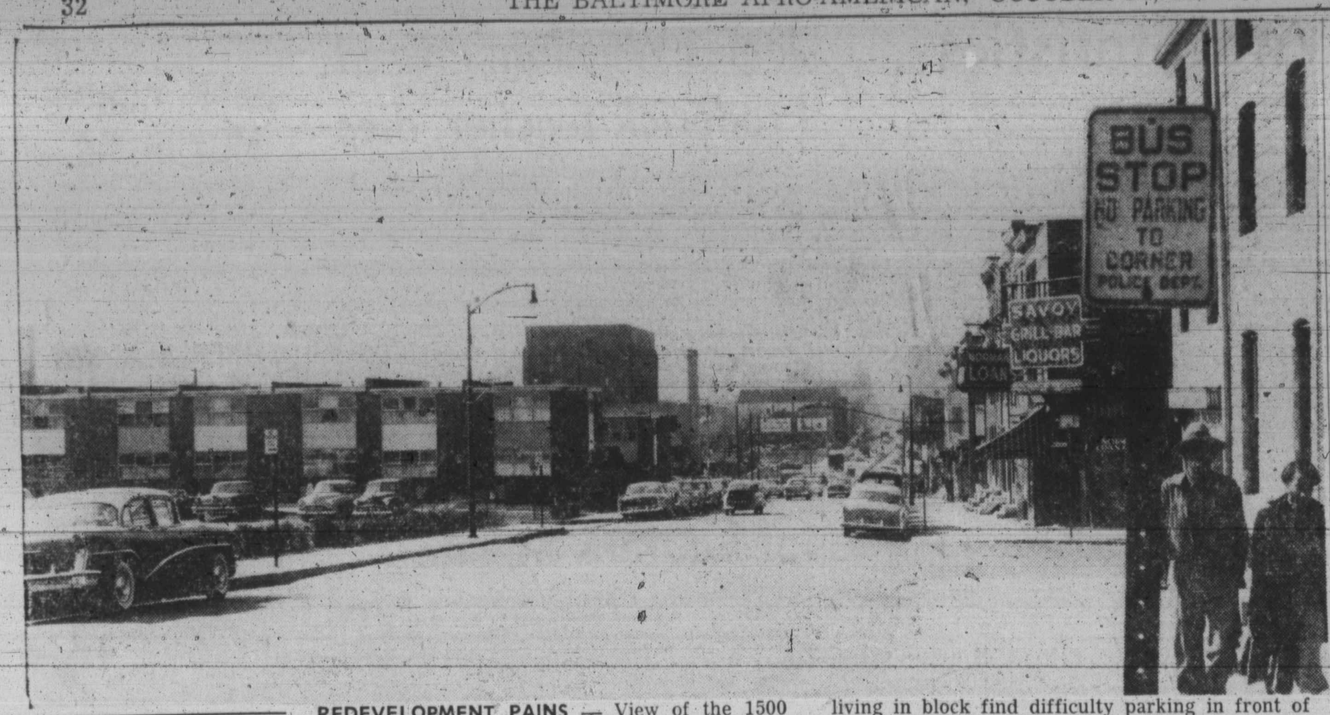

REDEVELOPMENT PAINS — View of the 1500 block E. Monument St., looking East shows new housing development at left complete with its own parking lot. Note no parking sign in front of auto at left, near camera at right and also right across intersection. Colored residents and business people living in block find difficulty parking in front of their homes and offices because of these no-parking restrictions. Businesses in the block include offices of D. A. Smith, Dr. Ralph Young and law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts.

Plan 90 new homes within city limits

An estimated 90 homes are being planned for construction as the climax to months of activities spearheaded by the Urban League and its community relations secretary, David L. Glenn.

The last remaining barriers to the start of construction are the approval of the site for the homes by the Federal Housing Administration and the completion of arrangements with one of the builders who has evidenced an interest in the project.

The approval of the FHA will be based on whether it considers the physical features of the land technically correct for the construction of the homes.

Ths houses, to be priced in the $12,000 to $20,000 bracket are planned for a 30 acre tract of land in the metropolitan area and will be detached.

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THE IDEA FOR the homes originated in the offices of the League where it was felt that there was a need for new homes which would be available to colored persons.

Early in December of last year a meeting was arranged which was attended by representatives of several mortgage firms and building organizations.

Also present was the president of the League, William M. Passano; members of the group's housing committee and Mr. Glenn; The Federal Housing Administration was also represented.

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ATTENTION WAS directed toward the 274,000 colored persons living in the city at that time and to the prediction that by 1960, the number will have reached 306,000.

As a result of this meeting the FHA was asked to conduct a survey to determine if there was a need for housing in the $12,000 to $20,000 range.

When the survey was completed the FHA said that a builder would not take an "undue risk" to build approximately 100 of these homes and the same situation would hold true for 20 homes in the $20,000 and above bracket.

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NEGOTIATIONS were started with one builder to construct the first group of homes but the deal was never consummated.

Later other builders showed a definite interest in the project and according to Mr. Glenn construction is expected to start soon after final building arrangements have been completed and the FHA has approved the land.

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MR. GLENN said that the project will have the backing of the FHA which will inspect the homes to make certain that they comply with all requirements.

Asked why the League had taken such an interest in the project, Mr. Glenn replied that this was in keeping with the traditional role of the agency.

"We have tried to initiate concern on the part of builders and bankers and we have tried to aid them by getting information on the market possibilities and by finding suitable land.

"We are concerned with good substantial housing for the people which we feel is needed," he added.

Mr. Glenn went on to explain that redevelopment activities and other slum clearance programs have created a need for more homes, though there has not been any large scale building of homes in the city available to colored buyers in recent years.

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HE ALSO emphasized that the new homes would be open to all qualified persons.

According to Mr. Glenn the suitable owners for such homes would be the heads of households making approximately $6,000 a year. The down payment would be in the vicinity of $2,300 with monthly payments from $100 to $125 a month.

Financing can be through the FAH or through conventional sources.

The homes will vary in style, according to individual tastes but all will be detached, Mr. Glenn added.

Further information on the project may be obtained by contacting Mr. Glenn at the Urban League office, 2404 Pennsylvania Ave., Lafayette 3-0706.

TO MEETING

The Maryland delegation to the Eastern States Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, headed by State Commander Weldon Leroy Maddox, will leave Saturday, for Pittsburgh, Pa., for a two day meeting.

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Braodway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 —Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homcide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exeter when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

Man's appeal wins shorter term on daughters' charges

Judge S. Ralph Warnken in Criminal Court Tuesday reduced to five years a 20-year penitentiary sentence previously given Hercules Williams, 40, formerly of the 600 block Claymont Ave., for allegedly molesting his four young daughters.

Mr. Williams appeared in court on an appeal granted him by the Court of Appeals on the sentence given him in Criminal Court here on August 7, of last year, by Judge Joseph L. Carter.

However, he entered guilty pleas to a charge of assault and three charges of attempted incest, involving his daughters, on Tuesday.

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AGES OF the daughters given at time of the trial last year were 10, 11, 13 and 15. Their mother is dead, and Mr. Williams had married again.

They gave conflicting testimony. First they accused their father of molesting them from time to time, during the period from August 1, 1955, to July 17, 1956. Then, they stated that they had made the accusations because their father refused to allow them to visit their grandmother on a vacation period.

However, Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte, Northwestern District policewoman, had reportedly obtained a confession from Mr. Williams, which was presented against him at his trial.

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IN REQUESTING an appeal of the Court of Appeals, Mr. Williams and his attorney, Hugh J. Monaghan, argued:

1. That their request for separate trials on the charges was denied.

2. That the testimony of possible relations with one of the daughters was not conclusive.

3. That there was not sufficient evidence to corroborate his confession.

Chief Judge Frederick W. Brune, of the Maryland Court of Appeals, also signed a request from Mr. Williams, allowing him to apply to the Board of Public Works for funds to re-open his case.

Bernard Taylors end marriage

"Sometimes I had to sit up all night. He wouldn't talk to me, just made me sit and look at him."

Testimony, including the above, of the peculiarities of her husband, Benjamin Taylor, won a divorce for Mrs. Lorraine E. Taylor of 1427 McCulloh St., recently.

Mrs. Taylor, 22-year-old mother of two children, said that their marriage on Oct. 19, 1952 ended on Feb. 28, 1954, when she was forced to leave him.

"Not only would he beat me," she said, "he would come in intoxicated, and throw the food I had prepared for his dinner on the floor.

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WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, 1811 W. North Ave. and Mrs. Anna Mae Anderson, married in 1939, were divorced, this week.

The couple divided their sons an 11-year-old going to the mother and two, 14 and 15, remaining with the father.

"She said she was tired of me, that she had found someone else," the husband testified. The decree was granted to him.

U. Theodore Hayes, attorney, represented both Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Taylor.

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CHARLES STEWART of 425 N. Carey St., who told the court that Mrs. Mildred Stewart stayed away from home until 11 o'clock at night and refused to say where she had been, divorced her, this week.

The decree was granted on a charge of desertion, he having testified that she left him on July 15, 1954 after their marriage on June 22, 1952.

"We had an argument in the morning before I went to work," the husband explained. "When I came home there wasn't anyone with the children.

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"SHE CAME in about 11 o'clock that night. We had another argument, and she left.

"She came back next day and got her clothes and her two children by her former marriage. She left again. I took my two children to my mother." he added.

Mrs. Stewart, who lives at 2523 Salem St., was given custody of their two children and he ordered to provide $45 per month for their support. The husband was represented by James L. Bundy, attorney.

INFLUENZA CLOSES FRENETTES CLUB

The Frenettes Club's president, Benjamin Johnson, threw in the sponge, this week. The club, he announced, will hold no more meetings until the first of the year. For the last three sessions each meeting was postponed because the host or hostess was in bed with influenza.

Gas fumes fell five

"If he had not come when he did they all would have been dead, the doctor told me.

"George was shocked when he came home and found the children lying all around like that. At first he didn't know what to do.

"And when they called me about it. I almost fainted. I felt terrible."

Mrs. Mary Warfield, 1711 Mount St., mother of eight children, five of whom were found overcome by gas Wednesday afternoon by their father, was telling the AFRO how the parents reacted to the incident which almost proved fatal to half their household.

Mrs. Warfield said when her husband came home from buying some groceries, he found two of the children lying in the living room, one on the dining room floor and two on the kitchen floor.

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WHEN HE finally calmed himself enough, she said he called police and they contacted Provident hospital and the children were given oxygen treatment and released.

Mrs. Warfield said she learned of the near tragedy about 3:30 p.m. when Provident called her. She took a taxi to the hospital.

The children treated at Provident were Miss Genieva Warfield, 14; Levett, 7; Levern, 3; George, 5, and Bernard, 2.

Mrs. Warfield said another child, Ronald, 16 months old, was in an upstairs room but that the window was open. The other two Carlotta George, 12 and Frances, 8, were in school.

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MR. WARFIELD said his 14-year-old daughter had lighted a gas heater in the kitchen while he was out of the house and when he returned he found them all unconscious or groggy.

Mrs. Warfield said the youngsters still complained of stomach and headaches. She said all appeared to be getting along satisfactorily but that Genieve and LaVern still complained more than the others.

Mrs. Warfield talked to the AFRO from Ranch Lee, Md. where she works four days a week.

Jury will get Deale report Mon.

The Anne Arundel County Grand Jury will receive a complete report, Monday, on the Deale, Md. incidents which forced Dr. Harry Jones to transfer his son from an all-white school. Police Chief Wilbur Wade announced.

The retiring April grand jury requested this report from the police and the Board of Education.

Chief Wade, in making the announcement stated that he had talked with Dr. Jones and he had thanked him for the help the county police had given.

At the same time a report will also be given to the jury on the placing of a cross on the lawn of the governor's mansion.

DR. JONES, a physician in Deale, reported after his six-year-old son, Harry Jr., was entered in the Deale school, the family received threats by telephone and mail; 12 carloads of white men drove past their residence carrying rifles and a cross was burned on the lawn of their new home the night of Sept. 19.

The next day, the Jones boy was withdrawn from the Deale school and placed in Georgetown Day School near Washington.

At the time of the cross burning, Governor McKeldin promised the Jones family protection and talked with Col. Elmer F. Munshower, superintendent of state police.

The colonel promised the governor the state police would be "more aggressive in finding the people."

To date no arrests have been made.

Dixon says no to Senate race

"There is no possibility at this time of my running for the State Senate next year."

This was the answer that came on Wednesday from City Councilman Walter T. Dixon as he replied to rumors that he might be a candidate for the Fourth District seat in the State Senate now held by Harry A. Cole, Republican.

Mr. Dixon, a Democrat, said that one of the reasons that led to his decision was the distance to Annapolis and the strain that the daily commuting might impose on his health.

"I'm not even certain that I will run for the council again," Mr. Dixon said in a further amplification of his plans for the future.

Mr. Dixon is the city's only colored councilman and represents the Fourth District.

$50 Is the total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

Young wife buried; jury to call mate

MT. AIRY, Md. — Funeral services for Mrs. Sandra R. Morrison, the attractive teenage mother of three who was bludgeoned to death on a busy state highway near West Friendship last Tuesday were held in Taylorville, Md., Saturday.

While services were being conducted for Mrs. Morrison by the Rev. Aaron Johnson, state police were making plans to send the murder case involing her husband directly to the grand jury.

Maxie Monroe Morrison, 22, of the 5100 block Columbia Ave., Philadelphia was charged with the death of his 19-year-old wife on Wednesday, and is being held in the city jail at Ellicott City.

Two small children, including the victim's 4-year - old son, were told to run to the highway minutes before Mrs. Morrison was beaten to death with an automobile jack handle at the intersection of Route 40 and State Highway 32.

According to police, Morrison was captured by two soldiers who saw him beating his wife as they drove by.

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RELATIVES OF the dead woman told the AFRO the fatal quarrel apparently grew out of an attempted reconcilliation.

"He had accused her of running around with another man but that was crazy because the fellow he accused is in Egypt and has been there a long time," said Mrs. Goldie Dorsey, mother of the slain former high school May Queen.

Mrs. Dorsey described her son-in-law as a man who was "cruel to his family," and as one who frequently beat his children.

"Sandra tried to make a go of it but couldn't" Mrs. Dorsey said.

Survivors of Mrs. Morrison include two sons and a daughter.

Bystander dies of gunshot wound

Miss Susie Walls, 28, of Prince Frederick, Md., died early Tuesday morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she had received treatment since being shot in the face on April 21.

Waldorf State police reported that Miss Walls was shot during a fight in which she was not involved which occurred at the Wayside Inn, about three miles east of Hughsville, Md.

Holdup suspect tagged in lineup

Two employees from a savings and loan company which was robbed of $167 on Monday, fingered a 35-year-old escapee from the Maryland Penitentiary in a lineup Tuesday afternoon at Southwestern.

Employees of the Fairview Savings and Loan Association at 2015 Frederick Ave., were positive in their identification of Jesse Hood of the 1600 block Monroe St., NW washington police said.

The suspect was viewed by a number of other person in connection with a series of robberies but was not identified by them, police said.

On Wednesday, Hood, who escaped from a prison work detail two months ago, was ordered held without bail for action of the grand jury.

He was immediately transferred to the penitentiary to complete his sentence. Hood has already served ten years of a 30-year-sentence for robbery.

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HE WAS identified as the man who entered the savings and loan company shortly after it opened for business and bluffed his way through a holdup with the aid of a paint brush handle concealed under his topcoat.

Hood allegedly handed a teller a note which read: "Don't be a hero; this is a stickup. Put the money in the bag."

Less than 20 minutes later he was arrested four blocks away in the 2500 block of Ashton St.

When arrested Hood allegedly identified himself as Rommy Booker Harris. Later he told police that he had been hitch hiking back and forth between Baltimore and Washington since his escape.

Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, nurse, dies suddenly

A 48-year-old registered nurse who over the last few days had been excited about getting her son off to Boy's Town in Nebraska, died suddenly Wednesday evening after getting the youngster aboard a train.

Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, 2068 Kennedy Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital about 8:05 Wednesday evening.

Death was the result of a heart failure due to an asthmatic condition, the Medical Examiner's office said.

Mrs. Lewis died en route to Provident Hospital. She had become ill while paying a social call to the office of Dr. Charles Woodland, a friend of long standing, where she was telling them how happy she was to get her son off.

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A DAUGHTER, Miss Imelda Lewis, a nurse at the House in the Pines, a convalescent hospital in Catonsville, said her mother had been engaged in arrangements for getting Michael, 10, off to Boy's Town for a number of days.

She said she worked about four hours Tuesday night at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she was employed for about seven years, on the maternity ward at night, and came home early to get the youngster ready for the trip.

Michael had not been notified of his mother's death Thursday and funeral arrangements were being delayed while Miss Lewis sought to contact a twin brother, Albert Lewis, 3rd, a member of the Four Notes, a local song group.

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MRS. LEWIS, the former Dorothy Riley, was a native of Jacksonville, Fla. She came to Baltimore when she was 12 and attended the old St. Francis Convent on Maryland Ave., formerly a home for girls.

She was married to and later divorced from Albert Lewis Jr.

She took her nurse training at Provident Hospital, graduating in the class of 1932.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of St. Peter Claver Church.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Holland Funeral Home, 1631 Druid Hill Ave. and probably will be held sometime on Monday.

Funeral today for Rev. Sharperson

Funeral services for the Rev. Robert F. Sharperson were scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Friday) at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Riggs Ave. and Gilmor St. Burial will be in the National Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Sharperson died Sunday at Provident Hospital. He was striken while preaching a sermon in Virginia three weeks ago.

A minister for the past 12 years, the Rev. Mr. Sharperson was pastor of four Methodist Churches in the State of Virginia. Until 1945 he operated the Caroline Cleaners at 834 Druid Hill Ave.

The Rev. Edgar Hall, a district supervisor of the Methodist Church, will officiate at funeral services.

A native of Orangeburg, S.C., the Rev. Mr. Sharperson moved to Baltimore in 1930. He was a veteran of World War I and saw action in France.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mamie Sharperson, of 4636 Falls Rd., and two sons, James Sharperson and Robert Sharperson, of New York City.

Priest involved in auto accident

A 27-year-old priest escaped injury last Sunday when his late model foreign make car was damaged in a collision at Baker and Ellamont Sts.

The left front fender of a 1957 Volkswagen driven by Father Edwin Earl Smith of 3200 Windsor Ave., was damaged in a collision with an automobile driven by Wilson Davis, 36, of 1119 Madison Ave.

Father Smith is curate at St. James PE Church at Lafayette and Arlington Aves. Police said his car skidded a distance of 18 feet before it collided with the Davis car.

Father Smith was charged with reckless driving and Mr. Davis with failing to grant the right-of-way at an intersection.

New probationary patrolmen named

Following are among the 63 probationary patrolmen who began their training period as new officers in the Police Department on Thursday afternoon:

Richard W. Gordon, 2421 McElderry St.; Robert Hacker, 2720 E. Madison St.; John P. Harrison, Jr., 1605 Spray Ct.; Louis A. Lumpkin, 2203 E. Jefferson St.; Alfred C. Smith, 2039 McCulloh St.; William R. Webster, 2443 E. Eager St., and Henry H. Wilson, Jr., 127 S. Exeter St.

GETTING OUT THE VOTE — Here are members of the register and vote committee of the First Sweet Hope Baptist Church who are active in the drive to get 100,000 voters on the books. Left to right: Mrs. Mary Barrett, Miss Alice Williams, Miss Addie L. Askew, the Rev. J. T. Grummedy, Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Miss Ruby Taylor, Mrs. Ethel Thompson and Mrs. Marie McClain.

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