

## Annual Candlelighting, December 15

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss

Ye merry hearts that meet to  
laugh and dance the hours away  
Ye gentle hearts that better love  
in sheltered homes to pray  
Think on the homes whose Christ-  
mas guests are only want and  
care

Think on the hearts too sad for  
mirth, too sad, perchance, for  
prayer.

Oh sad and short the wintry  
days: oh sad and long the  
night,

When in the heart there is no  
hope, and in the home no light:  
No fire, no food, yet goodly gifts,  
yet words of Christmas cheer  
Can make the grave seem farther  
off—can make the heavens more  
near.

Once again we find the time  
drawing near when exchange of  
good-will and gifts characterizes  
the season. Once again we are in  
the midst of the time when we  
make some attempt at least to  
express our love and render ser-  
vice to those who are dear to  
us. When we read the poem and  
reflect upon the thought con-  
tained therein, we cannot help  
but think of the many people  
near us and elsewhere whose  
Christmas must be sad, perhaps  
due to lack of material things,  
probably to the absence of some  
good friend with whom to ex-  
change a word of good cheer  
and comfort.

At this Christmas season let  
each of us endeavor to forget  
our more selfish natures, put  
aside malices and grievances and  
enter into a mission of good will  
and service to those about us who  
are not so fortunate. There is, I  
believe, in the coldest and hardest  
of the hearts of all mankind a  
time when there arises in him a  
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### Chorus To Present Christmas Assembly

The College Chorus under the  
direction of Dr. Jessie Fleming  
will present their annual Christ-  
mas program, Thursday, Decem-  
ber 15 in the auditorium. The  
program will feature music of  
solemn and gay variety of which  
the audience is expected to join  
with the chorus in singing the  
latter. The religious music will  
consist of such anthems as, "And  
the Glory of the Lord" by Han-  
del and the familiar "Gloria in  
Excelsis," along with the tradi-  
tional Christmas carols.

The program will be a blue-  
print of the one given on WBOC  
television last Tuesday night ex-  
cept for the gay music.

Customarily in the past, the  
Chorus has sung at the Candle-  
lighting Service. This year, how-  
ever, this feature has been  
dropped as only informal sing-  
ing will take place.



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.*

*And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped  
in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly  
host praising God, and saying*

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward  
men.* —St. Luke 2:11-14

### Candlelighting Service Follows Tradition

The traditional Candlelighting Service will be held in the Social Room on Thursday evening, December 15, at 7:00 P.M. as the last event before departing for home and the holiday. Miss Ruth Powell, former dietician and social director who served in her capacity for over twenty years and endeared herself to the students of STC, will light the large candle. From this guiding light, each student, will in turn, light his or her candle.

The program will be opened by the College Chorus, who will lead the candlelighting procession into the Social Room. According to tradition, the Second Chapter of Luke, relating the birth of Christ, will be read by Lou Bradley. The highlight of the service will be the presentation of gifts by Elaine Brinsfield, President of the Christian Association, to a member of the Welfare Board of Wicomico county. These gifts are purchased by groups of students specifically for the boys or girl, thus STC students share Christmas with others. The gifts will be accepted on behalf of the children.

The student body will participate in group caroling, lead by the Chorus. The service will be brought to a close with the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

The Candlelighting Service has become an integral part of STC, having been held each year since the college's beginning in 1925. It began as an occasion when the entire college, students and faculty, share the joys of Christmas in giving and singing together.

In the history of the college, and the Candlelighting Service, there have been two of the huge center candles from which STC students light their tapers. The second one is presently being used.

This year, the service was planned by the organizations representing the largest number of  
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### "Messiah" Presented For First Time Here

On December 11 at 8 P.M., the recently organized Eastern Shore Chorale presented the Christmas-tide portion of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah," one of the best pieces of choral literature ever written. The Chorale, consisting of approximately forty voices, has been in rehearsal since September. Its membership is composed of interested men and women, from Salisbury and nearby communities. This is the first appearance of the group whose director is Joseph Armbrust, organist and choirmaster of Asbury Methodist Church. Gilbert Thornton is the president, and Joanne Little the accompanist.  
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Merry Christmas To All Of S. T. C.  
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Pictured are members of the planning committee for the annual Candelighting Service. Standing: Bob Hall. Seated, from left to right: Phil Slacum, Alice Ayres, and Donna Jones.

The Student Prints

My esophagus was still tingling from that last sip of coffee when Bill "Sport Beat" Livingston sauntered over to the table.

"Hi, Bill, pull up your stomach and sit down." Realizing I shouldn't have fun at other people's expense I asked, "How's Liberate these days?"

"Through teeth that held his favorite pipe he replied, "Pretty good. What are you going to write about in your column next time?"

"Oh, I thought I'd do a Christmas bit. You now, the spirit at STC and how four Christmas experiences here enrich your life."

"Why don't you write some jokes?"

"What's funny about Christmas?"

"Well, there's the gag about, 'I put my stocking over the fireplace for Christmas, but all that came down the chimney was a man from the board of health!'"

"No, Bill, I'd rather use the line about my cousin who was locked up for doing his Christmas shopping too early. He was in the store before it opened."

"No, Jim, they should be funny jokes. For instance, what do Eskimos use to hold their houses together?"

After my eyebrows were up for three seconds, he croaked, "Igloo."

"Bill, that's about as subtle as a train wreck. How about this one: Christmas is the time of year when you are kept awake all night by your neighbor's radio blasting 'Silent Night.'"

"Jim, that line is as old as the hills. I know because I have a photographic memory."

"Too bad it isn't developed."

"You could talk about your gifts. Tell them you received a book that has everything. . . . Browning, Bacon, Dickens, Howitt, Burns."

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Dr. Devilbiss Speaks To Student Assembly

[Editor's Note: Below is a resume' of the address made by President Devilbiss at a student assembly on December 1, 1955.]

On Thursday, December 1st, Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss addressed the assembled student body on "The College and the Student." In effect, this speech was a clear and well-defined statement of the president's philosophy of education. In opening he stressed the fact that while he had made numerous speeches before many different groups, he regarded none so important as this made before a group of young people who are looking toward the future.

Dr. Devilbiss went on to outline the major objectives which the faculty and students of Salisbury Teachers College must share if the institution is to fulfill its role. They are: (1) that the prime purpose of being in college is to become well-informed, and that we should make good use of this opportunity to do so; (2) each student should take upon himself the responsibility of becoming responsible since one of the main purposes of education is the development of self-control and self-direction; and (3) that since life receives its vital spark from our continual growth and maturation, we should ceaselessly strive towards ideals. As we do grow so will these ideals.

The following quotations will perhaps convey to you some of the spirit of the president's address:

"No college can give anybody an education, but every college should provide the facilities for self-education."

"We are dedicated to a single purpose—becoming the best we can with what we have to work with."

"There is not a single student in this institution who cannot succeed in this institution if he wills it."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

[Editor's Note: The Staff is happy to print Mr. Sherwell's reply to the editorial printed in the last issue of the Holly Leaf.]

Editor
Holly Leaf
State Teachers College
Salisbury, Maryland
Dear Miss Jones:

I have just finished reading a very interesting editorial in your paper by Virginia Bradley, entitled Views on Homecoming.

As President of the Alumni Association, I feel required to comment on the views entertained by your editorial writer. Some of the things which she said were true in fact, but not true in their interpretation. I am most glad to see the student body taking interest in the group into which they will metamorphose on graduation, and emphatically wish no one to consider this letter as an attempt to squelch any further comment on the subject. We, who are interested in our college, feel that the more excitement, the more loyalty which can be fomented the stronger our school will be.

The facts, one by one are these: In the light of previous alumni meetings, this one was not a failure. There were on the average as many alumni present as at any other meeting. As contrasted with the wishes of the officers it was a failure, because we had hoped to stir into life, the dormant bodies of many who had never attended. One, who came for the first time, told me later, that he had walked in, walked around, failed to see anything stirring, and had left as silently as he came. He failed to understand that he was the Association. Alumni do not come to be entertained, they come to be IT.

The alumni dance was called off it is true, because there was not sufficient interest in it. To be practical, the dance had to be supported by 50 paying couples. The spring dance was enjoyed greatly by about 35 couples. The association absorbed the loss. As president of the association I did not feel that it should again be held at a loss. Now comparing it to previous years when the dance was held at STC, the number of alumni attending those dances averaged about ten couples.

All alumni were sent a letter and an invitation in ample time to have made arrangements to come. Should anyone have not received an invitation, it was because the name is not on the mailing list. This list has been maintained by Mrs. Cooper for nearly twenty years and is as accurate as the members of the association have had the interest to make it so. Every year a request for new addresses has been sent out. Every year all address and name changes submitted have been inserted. Therefore failure to receive the invitation was not the association's fault but the individual's. It is true that the majority of the envelopes were addressed by one woman. Since time immemorial, the envelopes have been addressed by one or at the most, two women. This year the individual was a different one. We are all most grateful to Miss Ruth for having been that one, this year.

The question of cost is always with us. What may seem too much for one, may seem too little for another. Previous years, the dinner was given free by the school. It was our considered opinion that the Alumni are not beggars, and should feel duty bound to pay for their meal, especially since it was prepared for a nominal cost. The dance again would cost nearly \$200.00, based on having 50 paying couples present; \$4.00 had to be the price of the ticket. Here again I believe none of us want any other member or members to pay more than their share in order that we may enjoy a proper dance. Alumni are supposed to be grownup, responsible people, they must be treated as such, and they must be expected to assume the burdens both of work and money.

Finally, we shall be most happy to have members of the graduating class meet with us at the Spring Meeting. Prior to that we shall accept an invitation to meet with responsible representatives to discuss the Spring Meeting. An invitation through proper channels will be keenly awaited.

Sincerely yours,
Samuel L. Sherwell
President, Alumni Assoc.

Faculty

HERE AND THERE

Students
Once again, as we look in upon the extra-curricular activities of our fellow classmates and faculty members, we find that . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Devilbiss, Dr. and Mrs. Bosley and Mr. Gebhardt'sbauer attended the Conference of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, held in Atlantic City during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss spoke before B'nai Brith on November 27.

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BETTY LEE SHAWN

Betty Lee Shawn Is Elected to Office

On November 20th the Misses Pauline Porter, Betty Lee Shawn, Elaine Brinsfield, and Mr. Frank White, faculty advisor of the Christian Association, attended an inter-racial sub-district meeting of the Student Christian Movement at Maryland State College, Princess Anne. The Conference lasted from 10 o'clock A.M. to 6 P.M. During this time the delegates were inspired through prayer, music and deep thought. The Maryland State Choir rendered two beautiful selections, "Sanctus and Hosanna" and "No Man Is an Island." Mr. Williams, a dynamic speaker from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, delivered a speech concerning science and religion which promoted much thought.

During the business meeting Miss Betty Lee Shawn was elected Co-Chairman of District 11. Betty Lee is at present secretary of the Christian Association here on campus. She is from Queenstown, Maryland and is in the Sophomore Class. Through meetings such as these the Christian Association is trying to extend its ideas and bring in new and better ones.

Catalogue to Feature The New Curriculum

Just before the Christmas holidays the 1955 edition of the college catalogue will be coming out. This promises to be a much better and more informative volume than the previous ones have been.

The new catalogue will present a new curriculum, in which the purposes and objectives of the college program will be clearly delineated. The format has been changed to enable the student to better understand what the curriculum will be instead of merely guessing and drawing his own conclusions.

Inside of the new and attractive cover, which is designed to catch the eye, there is information for the students which is easily understood. There is more information about the academic status of the student and how he can compute his scholastic average, which is such a mystery to the majority of students. The probationary status of the student is made clear for the first time.

For the Junior College student, there is a revised treatment of the Junior College Program, in which this has been combined into one general program instead of three separate programs.

There is more elaboration on the resources of the college, and for the first time there is an elaborate description of the his-

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SENIORS SPONSOR CHRISTMAS DANCE

The music was light; the people were gay; and the setting was beautiful, as the students of STC, the faculty, and guests entered the gym for the annual Christmas Dance.

Sponsored by the Senior Class, the decorations depicted a winter scene, complete with snow drifts, evergreens, and a ceiling of stars. Sammy Secrets Orchestra of Cambridge, who supplied the evening's music, were arranged on a pier. Completing the scene was the large number of students in attendance.

In harmony with the Christmas season, the refreshment committee served attractive cakes, complimented by fruit punch.

The hours whizzed by and are gone now, but the memory of a pleasant evening lingers on!

THE STUDENT PRINTS

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"Say, you're Whittier than I thought."

"Well, I'd rather be Whittier than Grimm."

"That did it. Don't you have a class?"

"As a matter of fact I do in one minute. So long, Jim."

"See you, Bill."

Now here it is time to write. What shall I say? Oh, I know. I'll tell them we shouldn't expect Santa Claus to bring us gifts just for being good. We should be good for nothing.

Merry Christmas, everybody.

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Girls' Varsity Will Receive New Suits

The girls' basketball varsity will be sporting new suits and jackets this year. The squad will be selected before the Christmas vacation begins. Those potential participants are Jean Skinner, Mary Jane Wright, Lucy Hitt, Ruth Nielson, Dolores Cooling, Ina Ray Callaway, Nancy Radcliffe, Jake Richardson, Maria Simmons, Helen Luzetsky, Barbara Butler, Sally Dawson, Carole Kirkwood, Louise Holbrook, Peggy Ross and Sue Colliflower.

Betty Yee Shawn and Margaret Blazek are co-managers. The schedule for the games will be announced after Christmas.

Tryouts for the varsity team have been well attended and Miss Whitney is well pleased with the co-operation and interest showed by all the girls.

Lab Moving to Old Campus School

The Physics laboratory is to be moved from the basement below the Little Theatre in the Main Building to Room 101 in the old Elementary School. Under the direction of Mr. Rickert, work has already started to set up the new location. Although it is not definite, Mr. Rickert expects to be moved by the first of the year at the close of the Christmas holiday. Last year it was proposed that the Elementary School be used as a Science building and to hold all the science courses there. This proposal is pending for the time being.

Sport Beat

by Bill Livingston

Autumn is almost gone; the trees are bare and the pigskin parade is slowly fading away into sports history. Hardly waiting for King Football to leave, other winter sports are barging on the scene. However, most of the nation will keep its attention riveted on football until the last yell is heard from any of the major bowl games.

Many articles have appeared in the papers concerning the money that the colleges collect from participating in a bowl game. The Army-Navy game, for instance, although this is not a bowl game, will serve as a good example. The Navy recently released a statement saying that from the money they receive from playing Army, they could almost completely finance their sports program. You can see why football won't be de-emphasized for quite some time yet in a lot of colleges.

"Sunny" Jim Tatum has once again made news at Maryland by guiding the Terps to an Orange Bowl bid. This undoubtedly will be the game of the year. My (Continued on Page Four)

Men Begin Basketball With Many Prospects

The STC basketball "Hawks," have been toiling endlessly in the gym for the past three weeks shaping up for this year's season. Friday evening, December 16, they will put all their work to good advantage where they travel to Towson to play one of our biggest rivals.

The schedule for this season is shaping up very nicely, according to Coach Maggs. The schedule again as in previous years, will include such rivals as Towson, Wesley, Golden Beacom and Chincoteague, along with many new opponents.

Although the team looks good, it will miss the spirit and ability, of such athletes as George Kormarnicki who was always a hustler, Ray Pierce who was a good man in a pinch. Jack (Smiley) Kinsella who was always driving hard and had what it took to give the whole team spirit. Last but not least will be Jay McCreia who will leave for the Army in January.

The opening of practice had many new faces on the court. Among these are Grayson Hurley, a six foot one inch sure shot from Cambridge. Grayson played two

years with Cambridge High School. Another new hopeful for Coach Maggs is George Mills, a six foot freshman who has also played two years of high school ball. "Doc" Vollmer, who has played for STC in previous years has also had experience playing in high school and a VFW team. "Doc" is a very promising prospect. More newcomers this year are Nelson Lynch, Dick Marshall, John Potter, Bill Lilliston, Ray Battersby, Bruce Richardson and Ronnie Groten.

Charlie Muir, who has always been a very capable athlete at STC will be a great loss to the team when he leaves after this semester to take his position as a pitcher on one of the Baltimore's Oriole's farm teams.

The coach has his hopes set again on many varsity men who have returned. Roland Foskey, who has always been a great basketball star is back to lead the team. Although Foskey may not be too tall (five feet ten inches), he is full of speed and has a dead eye when it comes to scoring. Phil Slacum, another small but fast ball handler is again in the lineup. Other stars returning include Charlie Nossick, a very capable six footer; Bill Curtis (Continued on Page Four)

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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

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 vast pity, an eager desire to help and serve, if only by a word of understanding and compassion. There are so many people in the world who need help. Let me quote a statement that was made by Doctor John Watson just before he died, "If it were possible for me to live my life over again I would strive to make my ministry more of a ministry of comfort." Doctor Watson realized that there were so many men and

women with sad hearts who could be brightened and made happy by just a word of comfort or a gift of thoughtfulness. We cannot and must not forget that we owe to others a share of our good fortune. How much we owe our dear parents who have always been so willing to sacrifice and offer words of comfort and cheer. How great is their friendship. No matter how hard we might try to repay them, we can never quite succeed. How great a duty rests upon us as individuals to help our fellowman. We can learn none too soon that our success belongs to others the same as the success of others belongs to us. Nations have realized this and we are acquainted with the facts that the weaker nations are advised, instructed and protected by the larger nations, not only in times of war but also in times of peace. What an inspiration a nation such as ours can be to a backward and less progressive nation, measured not by what the United States has done but what it is. Are not individuals inspired not so much by what they are—probably not by saying anything or doing something but by being just a live spirit, helping to put faith and courage into another's life?

May we not forget our obligations to others this Christmas-tide. May we not be too busy to think of the less fortunate. Let us be mindful that their happiness in a large measure determines our happiness. May the Christmas season this year be a season of joy and blessing for each and everyone. It can only be so, by each person being thoughtful of his duty.

Having been planned by the presidents of these organizations, the service is carried out by the students. Women's Dormitory Association is responsible for securing candles and distributing them, while Women's Day Association is responsible for appointing a group to read selections and checking of gifts for the children of Wicomico county. The Men's Dormitory Association will make posters and invitations and the Men's Day Association is responsible for moving the furniture in the Social Room, to allow students to be seated. The tree in the main corridor was decorated by the Social Committee. The Students' Activity Center (book store and snack bar) presented the decorations as a permanent gift. For the first time in college history, the day students have been invited to have dinner in the college dining hall with the dormitory students and faculty to share the last night before the holidays together.

**CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE**

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**"MESSIAH" PRESENTED**

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 The group will present about one-half of the complete oratorio, written in 1750 in the short span of seventeen days, during which time Handel practically isolated himself. He considered this the working of God through his hand, and it has since become one of the greatest pieces of religious music ever written. At one time George III of England, upon hearing the Messiah, was

so inspired that he stood to acclaim Handel. From that time on, many audiences have conformed to this practice. At the Christmas assembly on December 15, the College Chorus plans to sing "And the Glory of the Lord," which is from the "Messiah."

**SPORT BEAT**

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 recent article about the Sooners drew plenty of comment, most of which can't be repeated. "The Sooners will win," says Big Charlie Muir, who also hopes the Terps get slaughtered by the strong Oklahoma team.

Tatum gave his opinion recently of why the football teams in the East don't draw as large crowds as they should. He mentioned the fact that too many sporting events bargain for the public's entertainment dollar. However, I noticed UCLA drew close to 90,000 fans on one Saturday afternoon and the Los Angeles Rams drew 65,000 the next day. Maybe the fans there really like football.

Here's a little sidelight that you might find interesting, although it happened in a Red Shield league football game.

A couple of years ago, two brothers who played ends on the same team were tied for the scoring lead with 18 TD's apiece. In a rather important game one brother broke loose from his own 10-yard line on an end around reverse, and was well on his way to a TD. However, Brother Number Two, not wanting to be outdone, noticed a visiting player and the referee standing nearby. He let loose with a loud whistle. Thereby gaining the officials' attention, he then proceeded to throw the most beautiful clip you ever saw, which, of course, nullified the score. I'll bet home was a nice, quiet place after that

game.

Here at STC there's a group of guys playing perhaps one of the toughest sporting events to play, I mean, of course, the soccer team. You can't say enough about guys who play sixty minutes of a rough, tough sport and hardly ever complain. They are playing a sport that they love to play; a sport that is underrated by many and seen by few; a sport that takes stamina, courage, and skill to make a real competing team.

The STC team has met some of the best. While not compiling a terrific record, they have continually proven that they have what it takes. They have played hard and worked hard, and certainly deserve a lot of credit from the students. Perhaps some who have complained of the records of the Gulls should remember: "A quitter never wins, a winner never quits." In my book, they are winners.

Now that basketball season is almost here, we turn in anticipation to our college team. Many of the mainstays of last year's squad are gone. But Coach Benn Maggs has a lot of veteran material with which to build his 1955 squad around, and which will be a spirited one, I'm sure.

Doc Vollmer tells me a hot scoop is that the Knicks will take the Eastern section of the NBA Basketball League. Dick Marshall agrees but thinks that the Warriors will give them a tough battle. The Warriors are loaded with talent, and with Tom Gola back in action, competition is certain to improve.

Coach Benn Maggs seems headed for more weeks of worry in trying to build up a basketball schedule for the coming season. Seems as if teams hate to travel down here to play. Come to think of it, though, the Sho' is

The *Holly Leaf* staff is indebted to Patsy Miller, a freshman, for the Nativity scene. Miss Miller is from Forest Hill, Maryland.

an isolated place as far as colleges go.

Maryland State has clinched the pennant race in the CIAA. Their 3-0 win over their closest rival, Delaware State, erased chances of the Delaware team of winning the title. The Hawks were extremely happy over the Jess Linticum's selection of Maryland State in the number ten sport in the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year.

**MEN BEGIN BASKETBALL**

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 and Tom Comer. The managers for this year's squad are Archie Ellis and Bill Brown.

All in all STC's basketball team with an average height of exactly six feet looks very promising and anticipates a very good season.

**DR. DEVILBISS SPEAKS**

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 "The quality of this institution reflects the quality of you, yourself. We can only hope to become whatever we will ourselves to become. This is our opportunity to build."

**CATALOG TO FEATURE**

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 tory of the college. This new catalogue reflects the new spirit of our school, and promises even greater rewards for those who have come to this institution to better themselves by seeking a well-formulated college education.

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