumont, Schenk, Pickett, Biehn, Milne, Buchanan, Olson and Dills and Chairman Carbert presided.

SEVEN P. Y. P. SOCIETIES GUESTS AT KNOX CHURCH CORN ROAST

Knox P.Y.P.S. played host to Societies of Guelph Presbytery on Friday, September 14 at a corn roast at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Coles. There was a large attendance of around 100 people, who enjoyed a Virginia Reel, a scavenger hunt for frogs, chicken feathers, acorns, etc. When all the articles were found, a bunch of corn on the cob and roasted marshmallows was served at the camp fire.

Some games were played and a song song enjoyed. Rev. Armstrong pronounced benediction and brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Societies represented were Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Eden Mills, Elmira, Alma and Ferris.

Health Unit Plans Resuming Program

Only one case of poliomyelitis was reported to the Halton County Health Unit during the week ending September 15. This case, a young man of 21 from Burlington, had been ill since August 31. He shows paralysis. Actually no poliomyelitis cases have had their onset during September.

If no further cases are reported during the coming week, the Health Unit would feel that the chance of an epidemic occurring has passed even though an occasional case may still occur. The Health Unit proposes to resume its immunization program in one week, Dr. Mather said.

Attention Drawn To Church Workers

The Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church began their fall work at the home of Mrs. J. Jany on Thursday, September 13. The president asked all to think of the wonderful workers who have given and in some cases are still giving of their time to bring the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to the apex of its place in the world today. She mentioned only two—the late Mrs. Strachan and Mrs. McLellan, who has had to resign her position on Council Executive. She then read the poem "Holding High the Torch" expressing this same thought but also exhorting younger members to carry on the work.

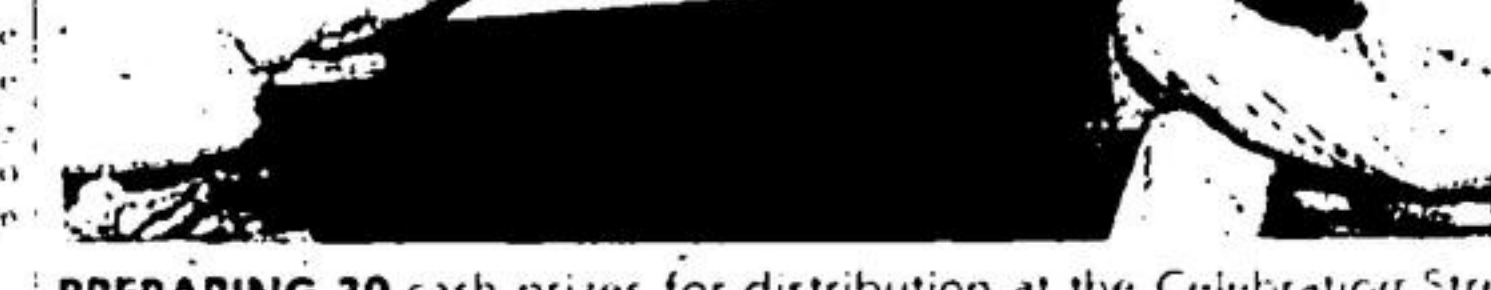
Reports were received from the Children's and Young Ladies' Societies. Mrs. H. Parker, in her capable manner, gave the content of the last chapter of the study book "The Island of Taiwan" in a talk that was most interesting and full of information.

Notice was received to have the fall sale ready this month. All were pleased to hear the Home Helpers had one quite ready.

The fall thanksgiving was discussed. It was decided to leave all arrangements to the executive.

United States wells have annually yielded two-thirds of all the world's petroleum for almost a century.

With Cash Prizes



PREPARING 30 cash prizes for distribution at the Celebration Street Dance, and making last minute plans for the big event are Farnham Kirkness, Councilors Greer and Weick, Mayor Tyler, Deputy Reeve Stewart and Clerk-treasurer McGeorge. Businessmen contributed \$170 for the street dance to mark the laying of new roads.

Society Discusses Family Evictions

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society was held in the Society Office, Milton on the evening of September 11 with seven members in attendance. E. D. Mohr presided and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The accounts for the month of August were passed for payment amounting to \$1526.54. Included in this amount was \$900.00 for boarding care and \$173.15 clothing and supplies for children.

The matter of evictions of families throughout the county and what action if any should be taken by the Society was fully discussed.

It was decided to invite Miss Veronica Franck, Provincial Supervisor, to attend the October Meeting.

The Superintendent was authorized to get prices in the redecoration of the Society Office.

The following statistics were submitted as of August 31: child population cases open 53, visits and office conferences 87, children in care 134, child care visits and inspections 52, legal adoptions completed in month 3.

POPULATION 2,872 ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL CENSUS RECENTLY RELEASED

Acton's population as far as the population centre of the census division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is concerned, has increased by 809 in the last ten years. In 1941, 1,963 inhabitants had their names down at an official 1941 census taken after the 1931 census taking raised the figure to 2,872. These preliminary figures were released this week.

Add Varied New Features To '51 Acton Fall Fair

All set? Tomorrow's the first of Acton's annual two-day days at the fall fair. The fall fair is to Acton and surrounding townships just as Christmas is to a family. Looked forward to with the same excitement of reunion and fun, the fall fair similarly always lives up to expectations. The presents? Those stuffed dolls and glassware from the midway, the prizes awarded in the pens and the fall Christmas dinner? The fall fair's equivalent is typical hot dogs and pop. They'll taste good, too.

New features at this year's fair, September 21 and 22, will please an every field. There's a new commercial market cattle class with good cash prizes as well as the dozens of regular classes. For those who like entertainment, there are completely new acts. The escape act at 1st. Fred Auld is expected to emerge from a airtight jarred while suspended in the air.

A beam and back wheel in a new twist to the Eptay evening performance. A comedy juggler and pantomime are also on the program for the two days' entertainment.

Again this year it's the midway that plays the big fair. Carrolls that will dot the park with color and fun.

Favor sports? There's a baseball game lined up for Saturday evening in the arena. Adding to usual put-outs and runs will be some put-offs and a refuse-to-walk-let-leave baseball game that is guaranteed to keep the crowd in laughter. Town vs. Farm, the players will all be known in the district.

For those interested in handicrafts, there will be an exhibit of work of the Acton Arts and Crafts Club for the first time this year. Exhibits with Acton will be featured in members' demonstrations weaving, leatherworking and painting.

Those returning to Acton for the fair will be especially interested in another look at booth that of the Free Press. Old pictures to look at which have already been seen in the Free Press windows will be a real treat for inspection.

And of course there will be all the regular exhibits and displays and lots and lots of things to look for.

The fair is different and better—this year.

District Governor Outlines Activity

Robert Cook, District Governor of Rotary Club of 33 counties throughout the world are united in an endeavor to promote industrial and independent good will and peace. That was the message of Governor G. Partridge of Port Colborne, Ontario, at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Acton, following a conference with local Rotary officers, district and county chairmen.

In addition to the activities of Rotary's 7,000 Clubs in their own communities to promote the welfare of the people, Partridge explained that a 12 year period Rotary International is spending \$1,000,000,000 annually to create better understanding among the people of all nations.

One of the ways in which the Rotary Foundation Fellowship which are the outstanding graduate students to study for one year in countries other than their own, an amount of \$25,000. Since the program was established in 1947, 254 Fellowships have been awarded to students in 42 countries with grants totaling more than \$700,000.

Devised to secure Rotary provides a common ground for 350,000 business and professional executives throughout the world regardless of nationality or political or religious belief, the Rotary District Governor emphasized.

Runs Like Rabbit From Escapee, Gun

You never know what you will find in a trap. Tuesday evening a trap was set for a rabbit with a gun. The rabbit was a white and black spotted one. The gun, a .22 caliber, was a Remington-Union made. The gun, a .22 caliber, was a Remington-Union made. The gun, a .22 caliber, was a Remington-Union made.

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Acid Showers Face As Driver Escapes

Harry Cannon, driver of the 1940 Ford truck, escaped from the overturned cab of his truck, his face showered with battery acid and his eyes almost swollen shut on Tuesday morning near 7 o'clock.

Making his regular route call, he was driving about a mile and a half east of Brookville on the fifth concession. His truck left the road, bounced into a three foot ditch over a culvert and driveway hit a rock with the front wheel, and overturned in the ditch and part way across the road.

The cargo of 12 milk cans was upset and completely ruined. Explaining his narrow escape from the truck, Cannon said, "I just sat there for a minute. I didn't know what happened. I kicked the door open but the battery acid had swollen my face. I just started on a dead run for Miller's farm and kept running till I got there."

The left front wheel of the 1940 Ford Truck was off and the truck box was completely smashed. The truck was estimated as a total wreck.

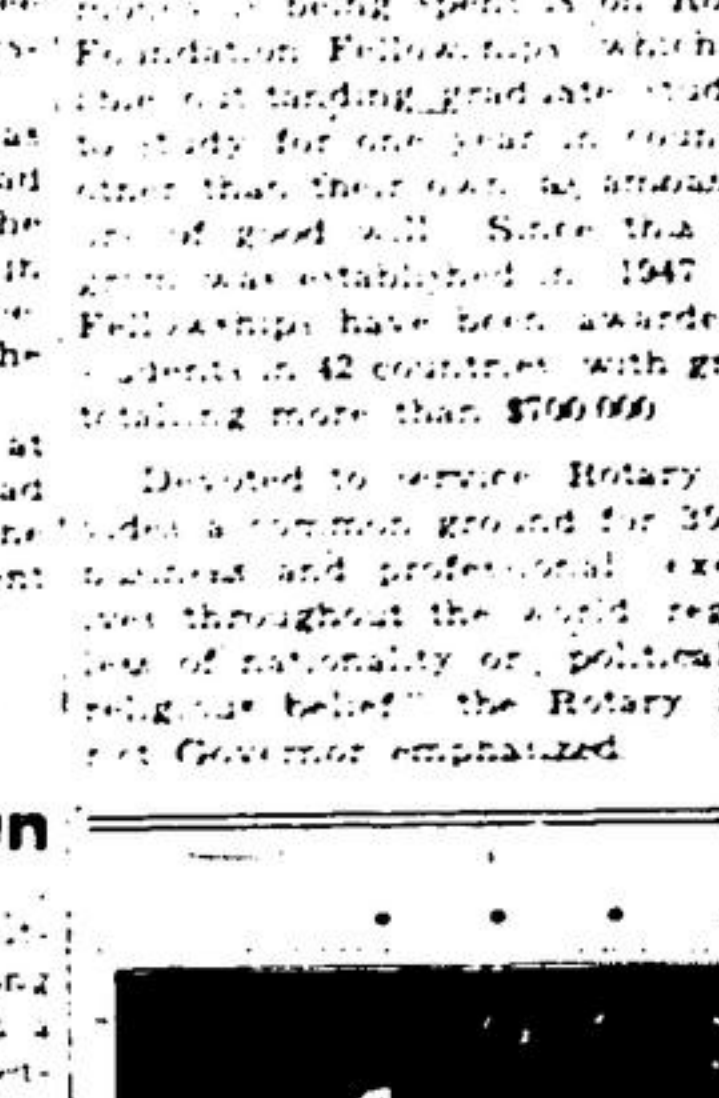
TRI-LIGHT LAMP, MIXMASTER GIVEN COUPLE BY FRIENDS AT BANNOCKBURN

Bannockburn School was closed to pupils Monday night when friends of the community gathered to honor Don Hastings and Don Lawson on their approaching marriage.

Prizes for high scores in culture were awarded to Mrs. Clarence Cook and Stan Matthews. Mrs. Bill Knapp then called on Ann McLaughlin who read an address expressing the good wishes of the community to the young couple. The presentation of a lovely tri-light lamp and mixmaster was made by Miss Spruell, Don Matthews and Lloyd McEwen. The couple replied fittingly.

A beautiful lunch was followed by dancing to music supplied by Mr. Vito Harry Storck, Les Duns and Ross Braida. During the dance Sheila O'Brien, Ann McLaughlin and Les Duns favored with vocal selections.

And Posting of Signs



POSTERED FOR SOME time now, members of the town council are on bus to tell people that Acton has good roads now. To tell all, signs reading "Acton, noted for Good Roads, Drive Slowly Please" were posted at town entrances. Here Councilors Weick and Greer, Mayor Tyler, Reeve Margrave and Deputy Reeve Stewart water as Councilor Taylor looks up the sign.

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