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In Memoriam

ELIZABETH BAKER GREEN

MAY 3, 1915

JUNE 14, 1929

VIRGINIA RUTH BRASWELL

OCTOBER 17, 1915

MARCH 16, 1929

The Faculty



First row (left to right): Miss Ethel Sheridan, History and Home Economics; Miss Lila Dedmon, History and Mathematics; Miss Sylvia Levy, English and Algebra; Miss Laura Sumner, English.

Second row: Miss Elsie Yarborough, Home Economics; Mr. Jake Smith, Science and Athletics; Mr. W. A. Mahler, Superintendent; Mr. R. D. White, Principal; Miss Sarah Mobley, Latin and French.



JAMES E. SIMMONS, JR.

JIM Dependable
*But sure the eye of time beholds no name,
 So blest as thine in all the roles of fame.*

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
 Dramatic Club.
 President Senior Class.
 Last Will and Testament.
 Tar Hi Tattler staff '31.
 Manager football team '31.

We appreciate Jim's cooperation in working with us this year, and especially do the girls appreciate a ride in his car.

ELIZABETH GASKILL HUSSEY

TEEDY Riding
One way traffic is never congested

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
 Tar Hi Tattler staff '31.
 Vice-president Senior Class.

Teedy is popularity itself. Going to dances, especially big ones, such as West Point, and riding all the time seems to be her specialty, in which she excels.

RUTH EVELYN LANGLEY

FEFFIE Sweet
Such popularity must be deserved

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
 Dramatic Club '31.
 Secretary and Treasurer Senior Class.
 Class Poet of '31.
 Senior Beauty Queen.

Boys, take notice! The beauty of the Senior Class enters. And beauty is not all Feffie possesses, for she makes a specialty of being sweet.

VANN ROY TAYLOR

VANN Experimenting
*If chemistry was not made for Vann,
 Who was it made for.*

Editor Tar Hi Tattler-Year Book '31.
 Tar Hi Tattler staff '29, '30, '31.
 Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
 Baseball team '31.

Vann is editor of the Year Book and has been voted the smartest boy in the room. Maybe, his liking for experimenting has caused him to be such a good editor for the Tattler.

CHAUNCEY HOKE LEGGETT

HOKE Smiling

This is the smallest and best member of the Senior Class. Hoke's bright remarks endeared him to us, while his smile won all hearts.

DELLA HOUSE ALLSBROOK

DELLA Popular

Popularity knows its price

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Debating Team '31.
Vice-president of Junior Class.
Some day Della will be "walking in the Hall of Fame." She always gets there, and usually gets a ride back.

DULCEY RAE ANDREWS

DULCEY Tolerance

Seen and heard only when necessary

Literary Society '27, '28, '29, '30.
Dulcey is always very quiet and talks in class only when the teacher asks a question. Maybe, some day, she will be a great talker. Who knows?

HELEN BEATRICE BABCOCK

HELEN Full of pep

A bad little girl with a good little heart

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Author of Class Song.
What'd we have done without her to write our Class Song? She is full of wit, poetry and humor. Helps us to keep cheerful.

ANNIE RUTH BALLARD

ANNIE RUTH Helping others

The way she gets help is by helping herself

Literary Society '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Annie Ruth has been in our class only a few years, but has made many friends. She has proved worthy as our librarian.

MARY ELIZABETH BRITT

MARY LIBBA Good sport

Continue through life being yourself

And you will surely gain success and wealth

Dramatic Club '31.
Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Mary Libba moved here from Norfolk and joined us in 7th grade. She has proved herself worthy of being called a hard-working girl.





LYDIA LOUISE EDMONDSON

LOUISE Forgetting

*While you are forgetting, forget to forget
Your ole school mates*

Literary Society '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.

Everybody craves her company. She is the entertainment for all social gatherings. Louise, we all love you

ELIZABETH MITCHELL FLUCK

LIBBA Likeable

Do your work and heed not boasting

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Debating Team '30, '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.

Libba was recently voted the biggest flirt and the biggest talker in class. Popular among boys and girls. Now isn't that a person's ambition?

WINSTON CHURCHILL GARDNER

WINSTON Sheiking

He is tall, dark and handsome

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Football team '29, '30, '31.
Manager baseball team '31.
Captain football team '30.

We hope Winston will have a successful career in later life as a screen star. He has the two main qualifications—looks and acting ability.

MARY ELIZABETH HAGANS

MARY LIBBA Skipping school

*Playing hooky from school
Is not abiding by the Golden Rule*

Dramatic Club '31.
Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.

Mary Libba stays out a lot, but smart enough to pass. She'll catch a boy friend if she keeps on winking her eyes.

LILLIAN CLYDE JOHNSON

LILLIAN Wise cracking

Do not wise crack until you break

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.

The best column in our paper, "The Tar Barrel," was written by her. Her humor and sarcasm brought a new feature to our school paper.

EDWARD HARVEY LEWIS, JR.

DUCK Witty

Good fortune often abides with a fool

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Football team '28, '29, '30, '31.
Tennis team '29, '30, '31.
Baseball team '28, '29, '30, '31.

Duck has grinned and bluffed his way into the hearts of the teachers and students. We can only wish him the same success as he goes thru life.

HAROLD STANCIL LILES

HAL Bluffing

Talks lots, says little

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Baseball '30, '31.

We are expecting to find Hal in the headlines yet. It is doubtful if he will find himself a gangster or a famous gangster. But whichever he chooses, he will be a success.

MARTIN PITT LYLES

MARTIN Handsome

In the spring a young man's fancy

Lightly turns to thoughts of love

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.

Martin is the most handsome boy in our class. Still, the spring has not come yet that has induced him to follow the dangerous leading of a woman's heart.

LILLIAN DELL MOYE

DELL Night riding

Mine is the night with all her stars

Dramatic Club '31.
Literary Society '27, '28, '29, '30, '31.

Dell has only been in our school for three years, but we have all grown attached to her. If you want to find her at night, she is riding.

LOUISE McDOWELL

LOUISE Dating

Wisdom is humble that he knows no more

Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.

Louise is one of our most honored members for her ability. She has worked hard and deserves all she has. Pretty enough to deserve her boy-friends, too.





ELSIE ELIZABETH NORMAN
ELSIE Willing

*She is always willing to work and do
Whatever you may ask her to.*

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Elsie's red hair is the talk of school.
Well, she deserves it, for it is beautiful.
Nothing good we might say about Elsie would be too much. She is one of our best.

RUTH McWHORTER PENDER
RUTH Making music

Music is the soul of entertainment

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club. Class Historian.
Ruth, as she is known, is always willing and ready to do anything to help make a party lively by her music. She's sweet as she can be, which is seen by her popularity.

MARY DUDLEY PITTMAN
MARY DUDLEY Originality

Originality knows no mock

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.
Prophetess. Year Book staff '31.
Good luck to Mary Dudley in her college career. May her wit and her originality gain for in future life the hosts of friends that they have gained in high school.

MARY FRANCES PULLEY
MARY Giggling

*Laugh away your troubles,
They will vanish like a bubble*

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Mary is always ready to laugh except when she gets a bad grade on history. She even laughs at the bad grades of others. We need someone to cheer us, so we'll pick Mary.

ANNIE FRANCES ROGERSON
FRANCES Ability

*She is quiet, pretty, alert and sweet,
The type we all desire to be.*

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '31.
Year Book staff '31.
Dramatic Club '31. Valedictorian '31.

LUCY KNIGHT RUFFIN

LUCY Personality

Sweet personality, full of rascality

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Dramatic Club '31.
Debating team '31.
Year Book staff '31.
Tar Hi Tattler staff '30, '31.

Popular among students, teachers,
parents, and everybody. Why not?
She's pretty, sweet, has "it," talks
plenty and laughs always.

KATHRYN BAILEY SHEFFIELD

KATHRYN Frenchy

*If it is being cute and sweet,
She is the one who cannot be beat.*

Literary Society '28, '29, '30, '31.
Smart in school, good looking and
popular. If she keeps that up thru
life, she really should be successful
and happy. We are expecting great
things of her.

AUGUSTUS VALLEN WARREN

VALLEN Modest

*A boys pride is to be—
But what—we are not sure, you see.*

Literary Society '27, '28, '29, '30.
Assistant manager football team '30.
Business manager Year Book '31.
Baseball team '30, '31.

Vallen is the distinguished boy in our
class; he seems so modest and shy.
Yet he has gained quite a bit of
recognition. We are proud to give
him all he needs and deserves.

REBA BOWERS

REBA Kindness

A kind act off an old grudge heals

Literary Society '28, '29, '30.
You don't hear much from Reba, as
she is reserved and has little to say.
No one knows what Reba will do
after she graduates. Is it possible
she will live in the country?

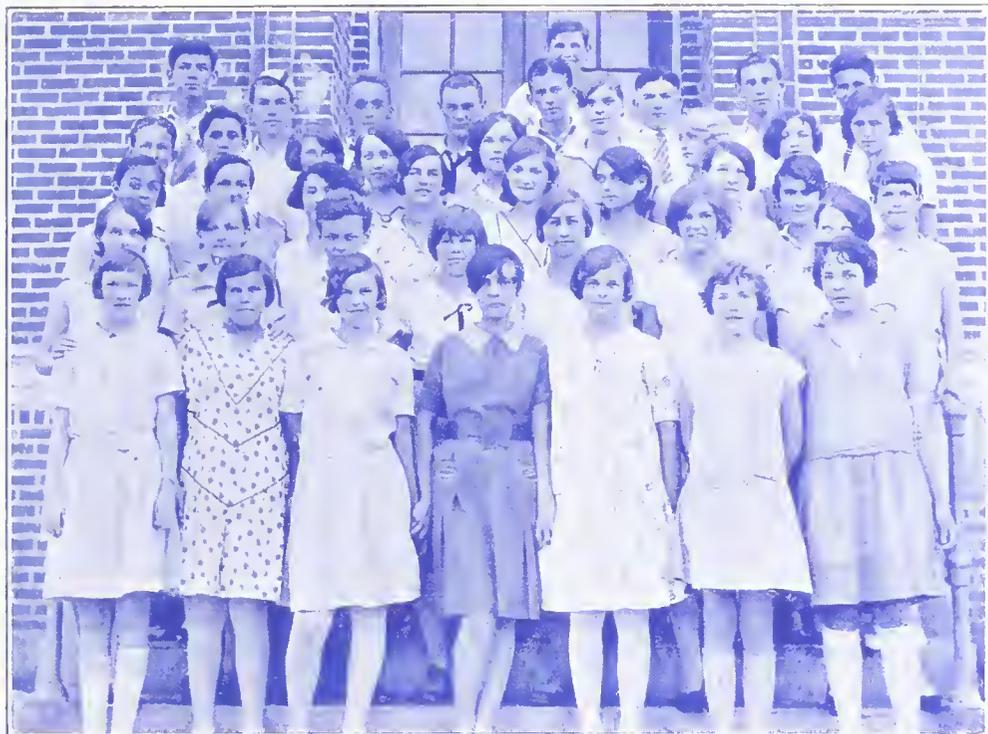
MARY MITCHELL HOARD

MARY MITCHELL Smiling

A smile some cheerless spirit warms

Literary Society '27, '28, '30.
We wish success to Mary in winning
the loving cup for meekness. May
it have beautiful cherry trees carved
at the bottom.





Three Years Ago

This is a picture of the present Senior Class during Sophomore year. How many do you recognize?

Tar Hi Tattler Staff

First row—

Lillian Johnson
Frances Rogerson
Helen Babcock
Irene Fulford
Elizabeth Fluck
Martha Josey

Second row—

Beulah Bardin
Josephine Ranes
Louise McDowell
Louise Epps
Della Allsbrook
Mary D. Pittman
Mary E. Britt

Third row—

Jim Simmons
Miss Levy
Bill Hart
Bisco Howell
Eugene Brooks
Vann Taylor



Dramatic Club

First row (left-right):

Lillian Johnson
Frances Rogerson
Helen Babcock
Irene Fulford
Elizabeth Fluck
Ruth Langley

Second row:

Ed Fowlkes
Leola Baker
Ruth Arnold
Mary E. Hagans
Louise McDowell
Louise Edmondson
Della Allsbrook
Ruth Pender
Mary E. Britt
Kathryn Sheffield

Third row:

Winston Gardner
Hazel Whitehurst
Dell Moye
Miss Sumner
Puth Ballard
Mary N. Worsley

Fourth row:

Wilbur Evans
Eugene Brooks
Elizabeth Lane
Jim Simmons



Debating Team

Left to right:

George Fountain
Elizabeth Fluck
Miss Sumner
Della Allsbrook
Lucy Ruffin

Football Team '30



First row (left to right): Mobley, Jenkins, Taylor, Davenport, Raby, Ballard, Gilliam, Warren.
Second row: T. Burnette, C. Olschner, Carlisle, S. Burnette, Gardner, Hart, Simmons.
Third row: Fountain, Fowlkes, Mayo, Lewis, E. Olschner, Thomas, Savage, Coach Smith.

Baseball Team '31



First row (left to right): Simmons Gilliam, Savage, Hart, Burnette, Fountain.
Second row: Gardner, Jenkins, J. C. Taylor, Britt, Liles, Coach Smith.
Third row: Warren, Lewis, V. Taylor, J. Taylor, Fowlkes.

An Adieu From Class of '31

We come tonight to tell you, dear old friends and pals,
Just how our hearts beat in us, as forever more they shall;
And though it's love that binds us to each familiar face,
The echo of something higher calls from another place.

Proudly, but well, we have worked under you as our teachers then,
Yet, tonight we say with appreciation, "It never shall be again."
We've shown our loyalty by doing as you directed;
The faults are forgotten, only the good is recollected.

Then to each of you we say, "Good-bye one and all,"
We intend to climb upward and onward, but never shall we fall.
We give credit to our teachers, who worked hand in hand
To bring their struggling pupils to a higher and more worthy stand.

Once again our hearts beat heavy—for a two-fold purpose now—
We say good-bye to friend and teacher with this solemn vow:
"We, the Class of '31, have gained life's first stronghold,
And whom could we honor for it, but the dear old Blue and Gold"?

—Ruth Langley, Poet.

Class History

OUR task of being educated almost finished, we stand now the greater part of the class that began the routine under Miss Mary Bridgers in 1920. For seven years we labored and taxed our brains, hoping some day to reach high school. Miss Donald went from the second to the third grade with us. We all remember the Springtime play that she gave, including every member in the room.

In the fifth grade we made men out of candy, figs, and marshmallows. This little incident has remained with us.

In the sixth grade, we started in the high school building; the change was hardly noticeable. At last we entered high school, sixty strong, with Miss Dedmon and Miss Mobley as our teachers. As soon as the novelty of changing classes wore off, we longed for vacation.

In the ninth grade we were under Miss Levy, until the boys were given to Mr. Simpson. This rather separated us, but we had class meetings in Miss Levy's room whenever anything important came up.

Then came the third high school year. We were Juniors at last. The banquet was our main thought. As times were so hard, we could have only a limited number of entertainments with two or three faculty meetings before each one. The Beauty Contest was a success, Alyce Weeks being chosen queen. Stunt night was also a success. Finally, enough money was raised for the banquet. Under the unerring leadership of our teacher, Mrs. Marion Corbett, we gave a banquet which deserves to be marked down in our history.

Being satisfied with our Junior year, we prepared to take our place as the Senior Class of 1931. What little ideas we had of how much work this Senior year meant! There was money to be raised—caps and gowns—invitations—the year book—everywhere we turned something else to consider. This last year in school will always take first place in our memories of dear old Tarboro High. After many struggles and failures, we have reached our goal—the goal for which we have worked these eleven years. We are extremely proud to say that out of the four debaters who went to Chapel Hill, three are in our class. Jim Simmons, our president, worthily represented Tarboro High School in the oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. Then, there is our Beauty Queen—Ruth Langley. Last, but not least, and the one to whom we owe the most credit is Miss Ethel Sheridan, our untiring, faithful teacher; for without her, we would have been a helpless class.

So closes the last page of our history; for it is time now not to look backward but forward, and to see what the coming years have in store for us.

—Ruth Pender, Historian.

Valedictory

TONIGHT is the night when we shall bid farewell to all of our classmates, teachers, and friends. Long have we looked forward to this night which will soon be one of the sweet memories of the past. Tonight we close one chapter of our life, and now we are looking on a new chapter. We leave the hopes and accomplishments of the past and look forward to the future. We know that from now on, we shall live a new life and occupy new positions.

Through the eleven years of school, we have studied and worked hard to reach our goal. Some have dropped out, but the others have kept together, and tonight is probably the last time we shall be together in school. From our teachers we have acquired knowledge, which will in later life help us onward to new and higher positions. The lessons that we have learned will give to us the power and self-reliance required to secure the successes which we seek. Whatever of honor and health we may hereafter win in the world, we shall largely owe to our school, which has showed to us the means of success.

Let us, then, remember our school with a proud and gratified feeling. To the teachers who have been so kind and helpful to us, we bid farewell, hoping that they will always remember the best side of us and not the worst. Although we haven't always cooperated with you, we now appreciate the wisdom and consideration that you have shown to us in your plans. We are grateful for everything that you have done, and these things will always linger in our memories of school.

And now, classmates, we must soon separate, never again to unite in the schoolroom. Never again shall we meet as we are now. Our success or failure will be determined by the manner in which we meet our responsibilities and opportunities of the future. I can wish nothing higher or happier for us than that through our lives, in joy and sorrow, in bright sunshine and deepest shadow, there may remain with us the consciousness of duty well performed, of suffering nobly endured, and of life faithfully lived. In the hope of such a future, with many pleasant memories of school days, and with the assurance of an unfailing, affectionate remembrance, I bid you good-by.

—Frances Rogerson, Valedictorian.

Last Will and Testament

State of North Carolina
County of Edgecombe
Town of Tarboro

Article I

Announcing: The Class of 1931 of Tarboro High School, being of sound minds, do hereby publish, make known, and certify to all whom it may concern, that this is their last will and testament.

Article II

To the Classes:

To the Juniors, we leave our ingenuity in taking advantage of Senior privileges, our natural gift of singing, along with as many of our caps and gowns as they wish to buy.

To the Sophomores, we leave our wonderful skill in school activities, in hope that they may realize the importance of all school functions.

To the Freshmen, we leave our class colors, rose and gray—the rose for leadership and dignity, the gray for love and comradeship.

Article III

We bequeath to—

Stella Mewborn—Elizabeth Fluck's flirting ability.

Clarence Olschner—Frances Rogerson's dumbness.

Ashby Brown—Winston Gardner's perfect physique.

Emile Olschner—Ed Lewis' ability to reform and become teachers' pet.

Hilda Lyles—Della Allsbrook's natural walk.

Libby Lane—Dulcy Andrews' ability to get into trouble.

Kathlyn Roberson—Helen Babcock's height.

James Taylor—Ruth Ballard's ability to study.

Don Gilliam—Reba Bowers' quietness.

Job Savage—Ruth Pender's ability to play the piano.

Virginia Clark—Louise McDowell's reputation as a teachers' pet.

Mary N. Worsley—Mary Pulley's giggles.

Nancy Hart—Louise Edmondson's forgetting memory.

Emily Ward—Elsie Norman's red hair.

Nina Williams—Martin Lyles' good looks.

Eugene Brooks—Vallen Warren's quiet disposition.

Bill Hart—Vann Taylor's interest in journalism.

Wilbur Evans—Ruth Langley's ability to write poems.

Rufus Worsley—Hal Liles' ability to bluff the teachers.

Gene Simmons—Mary Hoard's energy.

Irene Fulford—Elizabeth Hussey's supply of tardy and absent excuses.

Martha Josey—Dell Moye's English grades.

Lonnie Wynn—Lillian Johnson's walking ability.

Louise Sykes—Mary Elizabeth Britt's optimism.

Bill Bardin—Mary D. Pittman's willing spirit.

Ruby Mewborn—Mary E. Hagans' ability to skip school.

To Mr. Mahler, Mr. White, and the entire school faculty, we leave an abundant supply of appreciation and deep love that they have inspired in our hearts.

To Miss Sheridan, our class teacher, we leave our most sincere love and appreciation for her interest and hearty cooperation in our class activities.

To our Alma Mater, we leave our loyalty and devotion and our best wishes for a glorious future.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1931.

—Jim Simmons, Jr., Testator.

Class Prophecy

MAKE yourself comfortable while I dive deeply into this well of knowledge. Since you have already had the spell of the fairy charm cast over you, it will be no trouble for you to follow me as I take you over mountain heights and through many earthly visions. You must be very careful not to break the charm of this enchanted land. All must be very happy, or I might miss one name that has fallen into this well of knowledge. I can see a strange land and strange people; I see that—

Winston Gardner is living at Daytona Beach, trying to break the world's auto speed record, while his wife, Mary Elizabeth Britt, is taking a big fall into society.

Our friend, Hal Liles, is in a nearby city, playing rotten baseball, and "he just can't help it."

Reba Bowers and Dulcy Andrews have opened a very nifty novelty shop in Atlanta.

At last, Jim Simmons is president of the United States after many unsuccessful political attempts. And who is his charming First Lady? Why, none other than Ruth Pender, who has as her very efficient secretary Della Allsbrook.

Martin Lyles, the screen star of two continents, is vacationing at Coral Gables after the filming of his latest picture, "Farewell, Peggy."

At last, Ruth Langley's dreams have come true. She has married a millionaire and owns an estate covered with goldfish ponds with little bridges over them.

In Paris we find Kathryn Sheffield and Lucy Knight Ruffin as supreme mannequins for the world-renowned designer, Elizabeth Fluck.

Ed Lewis, after a very naughty, naughty, naughty youth, is an Episcopal bishop in Pennsylvania.

Louise Edmondson is in Russia, selling books on the improvement of one's memory.

In London, Vann Taylor is the leading chemist, experimenting to his heart's content. Vallen Warren is his efficient assistant and business manager.

Helen Babcock is writing adorable songs in New York City, where she enjoys a very gay and popular life.

Lillian Johnson is chief editor of "Judge"—and they are delighted to have her.

After being widowed by a wealthy manufacturer, Frances Rogerson is living in Paris in the greatest comfort.

And who is this in Switzerland, that land of ice and snow? Why, it is none other than Elizabeth Hussey, who spends her winters in St. Moritz and her summers on the Riviera.

Ruth Ballard is chief librarian at the Congressional Library in Washington. And such an efficient librarian she is!

Class Prophecy--continued

Mary Elizabeth Hagans is living in Baltimore, where she is proprietress of a beauty shop.

Mary Mitchell Hoard recently married the owner of the Cherry Chain Drug Stores, and is very happily settled in Tarboro.

Mary Pulley has established a foreign correspondence company. Since she so enjoyed foreign correspondence in her younger years, she realizes the advantages of this type of letters.

Louise McDowell and Dell Moyer are still occupied with loads of dates and their newest business—editing society columns of a small town newspaper.

The mascot of the 1931 Senior Class, Hoke Leggett, is a famous lecturer in expression at Harvard University.

Elsie Norman is a successful business woman in New York. She is a vice-president of a bank on Wall Street.

Now, members of this fairyland, let not this mystic world pass until each of you become as great when back to earth you wander.

—Mary Dudley Pittman, Prophet.



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