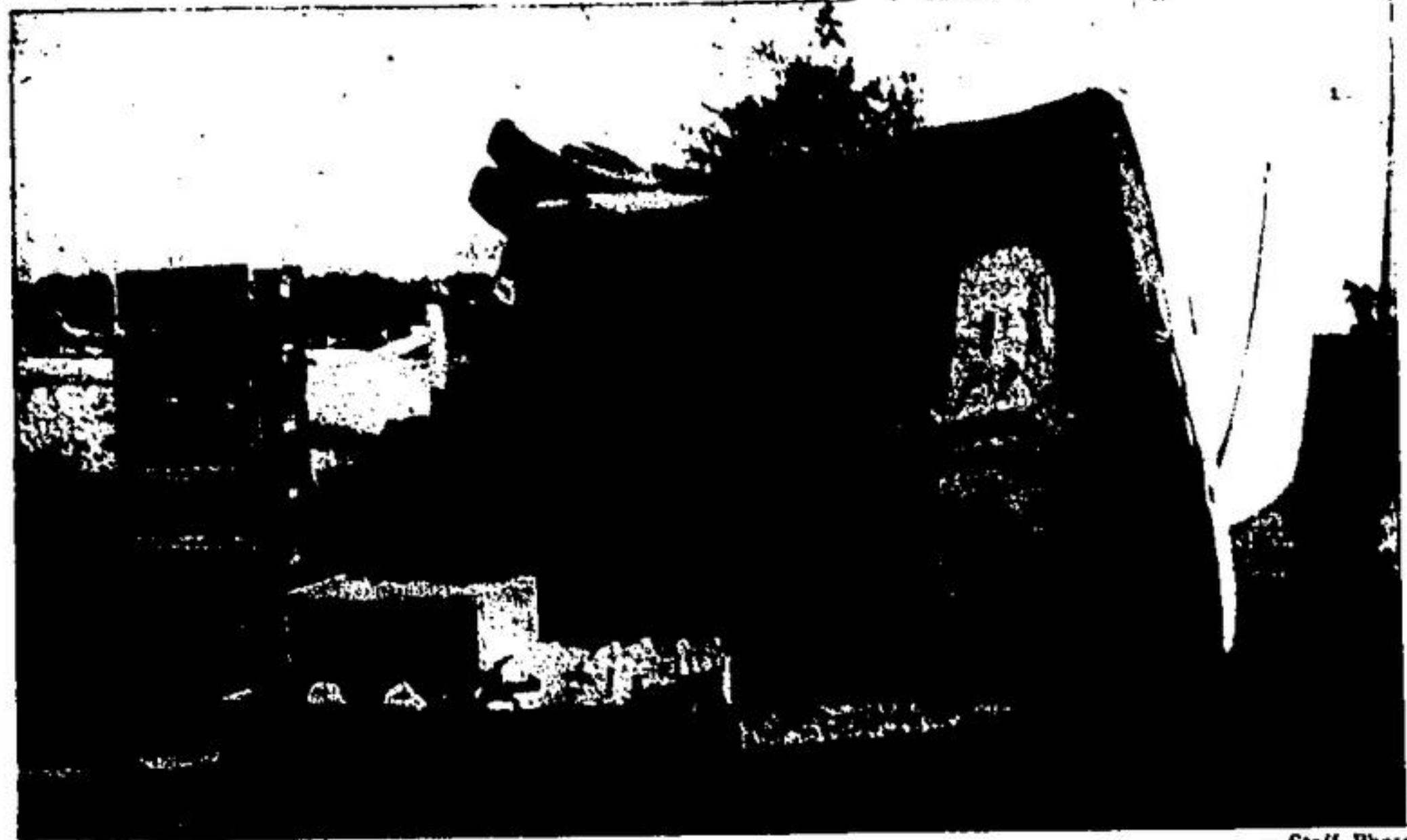


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BURST BREAD BOX on this huge delivery transport which tore through the guard rails and floundered on the Eden Mills sideroad, just at the dangerous right-angle curve between here and Rockwood, is shown as a gaping wedge in this staff photo. Driver of the big truck was not injured.

P. U. C. Clips Thro' Abbreviated Routine Agenda in Short Order

Hurrying to adjourn before an 8 p.m. deadline, Acton's three Public Utilities Commissioners swept away a short agenda in short order last week when only two items of business, aside from the superintendent's reports, appeared for attention following the routine reading of minutes and checking of accounts.

The Commission ordered an outstanding refund of \$3, as per receipt presented, be made to Mrs. B. Holloway who held the receipt from waterworks deposit payment.

Later in the meeting, on a motion sponsored by Mayor E. Tyler, the town was granted a rebate on cost of water used in the wading pool during the past season.

Power for the H.E.P.C. Hydro Superintendent D. Mason reported the H.E.P.C. requested temporary hydro service for its radio transmitting booster behind a Main St. hotel. The booster will be employed during frequency conversion in this area. The Acton Commission agreed to supply the H.E.P.C. with power, and bill it at local rates.

Also in connection with conversion, Mr. Mason said the local link will be used as a meter depot. He itemized the number of town meters to be converted and added his department needed to employ temporary help to list the number of local meters on two-wire service.

Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert said in August this year a record quantity of water—over six million gallons for any one month was pumped. He reported new chimneys at the well house and lift station completed and said there were some problems in lining up a sewer lateral installation on South Main street. It was suggested a new man hole might alleviate some of the trouble and the matter was laid over for later investigation.

Missing Materials Some materials are missing at the works shop, Mr. Lambert continued, suggesting that some planking and riser pipes might have been stolen. In another matter, police investigated when a manhole top was sheared off by a car. The commission is to make claim for damages in this case. A leaking hydrant on Peel Street is to be inspected.

A short exchange on what holidays are due Commission employees and an expression of suspicion by the waterworks superintendent that some plumbers are tampering unlawfully with water meters concluded the abbreviated meeting.

The following waterworks accounts totalling \$3,677.32, and hydro accounts totalling \$9,678.97, were ordered paid:

People's Fuel, supplies	6.62
Thompson Motors, acct	80.50
Imperial Oil Ltd., oil	186.37
Don Schroeder, acct	5.00
Can Brass Co. Ltd., supplies	64.44
Standard Chemical Co	30.25
Acton P.U.C. hydro line charges	20.00
Wallace & Tiernan Ltd	27.22
Boardman and Co	2.06
Acton P.U.C. hydro July August operations	3434.86
Hydro Accounts	
H Palmer office cleaning	20.00
Wipers and Waste Products	14.00
Burroughs Ltd., carbonized paper	62.00
Mason Electric Co. Ltd.	9.88
Can Gen. Electric materials	270.18
Line & Cable Accessories	96.40
Whitham's Garage, gas	10.44
Northern Electric materials	54.18
Ellis & Howard	74.81
James R. Kearney Corp	12.86
Petty cash, express and transport	13.68
H.E.P.C., power supplies	\$200.90
MacSwain, Motors	12.24
L. W. Agri	27.40

W.I. Convention Hears Kate Aitken

Representatives of Acton and district Women's Institutes were among the hundreds who attended the Guelph area convention on Thursday and Friday last week in Guelph.

Several excellent speakers were enjoyed by the local ladies and all the delegates. Mrs. Alex Hammond, the area president, spoke on "There is no defeat from within."

Mrs. W. Marjoriebanks told of the work of the United Nations. She urged the women to pray for peace and to help in the work of the U.N.

President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Mrs. J. W. Adams, told of the ties which bind W.I. members together.

Many others spoke as well. One of the highlights for the group was an address by guest speaker Mrs. Kate Aitken on Thursday evening in Norfolk United church, Guelph.

Attending from Acton Women's Institute were Mrs. William Balfour, who was on the registration committee; Mrs. George Fryer, the delegate; and Mrs. George Lafferty, Mrs. Charles Mason and Mrs. Fred Anderson.

Mrs. W. McLaughlin was the delegate of Dublin W.I.; others who attended were Mrs. George Somerville, Mrs. Duncan Moffat, Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Mrs. Mansel Nellis, Mrs. Alex Near, Mrs. George Robertson and Mrs. William Melville.

Color Tour

It was learned arrangements have been made in the district for one of the color tours sponsored by a Toronto paper to include parts of Halton county this week. It is expected the tour will include Eden Mills, Rockwood and Campbellville, where an outdoor church service is planned for 3 p.m. depending on the weather one to two thousand cars may be on the tour.

Police Investigate Seven Auto Crashes On Long Week-end

Police investigated four auto accidents in this district Sunday involving nearly \$2,000 property damage and three others before and after the Thanksgiving week-end. No serious injuries were reported.

Thursday, October 7, Garnet Campbell, Chapleau, was crowded off No. 25 highway north of Milton. His car hit five guard rail posts and was damaged to the extent of nearly \$200.

Friday evening, Frederick Mallby, of Acton and William Cairns, Guelph, were involved in a minor collision on the first line of Esquesing near No. 7 highway. Damage was reported light.

Sunday saw four accidents in the area:

Early in the morning, on the highway west of here, John McCutcheon hit a telephone pole after running off the side of the road in a sudden bank of fog. Damage was about \$300.

Shortly after noon, Melville Cutting, Acton and Jack House, Newmarket, had their vehicles damaged to the extent of about \$700 when, on the highway east of here, House's car collided with Cutting's after the latter slowed to make a right turn.

About the same time Sunday three cars travelling east from here were involved in a mishap. Early Cuthbert, Glen Williams, stopped to pick up a hitch hiker. Howard Bumach, Kitchener, stopped his car behind Cuthbert. Another car, driven by Floyd Vary, Georgetown, was unable to stop, collided with the Bumach car which in turn pushed into the Cuthbert car. Damage was about \$700 total.

Late Sunday afternoon, George Barnes, Acton, driving on No. 7 highway west of town ran his car out of control in the fog slipped off the shoulder and hit a telephone pole. Damage was estimated at about \$250.

Tuesday, district police investigated an accident at the steep E.E. near Normal Howard Robinson, Georgetown, was driver of a car which was sideswiped by an unknown vehicle that failed to stop. Damage was about \$150.

Shift of Business Locations at Corner

Two business location changes were made in Acton this week, both at the corner of Main and Main streets.

A large new Supermarket will open tomorrow in the Main Street building formerly occupied by Plastomers Ltd. The proprietor, Jim Ledger, moved his stock and equipment from the store's former location on the south-east side of the corner early this week. Installation of additional stock and more new equipment has continued through the week.

Into the vacated grocery store quarters goes H. Waterhouse who operated a billiard and tobacco shop across Mill St. Mr. Waterhouse will continue his business this week while new billiard equipment is installed.

Form Chamber of Commerce; Active Public Interest Urged

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C. of C. Formation Meet Wednesday

"As long as there is a difference in what a town is and what it should be, there is a need for a Chamber of Commerce," Robert Mundel, representing the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at an organizational meeting here Wednesday night, summarized before a nucleus group of 26 men the function and effectiveness of a Chamber in these words.

Mr. Mundel, who with J. T. Wilson attended the dinner meeting at the invitation of a local group of businessmen, went into broad detail to present a picture of what a Chamber is, how it works and concluded by outlining benefits involved through affiliation with the Ontario or Canadian bodies.

The speaker said the prime plan of any Chamber is a "program of work" which is active, not only in the long-range aim of acquiring new industry for the town, but in a role of civic betterment.

Economic Betterment This role, he said, sees the Chamber anxious to undertake any project which might improve town life and welfare, and is born out of helping urban-rural relations, aiding local businesses and co-operating for the local good with other organizations.

"The prime reason for the existence of a Chamber of Commerce is the economic betterment," and welfare of the community," he phrased and stressed co-operation as a by-word of conduct.

Reflecting that the back-bone of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce membership is drawn from towns about the size of Acton, Mr. Mundel went on to outline the value in small groups joining the Canadian or Ontario Chambers.

He concluded his formal address on a note of caution. In business, he stated, it is important that freedom of movement be retained. "The Canadian Chamber of Commerce," he asserted, "stands for unhampered individual enterprise and initiative."

Esquesing Industry To Employ Over 50

A syndicate composed of Ontario and New York men has acquired property at Terra Cotta and hopes to establish a million dollar industry there. It is expected that a brick plant will employ over 50 men and will be in full operation by next spring.

Terra Cotta has been inactive industrially since 1934, when the Halton Brick Company ceased operations.

Esquesing township council has assured the syndicate full co-operation. The industry will be a profitable asset to township tax funds as the entire 120 acre property lies in Esquesing limits, just on the Chinguacousy township border.

The land has been owned since 1941 by Clarence Anderson, who used it for pasture.

Esquesing councillor George Currie said, "It is the biggest thing for Esquesing since I joined the council." Mr. Currie has been reeve twice and is an ex-Halton county warden.

As Well Points Go Down, Blocks Go Up

Installation of well points, guaranteed to cost the town and the sewer extension contractor \$2500 per month as well as dehydrate the muddy soil in Warren Grove, continued through this week's rain which prevented a start of renewed digging operations.

Wednesday noon Warren Grove residents held hopes of an autumn completion of the much delayed sewers when road blocks greeted pedestrians and drivers as evidence of the contractor's return.

Schedule Seven Night School Courses, Take 109 Applications

Seven of the 12 night school courses offered in Acton will be held, it was decided at a meeting of the Halton night school management committee Tuesday evening in Milton high school. Of the total of 332 applications received in Acton, Milton and Georgetown, 109 were for classes in Acton.

Applications can still be taken in all the courses offered. Application forms have appeared in the Free Press and may be sent to the local committee chairman, Mrs. W. Beatty.

Courses to be held here, with the number of applications received so far, are shopwork 11, intermediate oil painting 12, advanced oil painting 13, aluminum tray etching 23, typewriting 20, clothing 14, advanced clothing 14.

Certain courses had to be written off due to insufficient interest. Elementary and children's clothing are being combined under one instructor.

While only two applied for the millinery course in Acton, 20 applied in Georgetown. The Acton ladies may go to Georgetown for the course, or take a second choice here.

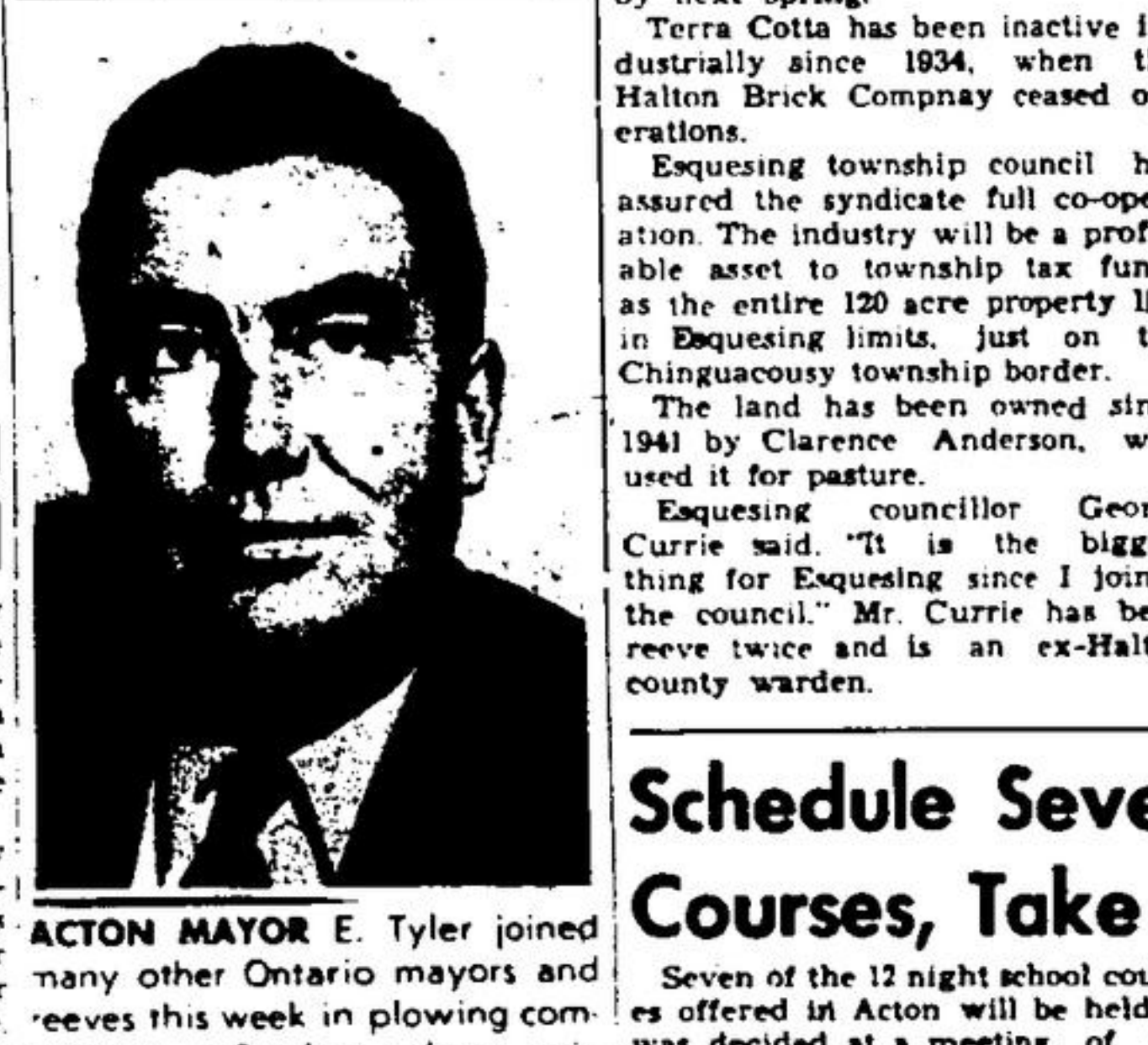
Beginners' oil painting is being combined with intermediate painting. Those who applied for leather work may go to Milton to join a class there. There was not enough applications to warrant a box loom weaving class in any of the centres.

Classroom Instructors Instructors will be chosen immediately. Lloyd Minshall will be the principal of the three high schools will arrange for the selections of teachers. Classes will be held in the high schools in all three towns.

Total number of applications received was 332. Of these, 129 were for Milton classes, 109 for Acton and 94 for Georgetown. Of the 18 classes offered in Milton, 10 will be held. Seven of the 12 courses offered in Acton will be held and seven of the 16 classes in Georgetown.

Attending the meeting from Acton were Mrs. W. Beatty, Miss F. Wilkin, Cliff Sutton, Tom Hansen and George Bowman. Keith Barber, the chairman, presided.

The classes begin on November 2. Each applicant will be contacted.



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