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C of E NEWS

REUNION JULY 8-10

Homecoming is the theme and Emporia is the place for the 2016 C of E Alumni Reunion. It will occur on the July 8 – 10 weekend. The highlight experiences of the event will take place at Kenyon Hall, now renamed Kenyon Heights, Anderson Memorial Library and the beautifully renovated downtown Granada Theatre.

You will find your reunion registration form in this issue, including the information that you will need to make your hotel reservation. When making your hotel reservation, please be certain to ask for the special College of Emporia Reunion rate. Make your reservation now as these motels may fill up early. Remember that both of these lodging places serve breakfast.

Your weekend may begin with the Friday morning golf outing. You can do nine or eighteen holes, with or without a cart. To sign up or get more information contact **Paul James, A61 & FF**, at (620) 342-9057.

When you arrive in Emporia, you will want to check in at your motel and then begin your reunion adventure at Kenyon Heights. At registration, photos will be taken for a photo directory, which will be mailed to attendees. It will contain contact information that will allow attendees to keep in touch.

Once you are registered and photographed, make time for a visit to “Pete’s Parlor,” and a trip to the memorabilia room. Remember that this promises to be the most amazing memorabilia room ever as most of our memorabilia collection is housed right in Emporia. Please view the permanent display case in Kenyon Heights that has a rotating display of C of E history. Currently, it will display items that tie in with Homecoming Queens.

Your next stop will be Anderson Memorial Library. Visit the dome and look for your signature. The building is newly remodeled and worth seeing in its own right. Plan to take photos all weekend of both the buildings that we will be in and, of course, of former classmates.

Friday evening will be at the beautifully renovated Granada Theatre. Arrive early for the 3:00 tour. The Granada will actually be open to reunion attendees all day on both Friday and Saturday. See the seats from the C of E auditorium in Kenyon Hall and enjoy the luminous paintings beautifully restored by **George Crocker, A49 & FF**.

The barbeque dinner will be catered by the immensely popular Bobby D’s, voted “Best of the Flint Hills Barbeque” every year since opening in 2001. Attendees will meet some of the recipients of our scholarships and will hear “Emporia Then and Now” where we will learn how the community has changed and how it has stayed the same. There will be a photo booth where you and your friends can commemorate this occasion. A disc jockey will play tunes for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Saturday will offer a variety of options that you will find listed in the full page “Schedule of Events” that appears elsewhere in this issue. Note that Saturday morning’s E Club meeting will welcome as special guests former coach **Norm Short, FF**, and **Elaine Schnebel, A64**, widow of coach **Bill Schnebel, FF**.

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President's Letter; By Roger Klein, A72

What a great time to be President of the C of E Alumni Association! I am honored to serve in such a capacity as we near our "Homecoming" reunion July 8 – 10 in Emporia. Having attended the East Coast reunion last October in New Jersey and also the planning meetings for this one, I am as excited as I could be to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Since I live in Overland Park, KS, I have the advantage of having been to Emporia several times over the last 40+ years since graduation. Although there are a lot of things that haven't changed much, there are also a lot that have. There is a "new" high school on the northwest side of town and lots of development over there. Many restaurants and motels have been built in that area, and it seems to be a thriving part of town. But the downtown area has not been neglected either. The beautiful Granada Theatre on Commercial Street has been totally remodeled into an event center, and that is where we will be having both our Friday and Saturday evening programs. There are numerous places to enjoy a good meal both downtown and out on the west end of town, and everyone needs to stop by the northeast corner of the campus to see "C of E Park".

Other highlights of the weekend include an opportunity to see the all-new Kenyon Heights apartment building where we will host registration, Pete's Parlor and a tour of a couple of the apartments, thanks to some gracious residents. Additionally, there will be opportunities for a bus tour of Emporia and a tour of the magnificently restored Granada Theater along with a detailed description of the renovation process.

As nice as it will be to see the town again, those who have attended any of the past reunions will agree with me, I believe, that the real highlight is the people that you meet and reconnect with. Personally, I had a wonderful time at the 2015 East Coast reunion because it allowed me to mingle with so many old friends – and I suppose that you can take "old" either way at this point. The weather that weekend was terrible so there wasn't a lot of opportunity to enjoy the surroundings, but, to me, that just made it better.

This is already longer than I meant it to be, but, hopefully, my excitement and anticipation will be contagious. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Emporia July 8 – 10. C of E lives!

Side Trip

When you come to Emporia for this summer's reunion, consider a side trip before or after the reunion to the Dwight Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum. It is located in Abilene, Kansas, which is about an hour and a half drive from Emporia. Plan to stay overnight. There are motels in Abilene as well as in Junction City and other nearby communities.

The site includes a Visitor Center, the Presidential Library and Museum, President Eisenhower's boyhood home and the Place of Meditation, a combination of both a chapel and Mamie and Ike's tomb.

A complete picture of President Eisenhower's life, including his boyhood, his marriage, his entire military career, his Presidency and his retirement can be found here. You can learn from artifacts, film and written information. A notable item on display is the Enigma machine, used by the Nazis to encode and decode sensitive information during World War II. The British Navy's capture of the machine allowed the Allies to decipher the German code and save thousands of lives.

The Eisenhower family home is also on the premises and can be toured. If you have never visited, consider adding this site to your reunion travels.

There are two other Presidential sites, either of which can be added to your Emporia trip. Travelers, particularly those coming from locations east of the Mississippi River, can plan to spend time at either the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa, just off of I-80, or the Harry S. Truman Library and

Museum in Independence, MO, a Kansas City suburb.

The Truman site includes the President's final resting place. It is the first presidential library to be created under the provisions of the 1955 Presidential Libraries Act. Among the many items of interest are "The Buck Stops Here" sign from President Truman's desk and the safety plug from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The Hoover site includes the President's gravesite and boyhood home. Also on the site is the President's birthplace as well as reconstructions of various buildings that existed during Hoover's boyhood. There is a great deal of information on the fierce political dialogue surrounding Hoover's role in the Great Depression, with all sides of the various controversies represented.

All three of these sites are worth your time and interest. Additional ideas for Kansas sightseeing or places near Emporia to spend a few days relaxing are available from **Olivia (Medina) Moore, A64**. For information e-mail her at mooreeld@tctelco.net

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Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. E-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at jacomb2@mac.com or Les Palmer at lepalmer@aol.com. If you prefer, please write us at P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405.



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Don't miss your class luncheon. Your class reps will be contacting you with more details. The classes of 1958, 1961 and 1966 should note that this is a special reunion that you really need to attend. This will be your 60th, 55th and 50th reunion respectively.

Plan, if you can, to take advantage of all four of the incredibly interesting guided tours being offered this weekend. Former choir members and other musically talented alumni are encouraged to participate in the choir practicing on Saturday afternoon for the Sunday church service being conducted by **Joe and Selena (Peterson)**

Keesecker, Both A65. Barry and Jeanette (Murray) Roberts, Both A67, will lead the choir.

A steak dinner will be featured on Saturday evening. This will also be your opportunity to learn the identity of the Lifetime Achievement Award recipients and to enjoy the Annie Wilson Tallgrass Express String Band. This band plays Americana roots music celebrating the Flint Hills and the state of Kansas. Their repertoire includes ballads and humor. (For the latter, listen for Dung Beetle Bill.)

The 2016 C of E Alumni Reunion, Homecoming in Emporia, has a full schedule. A fantastic weekend is guaranteed. Be there!

Homecoming Queens

The committee putting together this summer's Emporia Reunion, appropriately dubbed "Homecoming," wants to honor past C of E Homecoming Queens. Alumni association Historian **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62,** is looking for the Queen's robe and crown. Anyone knowing the current location of these items is asked to contact Linda at ounanab@neoknet.com. Linda has already put together a Homecoming Queen exhibit in the C of E memorabilia display case that is permanently situated in the lobby of Kenyon Heights.

Meanwhile, the call is out for past Homecoming Queens to come to the reunion and again be recognized. Your editor has put together a partial list of these individuals. The list is limited by the dates of the Alla Rahs available to him. Names are listed as they appeared in the Alla Rahs. Some are deceased, some are not in touch with the alumni association

and some are reading this article right now. We urge all past Homecoming Queens to make a special effort to attend this summer's Homecoming Reunion in Emporia. Alumni in touch with any former Homecoming Queens are asked to urge their attendance.

Queens with the year that they reigned were: **Donna Perry, 1950; Mary Carr, 1951; Lorelli Hogue, 1952; Russelle Seeburg, 1953; Barbara Beeson, 1955; Ruth McNair, 1956; LaVerna Hayes, 1957; Marianne Schertz, 1958; Louise Romero, 1959; Vessie Ware Nichols, 1960; Nancy Ober, 1961; Joyce Montelione, 1962; Jackie Neilson, 1963; Jerilynn Jones, 1964; Donna Lovell, 1965; Dinah Griggsby, 1966; Sue Courter, 1967; Pat O'Rourke, 1968; Chee Chee Williams, 1969; Karen Young, 1970; Lynn Washington, 1971 and Ruth Kadeg, 1972.**

Charley Klamm, A53, has been honored for twenty years of service as Chairman of the Flint Hills Scenic Byway Committee. He was instrumental in the initial designation of the scenic byway and in the 2005 designation as a National Scenic Byway. Through planning and fundraising, he has brought national attention to the beauty of Kansas' Flint Hills. The byway is Kansas Route 177 from Cassoday to Cottonwood Falls. Those who are attending this summer's Emporia Reunion are urged to find the time to take this nearby drive. Charley and his wife, **Carol (Remy) Klamm, X58,** live in Cottonwood Falls.

L. J. Corcoran, A64, was posthumously inducted into the inaugural class of the Onaga High School Athletics Hall of Fame. A four year letterman in both basketball and football, L. J. was one of the most successful athletes in Onaga's history. L. J. continued his outstanding athletic career playing football at C of E, where he received All-Conference honors, was a team captain and was ultimately inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. After obtaining a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Kansas State, L. J. went on to a distinguished career at NASA, which culminated with a stint as manager of the orbiter project controls office, which oversaw the space shuttle's \$8 billion orbiter plane and its \$600 million annual budget.

Dave Peebler, A65, was recently honored by the Derby (Kansas) Community Foundation. He received the 2016 Generosity Award in recognition of his many contributions toward "making Derby a better place to live." Dave, an outstanding basketball player at C of E and an inductee into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame, owns a sports video production business. He regularly lends his videography to a variety of Derby organizations as well as to the C of E Alumni Association.

Larry Rubin, X66, is on the executive board of the Philadelphia Police Foundation, a nonprofit that provides funding to the Philadelphia Police Department for equipment, training and programs not included in the city's annual budget. Larry owns Rubin Public Relations in Wynnewood, PA, a Philadelphia suburb.

Bill Linhart, A68, is a 2016 inductee into the Kansas Collegiate Officials Hall of Fame. He has spent over thirty years as a highly regarded basketball referee, from high school to various levels of college and junior college. These accomplishments came while Bill enjoyed a 38 year career as a teacher in Emporia, where he lives in a home built on what was once the C of E baseball field. Bill is an inductee as a basketball player into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame, and he currently serves as a member of the C of E Alumni Association Board of Directors.

HOME COMING 2016

July 8-10 Emporia, KS

REGISTRATION \$120 per person \$ _____

Friday Night - BBQ at Granada Theatre
Friday Night - Program & DJ
Saturday - Guided Bus Tours
Saturday - Apartment Tours
Saturday Evening - Steak Dinner
Saturday Evening - Annie Wilson Band
Sunday Morning - Worship
Photos - including photo booklet
Photo Booth
Guaranteed- Good Time

Alumni Assoc. Annual Dues (\$15 per year) \$ _____

Scholarship Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name-Last _____ First _____ Maiden _____

Name for name tag _____ Class _____

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Name for name tag _____ Class _____

Address _____ email _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Please mail completed registration form to: C of E Reunion, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405.

Hotel Information: Please call individual hotels to make reservations. Special C.of E. rates available at:

Holiday Inn Express, 3007 W. 18th, 620/343-1111, \$114 room rate includes full breakfast

Comfort Inn, 2836 W. 18th, 620/342-9700, \$90 or \$95 room rate includes full breakfast

Be sure to ask for C.of E. Reunion group rate

HOMECOMING 2016

July 8-10 Emporia, KS

Schedule of Events

Friday Morning at 8:30 – Pre-Event - Golf Outing at Emporia Golf Course

Friday – At Kenyon (Hall) Heights – 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Registration

Photos for photo directory

Memorabilia Room

Pete's Parlor Gathering Area

Sign up for Emporia Bus tours, Kenyon Heights Apartment Tours and William Allen White Home

Visit Anderson Memorial Library

Friday - at Granada Theatre – 807 Commercial Street

Photo Ops on the Mezzanine

Get travel Flint Hills/Kansas Vacation Planning Info

3:00 Guided Tour of Granada Theatre

Evening Event:

Cash Bar open at 4:30

Dinner will start being served by Bobby D's BBQ at 5:15

There will be a handicap area with no steps

Program will start at 6:15 including business meeting, Emporia Then and Now, introduction of scholarship winners and entertainment

DJ for the evening

Photo Booth will be open during the evening.

Saturday Morning

10:00 – 12:00 - Registration and activities at Kenyon Heights same as Friday afternoon

9:00 – Guided Tour of Granada Theatre

10:00 – Guided Tour of William Allen White Home at 927 Exchange St

10:00 - Guided Bus Tour of Emporia – Board bus at 8th & Merchant, behind the Granada

10:00 - E-Club at Holiday Inn Express

10:00 – 12:00 – Visit Anderson Memorial Library

Other Groups as desired

Saturday 11:30 - Class Luncheons

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 - Guided Bus Tour of Emporia – Board bus at 8th & Merchant, behind the Granada

2:00 – 4:00 - Apartment Tours at Kenyon (Hall) Heights

3:00 - Choir Rehearsal at West Campus Presbyterian Church at 1702 West 15th Street

3:00 - Guided Tour of Granada Theatre

Evening Event at Granada Theatre

5:00 - Cash Bar

6:00 - Steak Dinner

Annie Wilson Tallgrass Express String Band

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Trivia Contest

Celebrating our HOMECOMING

Closing with Alma Mater

Sunday 9:30 – Closing Worship at West Campus Presbyterian Church at 1702 West 15th St.

Elvin D. (Perk) Perkins, A43, formerly of Emporia passed away February 20, 2016 at his retirement community residence in Olathe, KS, at age 93. After his graduation from C of E, he served in the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of his military service, he went to Washburn Law School and graduated in 1948. His entire career as an attorney was in Emporia where he served as mayor, city commissioner and chair of the Emporia Chamber of Commerce. His community service included membership on a large number of boards and a key role in founding, growing and leading the Emporia Community Foundation. From 1951 until 1973 Elvin served on the C of E Board of Trustees. He was Chairman for many of those years. His involvement with C of E continued even after the school closed as he spearheaded the successful effort to get all of the college's debts repaid. His wife **Kathryn (Prosser) Perkins, A44**, his sister, **Louise Perkins, A49**, and a brother predeceased him. He is survived by a brother, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Deloris (Pontius) Hembree, A48, of Mt. Pleasant, MI passed away July 15, 2009 at age 84. Her husband, **Gilbert Hembree, A49**, and a daughter predeceased her. Four children, six grandchildren and a great granddaughter survive her.

Ronald N. Eddy, X49, of Topeka passed away January 26, 2015 at age 87. A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked for 20 years for the Santa Fe Railroad. Then he went to Washburn University to finish his college degree and then opened his own picture frame and stoneware business, which he ultimately sold so that he could devote himself full-time to teaching art. Two brothers and a daughter predeceased him. His wife, two sons and a number of grandchildren, step grandchildren and great grandchildren survive him.

R. Leslie Anders, Jr., PhD, A49, of Warrensburg, MO died July 6, 2015 at age 93. Dr. Anders was a U.S. Army veteran, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of C of E and a member of the Athena Society. He and his daughter, **Charlotte Anders, A68**, hold the distinction of being the only father and daughter to both be inducted into the Athena Society. Dr. Anders held both a Masters Degree and a PhD from the University of Missouri. His career as a history professor at Central Missouri State College spanned 30 years. He was a prolific writer as a Professor Emeritus. He wrote seven books as well as countless essays and articles. His letters have been collected and edited. His wife and a brother preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Earl A. Sheridan, A53, of South Bend, IN passed away February 3, 2016 at age 84. He was an Ensign in the U. S. Navy who continued in the Navy Reserve, eventually retiring with the rank of Commander. After his active duty he earned an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at

Berkeley. His career specialized in systems controls. He worked on groundbreaking projects at Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory, Aerojet General, Bendix Corporation and Allied Signal. He was a licensed pilot and a certified flight instructor. His lifelong interest in photography was manifested at C of E where he was the official Alla Rah photographer. His partner of 22 years, his former wife, **Donna (Watkins) Sheridan, FS**, two children and a grandchild survive him.

Keith M. Anderson, X55, of Leavenworth, WA died July 29, 2013 at age 79.

Hazel (Linnett) (Hetlinger)(McLean) Adkinson, FS, of Shawnee, KS died February 29, 2016 at age 91. She had a Masters of Library Science degree from Emporia State and worked as a librarian at C of E.

J. Wayne Bastin, X55, of Emporia died February 5, 2016 at age 82. He was a highly respected teacher, coach and principal who spent most of his career at Lowther Junior High School in Emporia. His bachelor's and his master's degrees were from Emporia State, where he later served as an adjunct professor. During his tenure as principal, he was instrumental in transforming the junior high school into a middle school, a relatively new concept at the time. He was a representative from Kansas to the White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington, D. C. in 1970. His wife predeceased him. Two sons and two grandchildren survive him.

Joyce (Hockman) Linna, A56, of St. Petersburg, FL died August 16, 2013 at age 79.

Don H. Worthington, A56, of Lenexa, KS passed away August 22, 2013 at age 79. He was a U. S. Army veteran who spent his career working as a research chemist at Cook Paint and Varnish Company. Three children and four grandchildren survive him.

James "Jim" Kinder, A56, of Emporia died October 3, 2012 at age 79. He was a U. S. Army veteran who worked his entire career at Reeble's Grocery Store in Emporia. He retired as Produce Department Manager in 1997. His wife, two children, three step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren survive him.

Dr. Merle (Emmons) Bolz, Nursing School, of Benton, KS died March 2, 2016 at age 80. She worked as a Nurse and then as a Nurse Educator at Newman Hospital. She ultimately served as Director of Pediatric Nursing. She was the lead person in the successful effort to move the three-year nursing diploma program to a bachelor's level degree. Her husband predeceased her. Five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandson survive her.

Lee Anna (Williamson) Teed, X64, of Walnut Creek, CA passed away October 3, 2014 at age 72. Her career was in the telecommunications industry where she worked in various management positions, first for Pacific Bell and then for AT&T. She was active in

Kenyon Hall History

A great source for history and some stunning photos of Kenyon Hall is the <http://kenyonheights.com/our-history/> website. Photos range from historic black and white shots to some stunning color shots taken by the developer during the process that turned Kenyon Hall into Kenyon Heights. One photo, for example, is taken from the rooftop looking north. Others are of the auditorium and its stained glass windows.

The historical narrative is equally fascinating. One can learn that the building stands on a knoll known as College Hill from which, in the early days of Emporia, one could see both the Neosho and Cottonwood Rivers. Another interesting description talks about the organ in the chapel. It explains that this was a 55 rank, three manual pipe organ, and it explains what these terms mean. The organ console had been sold prior to the renovation, but a photo

of some of the remaining pipes is included.

The website was put together by the developers who transformed Kenyon Hall into Kenyon Heights, providing affordable housing for seniors 55 and older. Other sections of the website provide information about, and photos of the building and its apartments as it is today.

Alumni who haven't seen the transformation of this building, which sat at the hub of our campus, will have the opportunity at this summer's reunion in Emporia. Both registration and the memorabilia room will be in the building. Note also that a very interesting video of the reconstruction of Kenyon Hall will continually be running in the memorabilia room. In addition, some residents have graciously allowed reunion attendees to visit and tour their apartments.

politics and in her community. Two children and a granddaughter survive her.

Raymond "Ray" Simpson, A68, of Leavenworth, KS passed away February 20, 2016 at age 70. At C of E he was a star basketball and football player. He has been inducted into the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation, Ray returned to his hometown of Leavenworth and went to work as a teacher and coach. His appointment as a coach in 1968 made him the town's first African-American coach. He worked in the school district as a memorable teacher and successful coach for 38 years. A daughter, 4 step-children and 3 grandchildren survive him.

William H. "Bill" Heffernan, Jr., A70, of Tulsa, OK died February 27, 2016 at age 67. His career was devoted to helping those with mental health problems and/or those who lived in poverty. Ultimately he devoted his skills and energy to advancing early childhood education. He was Business Services Manager for Parkside Psychiatric Hospital, then Director of Operations for Community Action of Tulsa and ultimately brought his talents and focus to Tulsa Educare, Inc. In recognition of his accomplishments, the Board Room at Educare will be dedicated to him. A child and two grandchildren survive him.

OBITS (cont.)

Membership Information for the College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc.

Please write legibly. Make checks payable to the C. of E. Alumni Association.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	*C. of E. Class
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Spouse's Info	Spouse's First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name	*C. of E. Class
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*C. of E. Class is the graduation year of the class with which students were associated, whether or not they graduated. Please use prefix "A" for alumnus, or "X" for former student or non graduate. "O" here means did not attend.

Membership dues (\$15 per year per member): Number of memberships: _____ For Years _____

Total for Membership \$ _____ Scholarship Fund (Voluntary) \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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C of E Alumni Association, P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405



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Dome Visit

When you come to this summer's Homecoming Reunion in Emporia, you will have an opportunity to visit Anderson Library. Go into the dome and find your name as you wrote it when you graduated. If you can't wait for this opportunity, you may visit a database of all of the signatures, which have been meticulously documented with photographs. Nicholas M. Gronseth, an Emporia State graduate student, undertook this incredible feat of patience and photography in 2006.

The database can be found at www.emporia.edu/libsv/archives/the-people-of-the-dome. Also found on the database webpage is the poem by an unknown author that goes, "Climb the stairs to the wooden dome and sign your name for all to see. So that those who follow may remember still, the glorious days of C of E."

Much is now happening at the library. Visiting alumni will have an opportunity to see the restoration work now being done. Completion is expected before the reunion. John Mallon, one of the building's new owners, told *The Emporia Gazette*, "We're really just trying to restore it as to what we knew was correct." Restoration included repaired water damage, remodeled bathrooms, repainting, new carpeting, replacement sashes on the stained glass windows and more.

A visit to the library, restored to the way it was when you were a student, will be a highlight of your Homecoming Reunion experience this summer.

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