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Elizabeth May Chosen Betty Bates For 1944

By ELECTRA ZAZOPOULOS '46

At the annual parade in celebration of Health Week last Monday night Betty May '47 was selected Betty Bates for 1944. The Betty Bates parade is held every year. Previously, WAA used to run an all-week program of games, sports, and exhibitions for Health Week. Last year it was cut down to a one-day celebration. This year the parade was the only highlight for Health Week.

After a few songs led by Billie Greenberg '46, Virginia Rice '46, WAA chairman, took over the program, explaining that one girl of the thirty-three participating would be selected after four eliminations. The qualities upon which selection is based are: good grooming, good posture, and neatness. One more qualifying requirement was a one-year training record.

The thirty-three girls representing every dormitory on campus and the Town girls, whom Miss May represented, were as follows: Betty Lever, Barbara Bartlett, Carolyn Gray, Betty May, Barbara Varney, Jane Nelson, Jean MacKinnon, Agnes Mahan, Lorna MacGray, Charlotte Stafford, Ruth Kennedy, Phyllis Jones, Nina Leonard, Ruth Asker, Virginia Rutledge, Ruth Moulton, Virginia O'Brien, Muriel Ulrich, Suzanne Davidson, Jane Armitage, Ruth Stillman, Margorie Walther, Lee Jewell, Phyllis Bailey, Jeannette Packard, Florence Furfey, Betty Kimball, Barbara Miller, Charlotte Leary, Barbara Stebbins, Elaine Stimson, Jeannie Cutts, Miriam Dolloff, Jane Gumpright, Eleanor Frost, Ruthanna Stone.

Semi-finalists, after four eliminations, were Miss Lever, Miss May.

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Delta Sigma Rho Elects New Members

Elections to Delta Sigma Rho, the leading national forensic honor society, were announced by Prof. Brooks Quimby, head of the Speech Department, this week. All participants in intercollegiate debates are eligible for membership in this organization.

Those elected are Shirley Stone '45, Donald Richter, V-12, and Geraldine Weed '46.

Last Friday morning three freshman debaters, Ruth Stillman, Barbara Carter, and Madeleine Richard, took part in the Edward Little High School assembly program. They presented a demonstration debate on the League of Nations question.

Dr. Mabee '36 Awarded Pulitzer Prize For Outstanding Biography

P.A. Appoints Myrtle Holden STUDENT Editor

By FLORENCE FURFEY '47

The next issue of the STUDENT will be edited by a new staff appointed yesterday by the Publishing Association. The new board, in addition to editing the STUDENT for the rest of this semester, will also hold office during the fall and winter semesters of '44-'45.

Taking over the editorial chair left vacant by Acting Editor-in-Chief Rita Silvia is Myrtle Holden '46, now managing editor. Miss Holden has been a member of the STUDENT staff for two years and was co-editor-in-chief of her high school paper. She is also an active worker of the C. A. Reconstruction Commission.

Other appointments were: managing editor, Electra Zazopoulos; associate editors, Frances Dean, Dorothy

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Team Extends Winning Streak To Three Games

Last Saturday the baseball team continued in its winning ways, walking over the Bowdoin army unit, 17 to 1.

The first score of the game came in the Bates half of the third inning when five hits produced five runs. Two more were added in the fourth on Newt Pendleton's long home run with Orr on base. The top of the fifth was marked by a foul ball in the grandstand, and an unearned score for Bowdoin. The last of the fifth was Bates' big inning as eight runners crossed the plate. The team added two more in the sixth on a single by Beckwith followed by three walks.

In allowing only one hit in seven innings, Bill Orr, accompanied by Fernschild behind the plate, gave a good account of himself. The rest

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Writes Life Of Samuel F. B. Morse As Ph.D. Thesis

Dr. F. Carleton Mabee, graduate of the class of 1936, is this year's recipient of the coveted Pulitzer prize for the nation's most outstanding biography, it was announced Monday. His book is entitled "The American Leonardo—The Life of Samuel F. B. Morse". The book was submitted as his thesis to the department of American History at Columbia University, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for his Ph.D., which he received in 1942.

While at Bates, Dr. Mabee, son of Dr. Fred C. Mabee, head of the Chemistry department, and Mrs. Mabee, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was one of the commencement speakers. During his undergraduate days, he participated in dramatics and debating. He formerly attended Lewiston High School.

"The American Leonardo" which was published in 1943, required four years' work, and was written under the direction of Professor Allan Nevins of Columbia University. It has been published by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

Five Hacker House Girls Chosen Dorm Presidents

Bradley Dearborn '44, outgoing president of Student Government, announced the proctors for 1944-1945 at the installation ceremonies in the chapel last week. Five of the house presidents are from Hacker House, Barbara Brown, Joan Merritt, Patricia Wilson, Ruth Asker, and Eleanor Preble.

The presidents and vice-presidents of the various houses are as follows:

Barbara Brown and Virginia Rice, Wilson; Joan Merritt and Priscilla White, Mitchell; Pat Wilson and Electra Zazopoulos, Frye; Ruth Asker and Ruth Stillman, Whittier; Eleanor Preble and Penny Gumpright, Cheney; Mary Van Wyck and Doris Leavitt, Hacker; Muriel Stewart and Ruth Small, Milliken; Betty Kimball and Eleanor Frost, Chase; Claire Murray and Jane Webber, Rand; June Chatto and Charlotte Stafford, Women's Union.

A Whirl Of Varied Events Marks Mrs. Flechtheim's Life

By DOROTHY PETRIE '45

"To become international is a great experience," according to Mrs. Lili Flechtheim, wife of Dr. O. K. Flechtheim of the Government department. "One thoroughly loses his sense of belonging to any single nationality as such and learns to see the things that men have in common as more important than their differences. There is a need for eternal beginnings and readjustments that is more conducive to intellectual growth than to personal happiness as one becomes more concerned with man as a whole—the man about whom so few people really care when they remain absorbed in what is going to happen in Prague, New York, or Lewiston."

A Czechoslovakian by birth, reared in Germany, Mrs. Flechtheim arrived in New York in 1939 with thirty dollars in her trunk, reminiscences of a year's work in English grammar, and a will to teach. She quickly supplemented this with a variety of jobs as housekeeper and governess. "My relationships with my employers were always friendly," she comments. "But their over-active children frequently came between us, and they tearfully fired me."

"My second evening in New York was an unusual experience. I took the wrong subway for a dinner date on Riverside Drive and arrived in Harlem. I had known about racial conflicts in the U. S. and had definite ideas as to the need for racial equality. But this was the first time I had ever seen a large crowd of colored people and I admit I was a little scared. However, after living among the Negro faculty at Atlanta University, I am thoroughly convinced of the complete irrationality of race prejudice, and I have missed the contact with colored people ever since we came North again.

"Living in New York City seemed like going home to the modern atmosphere of Berlin, from which my family fled in 1933. We then went to my father's birthplace, Prague, where I finished my gymnasium course, and which is a beautiful medieval city and the site of the first German university. While in Prague, we received news of the fall of Austria. 1914 to 1933 had been a period of uncertainty and transition in Europe, and no one thought that the Hitler regime would

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A Mind Of Your Own . . .

Young people as well as the older folks are faced with many difficult and extraordinary problems during time of war. Probably one of the most difficult struggles that a student always has to face, but especially during war, is the matter of controlling his own thinking—keeping a level head and placing his feet solidly on the ground.

The air is full of propaganda and quack philosophies on national and international affairs. Race prejudice; labor, with or without unions; post-war reconstruction of the world—these are only a few of the important questions which are being discussed around the college campuses of the country today. There is much confusion.

Our ears are pounded day in, day out by overheated enthusiasts propounding on these or related subjects. It is our responsibility as individuals to be attentive to such arguments, always keeping an open mind, but always wise enough to take them with a grain of salt. Some people are "fall guys" for every new "ism" that comes along, floating in clouds of unreality.

This is not intended to mean that a person should not believe a word unless it fits into his way of thinking. Quite the contrary. Indeed, much valuable food for thought is being handed out every day, but it is rivaled by an equal amount of pure baloney—sliced thick and given free without ration points.

The student must make his own decisions as to what he should believe and what he should not believe. He must learn to evaluate what he hears.

Look to the facts and the source of what you hear and read. One of Abraham Lincoln's famous statements was that calling a cow's tail a leg did not make it a leg.

There is always, of course, the person who believes only what he wants to believe. There is frequently a vast difference between what a person wants to believe and what he honestly feels he should believe.

Many people are only too glad for an opportunity to do someone else's thinking for him. Beware of them!

Try to organize your own line of thinking about important matters of the day. If you are chatting with someone who has opinions differing from your own, listen to what he has to say; but don't let him confuse your own thinking. At the same time, while it is just and honorable to defend your own beliefs, remember that the other fellow also has a right to his point of view.

Of course we all realize that one of the principal purposes of a college education is to enable us to think intelligently for ourselves.

It boils down to this: Have a mind of your own! Don't let the other fellow do your thinking for you. This is the right of every individual in a democratic country. At a time when we are preaching to the rest of the world about the value of democratic principles such as this, let us not fail to exercise them in our own free country.

Finally, let's not be led around like sheep, but make use of the brains, judgment, and common sense which God gave to man that he might think for himself.

F. Parker Hoy '47.

WITHIN BOUNDS

By SABU and BOBBIE

Snooping's been good this week what with spring fever and well-timed furloughs. The happiest girl on campus was Connie Nickerson when husband Dave returned to this country after 13 months of active duty.

Evidently this is becoming a rich man's college—there weren't enough contestants for the last dance's scheduled poverty parade.

Of course, we do have our casualties, but Jean Cheney and Barb Hainsworth are doing nicely at the C.M.G. after their appendectomies. We'll thank Bea Benson and Effie Silberg to keep their measles to themselves.

And what does Hacker House think of fratricide?

Speaking of the paper shortage (well, now we are), it's adding insult to injury when the profs ask you to supply your own paper for writtens.

Homeward bound last week-end was June Klane to see a member of the Army Intelligence.

Roger Bill diminishes rapidly as army reclassifies.

Salutes were rated by returning boys-who-made-good Bruce Park and Bill Barr. Potential officers Joe Houghteling, Ray Rogers, Happ Williamson, Harvey Warren, and Dick Baird were seen around.

Jerk for a week was Rohna Isaacson at the Qual.

Guess that Mitchell House's surprise party was a real surprise to Johnny Schoening.

And have you seen the Town Room's art collection? Gerry Lord tells us it's solid. So drop in and have a look.

Good to see Perry Stone, now in veterinary school in Philadelphia. Also Nancy Gould, Barb and Johnny James and Dave Kelsey, former Business Manager of the STUDENT, now in the army at B.U. Med. School.

Until some more news comes within bounds, g'bye now.



"I'm really quite slender. It's just that I want to keep all my War bonds from getting soaked."

Mrs. Flechtheim

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last. It was considered a temporary interlude within a general social revolution, and war was expected any time after 1933. Only with the fall of Austria did it become clear that there could be capitulation of Czechoslovakia without war."

Mrs. Flechtheim stressed the fact that it was almost by accident through the insistence of friends in New York, that she secured an American visa, and that she was able to leave Czechoslovakia in a perfectly normal manner when the inevitable course of events became apparent. A few weeks later, the American Consul's office was mobbed with emigres. Neither of Mrs. Flechtheim's parents was able to leave the country, and her brother, who escaped through Poland, has reached Russia where he was teaching school when she last heard of him in 1941. After her arrival in New York, Mrs. Flechtheim attended a school reunion of her "Gymnasium" in Berlin; fifty-four of the eight hundred students and the principal had made good in America.

Postponing her plans for attending an American college until she had established complete independence, Mrs. Flechtheim took part-time courses in a business school and secured employment in a law office. A year and a half later, she started attending Hunter Evening College. A whirlwind courtship was given impetus by two weeks' vacation in New York State and resulted in a honeymoon drive to Atlanta, Georgia, where Dr. Flechtheim was instructor at the Atlanta University Graduate School, until his appointment to Bates last summer.

Besides attending classes, brushing the dust from Dr. Flechtheim's third library, and playing an excellent game of chess, Mrs. Flechtheim's chief interest is people and keeping up correspondence with the diversity of friends that mark the course of her travels. In contrasting European youth with the young people whom she plans to teach after her graduation from Bates, Mrs. Flechtheim considers American youth much younger, happier, and better integrated than the average European student. This she attributes to their being isolated from the poverty and uncertainty of Europe after the first World War. In Berlin in 1924, for example, about 60% of the elementary school pupils were fed by Quaker relief committees, and 30% came to school without shoes. "In the 1930's German and Czech students were much more politically conscious and active than Americans, especially in the universities, but this has somewhat changed since the war."

Interested in swimming, tennis, and the theatre as a carefree participant in the intellectual Bohemianism of pre-war Europe, Mrs. Flechtheim's sportsmanship, sparkle, and sense of humor measure up to the best in Bates tradition and international relationship.

Gob-Aloney

By BILL HAPP

Daring is he who risks making a prediction on the positive arrival of Spring, but a few preliminary whiffs of the pungent River Andro declare that ready or not the stench is coming. And here are about 250 words of it.

Chief happening since my last column was slashed to pallid bits was a smoker last Thursday night. Although no smoking was permitted (and with this sort of arrangement it might just as easily be called a beer party) the smoker consisted of boxing matches, hog-calling, a tug-of-war, and "vaudeville". Everything, including the vaudeville, ended in an inoffensive draw, but the Parker Hall version of the history of Bates was really worth seeing. Sluggers included Sailors Densmore, Hellman, Dutra, Santangelo, Lunt, and Rush. On hand for the proceedings were Messrs. Cass, Goodwin, and Martin, and Chief Carroll.

Newest addition to V-12's schedule is a Monday evening class in signalling taught by fleet man D. E. Lew. Most of us landlubbers haven't gotten beyond the "Roger, Tare, Uncle, front" stage yet, but if you see an apprentice seaman suddenly fling his arms madly in the air, it doesn't necessarily mean epilepsy; maybe he's just discovered the difference between Queen and Yoke.

According to schedule this issue should contain a pen-sketch of Lt. (j.g.) Raymond R. Martin. Mr. Martin declined to be interviewed, however, mainly through fear of becoming involved in some major journalistic scandal—and he doesn't even read PM. Hierarchically I passed on (one could hardly say "down") to Chief Sp. (A) Stanley C. Rutherford, director of the navy physical fitness program. Imagine my dismay when the Chief announced, "Ah'm no publicity hound".

It is truly a shame that more of Chief Rutherford isn't printable, because from his lips has flowed some of the richest invective metaphor of our generation. Incidentally this robust Tennessean is often called "Hup-Tup" as a result of the mild-mannered ways in which he conducts drills.

Le matelot did, Au revoir, (to the rest of the immature thinkers)

Freshman Girls Add \$25 To Scholarship Fund

The next ranking period for the giving of awards in the B.A.S.C. will end May 6th. The freshman girls have donated \$25 to the scholarship fund, the goal of which is \$1200 by the end of the semester.

Wristlets have been added to the list of knitting articles and six points of credit will be given for these. The B.A.S.C. is still carrying on the drive for scrap paper. Don't forget to contribute.

Two Former Students On Recent Casualty Lists

The parents of Lieutenant J. Leonard Jobrack '39 of Norwalk, Conn., recently received notice of his death. Lt. Jobrack, who was a navigator in the Army Air Corps, joined the service in 1941. He received his commission at the Army Air Force Navigation School in Rondo, Texas. Prior to his death, he had been on missions in the European theatre.

While on campus, Lt. Jobrack was editor-in-chief of the "Mirror". His brother, Harry, a private in the army, entered Bates with the class of 1946.

Word has also been received that Lt. Harold Hoskin '44 has been missing in Alaska since December 21. No further information is available to date.

Dr. Gezork From Germany Speaks At Union Service

Dr. Herbert Gezork, noted professor of Social Ethics at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and Wellesley College, will be the speaker at a Union Chapel Service on Sunday evening, May 14, at 7:30. Dr. Gezork, who has recently come to this country from Germany where he was one of the leaders of the Baptist Youth Movement, has been in demand as a lecturer, teacher, and chaplain of summer conferences.

CHAPEL QUOTES

On Monday, April 24, Professor Paul Bartlett of the Business Economics Department gave a new twist to an old theme when he spoke in chapel on "Learning to Live". Professor Bartlett's main thought was that present conditions call for people to learn to live in as many ways as possible.

Professor Samuel Harms, head of the German Department, took over on Thursday with an amusing yet pointed speech of "How Does Youth and Age Fit Into the Philosophical Program of the New and the Old"? The background of society framework is justice, truth, and beauty. Youth is far closer to these principles than Old Age. But Old and New form a cycle, supplementing and helping each other. The upholding of this cycle is what is expected of Youth and Age.

On Friday, April 28, Dr. Harlow of Smith College peppered a vivid talk on racial prejudice with numerous anecdotes about his personal observations on prejudices throughout the country. Dr. Harlow noticed that in the pledging of allegiance to the flag in a school in New York, many of the colored children added the words "except for us" after "with liberty and justice for all".

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Cindermen Go To Boston For New England Meet

Saturday afternoon, on Bowdoin's Whittier field, the track squad was defeated by an experienced mixed team, made up from the army, navy, and civilian sections of Bowdoin.

Because the season is still so young, with little chance for practice, all of the running events were cut down, and as a result, the meet was somewhat less formal than usual. The high scorer of the meet was Willoughby of Bowdoin who placed first in the 75 yard dash, the 150 yard dash, and the broad jump. High scorers for Bates were Wes Parker, with a second in the high jump, broad jump, and the two dashes, and Curt Hinkley, who took a first in the high jump, a tie for first in the pole vault, and a third in the high hurdles.

At present the team is concentrating in their practice for the New England meet to be held in Boston on May 13. Coach Ray Thompson intends to send as many men as he thinks will have a chance to score.

STUDENT Staff

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Petrie, and Sally Ann Adkins; and business manager, Ella Lewis.

All have had considerable experience in newspaper work and have been on the STUDENT staff for at least two years. Continuing in positions held this semester are Miss Lewis and Miss Dean while Miss Petrie, newly-elected president of Spoford, was a former editorial and feature story writer. Miss Zazopoulos, managing editor, worked on the staff of her high school paper before coming to Bates.

Betty Bates

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Miss MacKinnon, and Miss MacGray. Of the four, Miss May was selected as Betty Bates. Miss Rice presented her with a silver bracelet engraved with "WAA" on one side and Betty Bates, 1944" on the other. The judges were Miss Alice Moller and Miss Shirley Simpson, both of the Physical Education department, and Miss Terry Foster '44, past president of WAA. The program ended with the singing of the Alma Mater.

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Farewell Symphony

By GINNY BARNES '44

Spring has come, Pops Concerts are on the wing, and we bid farewell to brilliant Serge Koussevitsky and the 63rd season of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. "Life" featured Dr. Koussevitsky for his interest in American composers, and we add our little tribute particularly because of his "sandwich" technique whereby he uses new meat between the bread of Bach and Beethoven. Although it necessitated vigorous study, he has performed 18 new compositions this year along with vitally correct interpretations of the masters.

Sometimes this new music evidences the composer's too obvious striving for typically American creation. Lukas Foss' "The Prairie" contains the all too conventional orchestral effects for wide open spaces. Roy Harris, in his new Symphony No. 6, tries to arouse American sentiments with a musical interpretation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The first two movements progress admirably as tonal illustrations of "Awakening" and "Conflict". Mr. Harris' technique in orchestration always bespeaks the clever craftsman. "Dedication" and "Affirmation", however, make the listener struggle to find these abstract ideas in tone and rhythm.

Shostakovich's 8th Symphony, impressive at least in length, begins with a poignantly beautiful first movement, but the music which follows consists mostly of a skillful rehashing of the idioms and effects in his earlier symphonies.

In sharp contrast Gardner Read's Second Symphony, crude and violent though it is in some passages, vibrates with the tension of creativity. Read may not yet know the nuances of orchestral technique, but he has something to say.

Schuman's Symphony for Strings ranks high in quality for its subtle combination of melodic charm and real character. Walter Piston made a valuable contribution to the new music with his "Prelude and Allegro for Organ and Strings" and his Second Symphony. Piston shows real talent, and time will tell which of his compositions have more lasting beauty.

One last bouquet to the public for enthusiastically supporting Koussevitsky in his admirable plan to encourage good modern music by letting the composers hear their works excellently performed.

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SPORT SHOTS

By WES PARKER '45

Some of the more optimistic ones among us are thinking in terms of equaling the S. L. Browns' nine straight games, with only six to go after knocking out Bowdoin 15-4 and 6-3, and their army cousins on Saturday 17-1. The game with the two out-of-state colleges this week end will give us a better idea of just how powerful our team is.

Many of us wonder, too, why Bowdoin doesn't combine their two baseball teams, as they have done so successfully in track, and make one strong one.

Newt Pendleton is quickly making a name for himself as a fellow who clouts a long ball. On that hit Saturday, he had time to stop a couple of minutes at first before finishing his homerun.

The boys of the cinder track haven't had chance for much practice, as was evidenced in the defeat Saturday. In other meets they might have to do without Curt Hinkley who holds down shortstop for the baseball team regularly, and whose ten points for the track team looked pretty big.

The next meet is scheduled for the thirteenth of May, and the first meet at Garcelon field will be two weeks after. This coming Saturday there will be time trials, so that Coach Thompson may have some idea of how the team is rounding out. Guests are cordially invited.

All men who are interested in a ten-

Plans For May Party, Formal Are Underway

Great things are in the wind. The Student Activities Committee reports that there will be a May Party in the very near future. There will also be another formal shortly, complete with orchestra. The exact dates of these two parties are yet to be set. A couple more affairs are on the planning board, but the news of these can't be divulged for a while.

Last Saturday's Poverty Party was very successful. Part of the entertainment was a singer, Miss Holle, who was imported for the occasion.

Miss Jeanette Van Alen Speaks To Commissions

Miss Jeanette Van Alen, Youth Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Reconstruction Commission and the Social Action Commission last Friday evening. She spoke about volunteer service projects, including summer work camps, the International Service Seminar, and the Institute of International Relations. A question period followed Miss Van Alen's explanation of the viewpoint of the Friends.

nis team and play the game, should get in touch with Don Richter, New Dorm, North.

WAA NEWS

The new WAA board for 1944-1945, as recently announced by Esther Foster '44, president of the Women's Athletic Association, will consist of Miriam Dolloff as president, Mary Hamlin as treasurer, Ruth Kennedy as publicity manager, and Ruth Howard as undergraduate representative, all of the class of '45. The junior officers on the board will be vice-president, Virginia Rice, and secretary, Joyce Cleland. Winifred Poole, Ann Smith, and Barbara Varney will represent the sophomore class, and Barbara Carter and Ruth Moulton, the freshman women.

The WAA sports for the present spring season and their respective coach-managers include: archery, Barbara Varney; biking and hiking, Barbara Carter; campercraft, Virginia Rice, softball, Ann Smith; swimming, Ruth Kennedy; and tennis, Winifred Poole. Five hours of any sport is needed for credit in that sport.

WAA is at present working on plans for a new constitution which will make membership representative, enlarge the number of members in the organization, and resemble more closely that of Student Government.

Baseball Team

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of the lineup included Diefenbach at 1st, Wild at second, Flanagan at third, Beckwith at shortstop, with an outfield made up of Newt Pendleton in left, Bob Adair at center, and Bill Hennessy in right.

This week the team will have a real test of its power as it plays Brown on Friday and Northeastern on Saturday.

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