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### CHOIR OF THE WEST



Left to right, front row: Marion Soltman, Emma Thoren, Betty Wrigley, Delores Keller, Geraldine Olson, Patricia Carvis, Lydia Lentz, Helen Anderson, Lois Dahl, Rumohr Gulhaugen, Annie Lien, G. J. Malm. Second row: Ruth Jensen, Aenes Roleder, Miriam Hopp, Lillian Heggen, Helen Marie Lund, Norene Skilbred, Louetta Brunner, Afton Hjelm, Ardis Severson, Veda Jean McCoy, Dorothy Rasmussen, Hjordis Rogen, Betty Lou Rieke, Francelle Schoch. Third row: Anna Anderson, Anita Stoen, Vedis Huseboe, Agnes Mykland, Janet Hange, Norma Ellefson, Sylvia Blomelle, Dorothy Nieman, Jacqueline Vertrees, Ruth Towe, Grace Elaine Gulhaugen, Doris Jurgerson, Jeanette Burtzaff, Dorothea Ofstedal, Ruth Fusso. Back row: Robert Larson, Erling Nordeng, Ivar Pihl, Vernon Elstad, Roy Larson, Lee Folsom, Russell Murray, Gordon Gano, Theodore Reitz, Maxwell Veters, Joseph Heuchert, Gerhard Rosin, Walter Cogden, Edward Berndt, Albert Kuhn, Eugene Anderson.

## Choir Leaves On 18th Tour

### Opening Concert at Gethsemane Lutheran

With Dean Nelson counting noses, the PLC "Choir of the West"—complete with conductor, gowns, stands, chaperons, pitch pipes and 56 singers—will board a 3:55 p. m. Seattle-bound bus this afternoon for a five-day trek to points north.

Another war-time choir trip finds the musicians traveling by bus, train, and shoe-leather (watch your shoe stamps when this foot-sore group returns).

First stop will be tonight at Seattle where the choir will present the first concert in their 18th choir tour at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

After a night's rest the songsters will catch the morning train for Everett, arriving in time for late Christmas shoppers to purchase that last gift. The evening concert will be given in the Civic Auditorium.

Saturday the choir, after being provided with maps of Stanwood, will proceed by rail to that "city of cities." Here, with Doris Jurgenson as guide, the group will wend its way to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for an evening concert.

Still heading North the Choir will reach Mt. Vernon for a Sunday afternoon concert in the high school auditorium. Following this a non-stop dash will bring them to Bellingham in time for an evening concert in that city.

Arising on Monday, the choir will don its red flannels and backtrack to Seattle. Here landlubbers will be given a thrilling hour and a half ferry ride to Bremerton. With Max Veters on the pitch pipe, the choir will sing in Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A few numbers will also be sung at the YMCA and the Lutheran Service Center.

Returning home late Monday evening, the singing students will be given time to wash the dirt off their necks, go to Tuesday classes and be on hand for the home Christmas concert in Trinity Lutheran Church.

Under the baton of Prof. G. J. Malm. the choir will sing three groups of songs. (Continued on page 4)

## SENIORS GIVEN NATIONAL HONOR

Three senior women from our campus have been chosen to have their names and biographies printed in the 1944-45 edition of WHOS WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Chosen for this honor are Nora Kjesbu, Marjorie Edghill, and Emma Thoren. All three are seniors and members of Delta Rho Gamma.

Nora Kjesbu has been prominent in DRG and is the present vice-president. She is vice president of AWS, Senior representative to the Cabinet, and a member of the Viking Club.

Marjorie Edghill is from Tacoma and is a student in the Department of Education.

Emma Thoren has been an active member of the Choir of the West during her years on the campus.

The candidates were recommended by the faculty scholarship and curriculum committee and elected by the faculty.

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## "I'm Dreaming of a Christmas Long Ago Of Blazing Yule Logs, Frost and Snow"

Do you recall your first Christmases, the lighted tree, the stocking at the hearth, the exciting presents? Of course you do, and even the faculty likes to "remember back when—"

Miss Nielsen's first Christmases were spent on a little farm in Iowa. She remembers especially the Christmas program in their little one-room, district school. On Christmas Eve she and her brother would each label a chair and there they would find their gifts in the morning.

Northern Minnesota, where Miss Blomquist lived as a child, is like Sweden with lots of snow and pine trees. Like their Swedish ancestors her family always followed the custom of eating lutefisk on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Franck began accumulating her library on her third Christmas. She recalls receiving two books, one of Bible stories and one of nursery rhymes. The nursery rhymes book had colored pictures—and this fact determined Mrs. Franck's first literary choice.

Dr. Plueger's first Christmases were spent on Ohio's Capital University Campus, where he was born and spent his early childhood. The Christmas tree was not yet common in America so the Plueger tannenbaum attracted considerable attention. The tree was lit with wax candles and had the Bethlehem scene beneath it. On Christmas day his family and the students from the dormitory enjoyed a bountiful meal including the

German treats of lebkuchen, springerle, and pfeffernuse.

When Dr. Eastvold was small, all the families in the congregation would bring their presents to the large Christmas tree in the Lutheran Church. After the church program in which every child had a part the gifts were opened and candy was distributed to all.

North of Trondheim, Norway, where Mr. Stuen spent his first Christmases there are mountains covered with snow. He remembers going with his father and brother to get their Christmas tree and nearly getting lost in five feet of snow. Oranges and apples seen only at Yuletide, were precious gifts beneath their tree.

Dr. Ronning recalls especially the Christmas Eve festivity. After an ample meal the family would sit around the tree while the father read the Christmas message. Then gifts were distributed and everyone ate apples, oranges, and candy.

Although living in America, Mr. Malm's family always had a Norwegian Christmas. He remembers his father placing a sheaf of grain outside for the birds' Christmas.

In Professor Ramstad's childhood visiting loomed large in the Christmas festivities, an institution he still enjoys. Between Christmas and New Year's Yuletides wearing masks would go from door to door receiving treats at every home. Because his father was a florist, Dr. Ranson's most prominent recollection of

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## SAVE FOR SAGAS SOLICITORS URGE

Start savin' those shillings ye everbroke lads, an lassies be savin' em too. 'Tis a word to the wise as ye can surmise so ye'll be ready when your yearbook payment comes due.

Robert Larson, business manager of the 1945 Saga, has six solicitors who will take orders for the annual and collect payments. Carol Elefson and Lois Tollfeldt have charge of the front and rear sides respectively on the third floor of the dorm; girls on second floor will make payments to Jean Lovdick; boys in dorm to Ivar Pihl; day students will contact Walt Kunschak and Sylvia Blomelle.

The total cost, including tax, will be three dollars and nineteen cents.

## Coming Events

Thursday, December 14, to Monday, December 18—Choir trip.

Tuesday, December 19—All-school formal Christmas banquet. Choir Home Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, December 20, to Tuesday, January 2—Christmas vacation.

Wednesday, January 3—Back to classes.

# Wishing You a Merry Christmas

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## If ye have faith . . . .

The Christ Child brought to the world hope of peace on earth, good will to men. That hope has not been realized, perhaps because we have not taken seriously the fact that the Christ Man gave faith as the means of fulfilling the hope brought by the Child. Hope is an ideal of things still to be attained. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. It implies acceptance in the present of what is desired for the future.

If ye have faith  
But as a grain  
Of mustard seed . . .  
Thus spake the Master long ago  
And earth and sea and air have proved  
That by man's will they may be moved,  
When he has faith  
But as a grain  
Of mustard seed.

If YE have faith  
But as a grain  
Of mustard seed . . .  
So rings the challenge still.  
Then war and death and hate will go  
And peace and life and love ye'll know.  
IF ye have faith  
But as a grain  
Of mustard seed.

—Geo. Reneau



To whom honor is due should honor be given. Therefore, you will find in this edition of the Mooring Mast the first quarter honor roll—those students earning a grade point average of 2.25 or better. Our hats off to these ambitious students—let's have a longer list next quarter.

But no honor roll can include the names of all those deserving a place on it; neither is an honor roll an infallible criterion of scholastic ability. There are, for instance, the students who are carrying extra credit hours, outside work, extra-curricular activities, and so forth. They may have the ability and the urge to do top notch work, but because of these other duties they cannot make the marks necessary for the required grade average.

We are not discrediting students who did "make" the honor roll; we want simply to point out that the honor roll does not list all those who are deserving of scholastic honor.



Sometimes we hear "what were good to be done" so often that we become weary with well-listening, without reaching the DOING stage.

Perhaps that's the situation between us and the "Buy a War Bond" appeal. Added to this is the convenient "That isn't for me, I'm going to college" alibi.

However it is, our contribution to the war effort via the purchase of bonds and stamps is something short of heroic. The sale among students amounts to only a few dollars a week when it should, and could, be much more.

"Impossible!" you say. We're short on spending money as it is. Now we're not getting inquisitive, we're not asking how you spend that spending money, and we're not campaigning against such little luxuries as cokes or between meal snacks at the Bug. College life wouldn't be normal without them. But after all, there is a good old word the Greeks knew—moderation. And moderation might be helpful to our health, future figure and the war effort.

The price of two hamburgers and a couple of cokes a week adds up to enough for a baby bond per school year. We invite you to do your own arithmetic as to what your potential war bond capacity is on that basis.

Remember it works two ways—you help yourself AND your country. How about the slogan—Buy a snack, but buy a war stamp first!

## With the Lutes in Service

Pfc. Marvin F. Shaw, '43, who has been wounded seriously several times during action in North Africa, Italy, and southern France, is now at the Baxter General Hospital in Spokane. His mother, Mrs. Shaw, from Tacoma, visited him the latter part of November and said that he was getting up a little while each day and walking with a cane. He is very anxious to get to the Coast to see FLC and his friends, but will have to remain at the hospital some time for treatment. Marv was Associate Editor of the M. M. when he left a year ago last spring. Address: Pfc. Marvin F. Shaw, Baxter General Hospital, Ward B-16 Spokane, Washington.

It took the M. M. to tell Al Nordens, ex '43, that his brother Erl was playing on the football team. Al has been out at sea for some time now and has been at Honolulu. His new address is Ensign H. A. Nordeng, U. S. N. R., U. S. S. Yancey A. K. A. 93, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Kenneth Olson, ex '42, after being stationed at Ft. Lewis for quite some time is now overseas. His new address is Cpl. Ken. A. Olson, A S N 39193321, 3225 Sd A M Co. APO 655, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Cpl. Rodger Lundé, ex '42, was killed in action while serving with an infantry unit fighting in Germany, according to a message from the war department to his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Lundé of Parkland. He was a member of the basketball squad while attending college.

Captain Walter Simonson, '40, of the Army Air Corps, was a recent visitor on the campus. He has been in the service for three and a half years and was here on part of a furlough after 27 months of duty overseas. He has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Captain Simonson was associate editor of the M. M. his last year here. Address: Capt. W. A. Simonson, AAF Flied Gumery School, Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.

Ensign Bert L. Bilddt, '42, is stationed for a short time in Miami, Florida. Address: Ensign B. L. Bilddt, Villa D'Este 417, USNTPC, Miami, Florida. A classmate of his here at PLC in 1942 was Ensign Kenneth M. Johnson who is stationed at the same place. His address is Ensign Kenneth M. Johnson, Villa D'Este 415, USNTPC, Miami, Florida.

Instructor in the high school department and dean of men here last year, also graduate of the junior college in 1937, W. C. Schnackenberg (Schnack) is now a commissioned ensign. His address is: Ens. W. C. Schnackenberg, Rec. Sta.,

Navy 3205, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. Recently he wrote to Dr. Ronning "from a South Pacific island."

Earl H. MacConnell, student here the first of this school year and known to many as the "photographer," is now at Camp Hood, Texas. He expects to go to Officers' Candidate School after basic training. His address is Pvt. Earl MacConnell 39481314, Co. D, 149th Tr. Bn. Camp Hood, Texas.

Donald Gilbertson, ex '41, has been sent to Colgate University for training in the Navy Academic Refresher Unit (V-7). Donald entered the navy in June 1944. Address: D. B. Gilbertson, S 2/C, V-7 Unit, Box 1103, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.

Jack Brattle, ex '43, who was prominent in sports while here at PLC, can be reached at his station in England by the following address: Lt. Jack Brattle 0-2068581, APO 16634, By 35, c/o P. M., New York, New York.

Another new address is that of Lt. Willys Folsom, ex '37: Lt. Willys Folsom, 119 AACB Squadron, APO 726, c/o P.M. Seattle, Washington.

Bob Hauge, frosh in 1942, is now in the infantry. Address: Pfc. Bob Hauge, Co. F, 116th Inf., APO 29 c/o P. M. New York.

Rudy Johnson, ex '43, who was in the invasion of Brest, received his T/4 rating several months ago. He is now with the allied forces in Western Europe. Address: Sgt. Rudolph B. Johnson, 19145759, Tr. "B" 15th Ren Sq. APO 339, c/o P.M., N. Y., New York.

Special mention should be made in this column of a gift of \$200 to the M.M. by Ed Sandvig, ex '44, who is now at the Great Lakes Naval Center. This should make some of our students realize how much the "boys" care about receiving the M.M. and make us willing to give more for sending the school paper to the service men.

Bliss Croft, ex '41, has the following new address: Pvt. Bliss Croft, 19022405, Hq. 18 Corps (A.B.), ABC Detach., APO 109, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

New address: Woodrow W. Arneson, '38, F 2/C, E. Div., USS South Dakota, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. LA. (Jg) J. Alvin Arne, '36, Navy Detachment, Fort Plagier, Wash.

### CHRISTMAS 1944

Dear Santa,

This year please bring a little doll A rag one if you can.  
Aw nuts! Just skip the ragged doll  
Bring me a ragged man.

## Chapel Quotes

Homemade troubles are like old-time clothes; they seldom fit and they last a long time.  
—Nora Kjesbu, College of Education Senior

Character is to have spiritual power, to say no over against all evil; character is to have strength to say yes over against all that is good and noble and true.

Everything in this world is for the benefit of man, and man is the servant of God. If we fail to serve, we fail to live.

—Rev. O. L. Jensen, Pastor of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Tacoma

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### LUTES WIN 2ND GAME

The P. L. C. basketball team turned in its second win of the current season by defeating the McChord Field Firemen, 51-39.

The Firemen took an early lead, chalking up 8 points before the Lutes were able to break into the scoring column. The College team began slowly to cut down the lead of their opponents, and the end of the first half saw them holding the slim margin of 19 to 15.

The entire third quarter and part of the fourth were much the same as the first half. During this time the lead changed hands frequently with neither team able to gain a commanding lead.

It was in the four final minutes of play that the collegians hit their stride and sewed up the ball game. These four minutes saw the Lutes hit the basket with unerring accuracy to score 16 points and put the game on ice.

The game was marked by numerous fouls on both sides, due to the speed and vigor of the play throughout.

### Students Honored

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Since a student can be listed but once in this book, last year the faculty voted to select members from the senior class. Basic qualifications for membership are character, scholarship, leadership in extra curricular activities and potentiality for future usefulness to business and society.

The first edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS was printed in 1935. The purpose of the book is two-fold: First, to serve as a means of giving national recognition to a deserving student that is free and impartial—Second, to establish a reference volume of information on the great body of American students. A placement bureau for those listed is also offered by WHO'S WHO, and is used by 500 personnel directors of progressive firms.

## Lute Lassies IN ACTION

By Daphne Hellman

Watch it! Don't crowd her! Hey, break that dribble. Where's the guard? Hold everything! It's a toss up—no, it's basketball! And believe it or not, the baskets are used occasionally, too. (The exception being Ruth Pfueger who can really throw 'em in.)

Could be that we must attribute that skill shown on the floor to those preliminary setting-up exercises. Etta Clausen is left so weak from laughter ("a" as in awful) that she turns up missing on about every other "touch your toes and get lumbago" exercise. Of course that's bad enough but when the rest of us have to do it on the double, to castanet accompaniment, it's even more so. Castanets? No, not really. Just Anita (deave out the middle name) Roth's knees popping.

And about those folk dances we have been laboriously learning in class. It's really fun, after we get them down pat, to be able to use them at our parties. There's nothing like Schottisching for a good work out!

### Faculty's First Christmases

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Christmas is connected with the work of delivering poinsettias and other Christmas flowers to the homes of his father's customers.

To Mr. Franck who spent his earliest Christmases in Budapest, Hungary, Christmas Eve was the peak of the holiday season. On that night the door of their living room, locked for several days, was thrown open, disclosing a brightly lit Christmas tree with gayly wrapped packages beneath. Important was the fact that on this night alone was it possible for young Mischa to stay up as late as swing shift hours!

## KAMPUS KOMBINGS

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly."

When those two peppy "Roy Boys," RAY BRAMMER and WALT RUNSCHAK, took to the tall timbers Saturday and came back with a truckload of Christmas trees, they brought us a load of fir, pine, and hemlock trimmings, too. Only one thing boys, where's the mistletoe?

Speaking of trimmings, there'll be no more straight hair for our three coed-cuties, RUBY PETERSON, JACKIE VER-TREES, and NAOMI TRUSSELL. In that continual battle of fog vs. feminine fluff, the fog must have won out, for all three fems acquired permanents over the recent holidays.

P. L. C.'s Christmas spirit seems to be coming to a head in room 416 of the girls' dorm. On week-end nights dorm-parties are a lot of fun. (For reservations see LOIS TOLLPELDT and RUTH PFLUEGER.)

PROF. FRANCK can be quoted as saying he will flunk anyone who didn't vote for Roosevelt. (\$4 question: Where are the Republicans?)

DELORES KELLER received a novel form of birth announcement in the mail

from her mother recently. It read: "Both cow and calf are doing fine."

If the attention given the building of the new stairway is any indication, P. L. C. has a lot of budding "stairway-builders." ANNABELLE CHRISTENSON, ARDYS BREDVOLD, and BERYL BERGAN are so enthusiastic over their dramatics class that they are willing to dye for it. Last Tuesday they turned ten yards of monk-cloth from tan to red and green for costumes in their Christmas production, "Why the Chimes Rang."

Slip! Skid! Crash! Owwwww! The board walk leading to the library is plenty icy these cold mornings. Put on your brakes and leave for your classes early. That's the only way to arrive at the class in one piece.

And to those P. L. Cites who can't make it home for Christmas we suggest the theme-song, "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my heart" with the following consolation:

"It is Christmas on the highway,  
In the thronging, busy mart;  
But the dearest, truest Christmas  
Is the Christmas in the heart."

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**BRAIN CORNER**

The freshmen came out with the highest number of students on the first quarter honor roll, which is not surprising, considering that it numbers more than half the student body. Six frosh made the necessary 2.25 grade average. Next in line were the sophomores with four representatives. The seniors numbered three on the roll. The juniors entered no candidates on the list.

Following is the mid-semester fall term honor roll:

- Ruth Bjerkan 2.81
- Betty Lou Rieke 2.77
- Marjorie Edghill 2.73
- Warren Jaech 2.69
- Walter Kunschak 2.44
- Grace Birkestol 2.42
- Elaine Smith 2.41
- Maxine Strandvold 2.40
- Alice Brudie 2.35
- Lois Pennini 2.33
- Theodore Reitz 2.33
- Leta Metzger 2.31
- Carol Elefson 2.25

**Choir Tour**

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Group one: "America"; "All Breathing Life"—J. S. Bach; "Angel Spirits"—P. Tchaikovsky; "A Cradle Hymn"—F. Melius Christiansen; "Go To Dark Gethsemane"—T. Tertius Noble; "Beautiful Savior"—F. Melius Christiansen

Group two: "Gloria Patri"—Palestrina; "Arise All Things" and "A Babe is Born in Bethlehem"—G. J. Malmn; "Sanctus"—J. S. Bach; "Praise to the Lord"—F. Melius Christiansen.

Group three: "Today There is Ringing"—F. Melius Christiansen; "Only Begotten Son"—N. Lindsay Norden; "Joyful Christmas Song"—F. A. Gevaert; "Silent Night"; "The Lord Bless You"—Peter Lutkin.

On Tuesday evening the Girls' Chorus, with sopranos and altos from the choir, will present "Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata by G. J. Malmn.

Mrs. Holstad will accompany the choir as chaperon.

**GOOD "MAT" SERVED AT VIKING CATERING**

The Viking Club held its annual Christmas party Thursday night, December 7. Jean Lovvold, president, read Luke 2, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in Norwegian.

The program consisted of talks in Norwegian by Mrs. K. A. Holstad, President S. C. Eastvold, and Professor O. J. Stuen, and two vocal solos, "I Himmelen. I Himmelen," and "White Christmas" by Hjordis Rogen. Christmas carols were sung in Norwegian by the group and games were played for the remainder of the evening. The serving of traditional Norwegian Yuletide food concluded the party most pleasantly.

Committees in charge of the party were as follows: program and games—Anna Anderson, Norene Skilbred, Ruth Johnson, Doris Jurgerson, Alice Kaaland, and Donna Johnson; refreshments—Corinne Erickson, Inga Johnson, Alice Brudie, Myrtle Davidson, and Jocelyn Lynne; decorations—Jean Lovvold, Carol Elefson and Helen Peterson; clean-up—Jean Lovvold, Carol Elefson, Helen Peterson, Cecilia Gardin, and Fern Erickson.

**Tacoma Pastor to Be Speaker at Banquet**

Don your best bib and tucker and come out to the annual Christmas banquet, sponsored by the Student Body, slated for next Tuesday evening, December 19, in the Recreation room at 8:00 o'clock.

Miss Grace Blomquist is to be toastmistress and the Rev. O. L. Jensen, father of Ruth Jensen, will be the guest speaker of the evening.

Marian Butler, general chairman, has as assistants Shirley Morgan, in charge of the program, Norma Lemke of decorations, and Inga Johnson of clean-up.

Prices for the dinner will be 90 cents for day students and 25 cents for dormitory students.

**Christmas Play Given By Dramatics Class**

The house lights were dimmed and the curtain slowly rose on the dramatic class production, "Why the Chimes Rang" which was presented Tuesday, December 12, in the P. L. C. gymnasium. The play was under the supervision of Mrs. W. M. Johnson.

Margaret Ellis ably portrayed the leading role of Holger, Annabelle Christianson sparkled as Steen. Ardy Bredvold was inspiring as the old woman, and Gordon Gano's role of jolly old Uncle Bertie suited him to a T.

The tableau part of the play was perhaps the most beautiful and the character in it were as follows: Virginia Isvick, Pat Purvis, Alice Kjesbu, Janet Hauge, Mrs. Margaret Harmeling, Ruth Johnson, and Veda Jean McCoy.

"Why the Chimes Rang" is the story of how one little boy's love and self sacrifice won over the riches of the world and caused the heavenly Christmas chimes to ring once more in the old cathedral.

Furnishing the background music for the play was a girls' choir composed of Hjordis Rogen, Miriam Hopp, Francelle Schoch, Dorothy Nieman, and Betty Lou Rieke. Agnes Roleder provided organ music and also directed the choir.

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**CHOIR, GLEE RECORD CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

Not long ago, the Choir and the Glee Club went down to KVI to record Christmas music.

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