City News Briefs

BUILDING APPROVED
Final building permits of 1949, issued Saturday morning by the city engineer's office, were to J. G. Korn to erect a garage at 2040 Madison st. at a cost of $1,200; Madson Wrecking company to wreck a dwelling at 605 N. Liberty st., $50, and R. G. Lacey to alter dwelling at 550 Gehlar rd., $50.

Private parking space by month Rear 359 N. Liberty ph. 3-7124. *

SALEM VISITOR LEAVES
J. W. Baird, Buffalo, N. Y., real estate dealer, left Salem by plane Friday after a 10-day visit with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kenney. From here he went to San Francisco for the East-West football game Saturday and on to Hollywood to visit another sister and to see the Rose Bowl football game.

New classes in shorthand starting January 3 in both Day and Night Schools. Capital Business College, 345 Court Street. *

Insured savings earn more than two per cent at Salem Federal Savings Association, 560 State st.*

RETURN FROM SOUTH
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mitchell of Salem returned Saturday from San Francisco, where they spent the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Medley of Los Angeles. Medley, formerly of Salem, is now drawing cartoons for three magazines.

Karakul Karpet. It's new, it's reversible, it's 100% virgin wool and woven through and through, only $4.95 sq. yd. Ph. 3-7648 or 3-3364.*

Gutter and downspout installations. Judson's, 279 N. Com'l. Ph. 3-4141. *

LEGION DELAYS MEET
Capital post 9, American Legion, will not meet this Monday night, because of the holidays, officials said. The next post meeting will take place January 16 when initiation ceremonies will be held.

We have closed The Flower Basket, 1020 Market. Watch for Grand Opening soon at 590 N. Capitol. Jary Florist. *

Johns-Manville shingles applied by Mathis Bros., 164 S. Com'l. Free estimates. Ph. 34642. *

A special course in Speechcraft is being offered by the Capitol Toastmasters beginning January 5, 1950. The cost of this course in the fundamentals of Public speaking is only five dollars for an eight weeks course. For more information and to register phone Marion Curry at 33904 or Frank Schram at 42246. *

BRIDGE CLOSED
Marion county court Saturday closed the covered Galloway bridge over Abiqua creek to all log trucks. The court said that a log truck, loaded too high, had recently ripped out all crossbeams and ties from the upper portion of the structure. The court said the bridge, located near Silverton, would remain closed to loggers until it could be determined who wrecked the bridge.

Adam Hats exclusive agent, United Chirt Shop, 331 State St. *

Wheel chairs, Hospital beds for rent. Buren. Phone 3-7775. *

TO VISIT RELATIVES
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. French, 1745 S. Church st., are leaving today on a three-months trip to visit their sons Curtis in Encinitas, Calif., and Lt. Robert in Houston, Tex. They will visit relatives and friends in Oklahoma and Kansas on the return trip.

Hayesville Store open New Years Day and Mon. ph. 2-4319. *

Landscaping and designing. No job too large to too small. F. A. Doerfler and Sons Nursery, 150 N. Lancaster Dr. at 4 Corners. P. 2-1322.*

CHURCH SERVICES TODAY
St. John's Lutheran church will resume regular services today, with worship at 9 and 11 a.m., according to the Rev. H. W. Gross, pastor. The second service will include communion.

Air-Steamship tickets anywhere. Kugel, 3-7694. 153 N. High St. *

Fresh killed young turkeys for your New Years dinner. 39c lb. Orwig's Market. 4375 Silverton Rd. ph. 2-6128. *

Highway Fund Level Despite Legislation

(Story also on page 1)

Legislative action to increase Oregon state highway income did not raise actual receipts to the highway department above the old rates this last year, according to an annual report issued Saturday.

That is because the increase in vehicle registration fee ($5 to $10 annually) is not effective until Jan. 1, 1950; receipts from the increased gasoline tax did not get to the department until 1949; motor transportation fees were reduced; the time at which cities were paid their shares of motor vehicle income was advanced.

The department's income in 1949 was $26,006,000, comprising $19,506,000 from gasoline tax, vehicle registration, motor transport fees and other road-user fees and $6,500,000 from federal aid. In addition, the first category yielded $5,558,000 for counties to use on roads, $4,108,000 for city streets, $1,035,000 for state police department work and $1,128,000 loaned to counties for repair of unusual frost damage.

For 1950, an income of $35,627,000 is anticipated, including $28,827,000 from gasoline, vehicle and transport fees and $6,800,000 from the U. S. Allotments above this are expected to be $7,270,000 to the counties, $3,600,000 to cities and $1,618,000 to state police.

The department report showed that 38 per cent of the $21,200,000 program of federal aid for the fiscal years of 1950 and 1951 has been contracted.

Births

HANSEN — To Mr. and Mrs. Jack J. Hansen, 2280 Claude st., a son, Saturday, December 31 at Salem General hospital.

STAYTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Stayton, Stayton, a daughter, Saturday, December 31 at Salem General hospital.

HUNT—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, Stayton route 1, a son, Saturday, December 31 at Salem Memorial hospital.

ADUDDELL—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aduddell, Salem route 4, a daughter, Friday, December 30 at Salem Memorial hospital.

LANGE—To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lange, 1197 Donna ave., a son, Friday, December 30 at Salem Memorial hospital.

Bidault Asks 3 More Votes Of Confidence

PARIS, Dec. 31 -(AP)- Premier George Bidault asked tonight for three more votes of confidence on his cabinet's proposals for France's 1950 budget, to cap the three he has won in the last week.

The National assembly will take the votes Monday.

It is not at all impossible that Bidault's two-month old coalition cabinet will fall on any one of the three tests.

However, his supporters were heartened by the showings last Saturday and yesterday. In the first test, the assembly decided by a six-vote margin to begin discussing the budget.

Won Two Votes
Yesterday Bidault won two confidence votes—each by a margin of 48—on items in the budget of 2,257,000,000,000 Francs ($6,400,000,000) raising taxes on production and undistributed corporation profits.

Despite this victory, Bidault was faced with closing a 37,000,000,000-Franc gap between expenses and income in the budget.

He sent the finance committee of the National assembly today a proposal for raising this sum. The committee approved all but a suggestion for raising 14,000,000,000 Francs by imposing a tax on truck companies.

Votes of Confidence
Bidault, taking the bull by the horns, asked votes of confidence on:

1. A motion of a member of the finance committee approving his cabinet's proposals for raising 35,000,000,000 Francs.

2. Approval of the entire motion as such.

3. On the entire budget.

France is supposed to draft a blanced budget as a condition for receiving further Marshal plan dollars.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT
State vs. Donald Macomber: Order dismisses charge of obtaining money by false pretenses on motion of district attorney on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Kathleen Coon vs. Charles L. Follon: Suit seeks $258 for damages allegedly sustained by plaintiff's car in an auto accident July 10, 1949, in Salem.

PROBATE COURT
Louis Boebert estate: Estate appraised at $390.

Minta Regner estate: Order releases executrix.

Ferdinand Keil estate: Order for partial distribution.

DISTRICT COURT
Cristino Nava Flores, Brooks route 1, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, continued for plea to Jaunary 3; released on own recognizance.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
John Garner, 20, packing company employe, and Bobbie Morris, 17, domestic, both of Salem.

LaVern Chester Bergerson, 22, apprentice cabinet maker, and Arlene Laverne Gottchalk, 20, bakery clerk, both of Silverton.

Harry R. Jones, 25, salesman, Milwaukie, and Luanne Blair McCallister, 24, telephone operator, Salem.

US Government Spending Still Dwarfs Income

By Charles Molony

WASHINGTON — The United States government — the world's biggest business—starts this half-century turn spending more than it makes.

Except for two years, 1947 and 1948, the government has been doing that since 1931.

And top administration officials say privately there isn't a chance of meeting expenses out of income for at least a couple of years yet—unless income is raised by a boost in taxes.

Yet the government has back debts ($257,000,000,000) amounting to nearly seven times its current annual income ($38,000,000,000). Around a fifth of all those back debts will be coming up for settlement during 1950.

Borrowing Increases
The obvious way to settle debts falling due is to borrow anew for pay-offs or to get creditors to take promises to pay (at interest) for the old promises.

That is precisely what Secretary of the Treasury Snyder says will be done.

The obvious ways to overcome the excess of spending over income are to lower spending, boost income, or both. Administration officials hinted near 1949's end President Truman will propose a spending reduction and an income raise (through taxes) in January.

Officials mostly thought, however, the problem of over-spending income won't be solved completely in 1950, though the extent to which the government is running in the red—$5,500,000,000 a year at present—will be pared somewhat.

Position Gets Worse
The government's financial position got worse in 1949. The "recession" from 1948's boom peaks cut income — to $38,000,000,000, a year pace from the $41,000,000,000 pace President Truman foresaw when the year started.

The economic drop also did a lot to push up its outlays—from a $41,900,000,000 rate at the start of the year to $43,500,000,000 at the year's end, by presidential estimate.

Veterans, finding jobs scarcer, went to school in greater numbers, drawing goverment allowances to do so. Farm prices fell, and the government bought crops to keep them from falling farther. Also, it bought mortgages to make home buying credit easier.

Debt Keeps Rising
With tax collections falling while expenses rose, the federal debt rose to where it's now 51 per cent of the nation's net debt and therefore more than that owed by all the people, corporations, states and cities together.

The U.S. government, however, is an old hand at carrying a debt. It's been doing that constantly through more than a century and a half, running up its debt in more years than it has shaved them down.

The government, like any debtor, might well find that going deeper into debt made lenders less willing to stake it, and insistent upon higher interest for doing so — except that the government gets some powerful help from the federal reserve system.

Banks Help
The federally-established banking system lends to the treasury, as agent for the government, at times by buying its securities. It also has been helping to keep federal interest rates down by seeing that government bonds aren't discounted under par.

The treasury, with that kind of help around, has made it a cardinal point to keep down annual interest charges on the government debt. The cost, nevertheless, is $5,700,000,000 a year—13 percent of all budget expenses.

At the start of 1949, when the administration feared inflation and thought it might be wise to allow some interest rate rises so business rates would rise too and discourage inflationary borrowing, the treasury upped some rates a bit.

Rates Boosted
Its one-year debt certificate rates, for example, were boosted from 1⅛ per cent to 1¼ percent, while some old bonds paying 2 percent were replaced with the lower-rate certificates so that interest cost totals didn't change so much.

By mid-September, however, deflation had clearly gained the upper hand. The treasury dropped the certificate rate back to 1⅛ percent, holding it to that into December despite some objections from within the federal reserve board, notably by Marriner S. Eccles.

Eccles, demoted from chairman of the reserve board by President Truman in January, 1948, said in late 1949 the treasury always shows an "easy money" bias, and that it might be wiser to let rates go up some to prevent threats of inflation. Secretary Snyder appeared unimpressed.

IMPERIAL HOTEL SOLD
PORTLAND, Dec. 31 -(AP)- The sale of the Imperial hotel to Albert Gentner, president of the Portland Hotel association, was announced here today. The hotel was built in 1909 by Phil Metschan and the late T. B. Wilcox. The sale price was reported to be $750,000.

STORAGE PITS OF MALTA — Workmen remove grain from ancient storage pits at Valletta, Malta, which are fitted with stone slabs to keep grain and cereals for three years.

County Health Office Points to Low Disease Rate During 1949

Increased success in controlling communicable disease and addition of specialized services have highlighted progress of the Marion county health department during 1949.

Regarding diseases, statistics show that only two cases of diphtheria have been reported in all of 1948 and the first 11½ months of 1949, although many instances have been found in surrounding counties.

Among new services, Marion county secured psychiatric consultation on the local level. It was the first county in Oregon to add this service.

Dr. Stone Issues Report
Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, gave this year-end report:

The outlook for 1950 shows that more attention must be given to both mental and dental health and to illnesses common to individuals in the older age group.

"The chief function of a public health department is to anticipate what is going to happen, then prevent it. Promotion of good health then logically becomes a part of prevention. By gathering data, compiling information and interpreting what they mean in terms of good community living, the health department accomplishes its job. After we have been attacked by an illness, family doctor can serve us best.

"Traditionally the control of communicable disease has been the chief activity of the health department. Today it is largely a matter of maintaining constant vigilance against these invaders.

Diseases Challenging
"The most productive work yet to be done lies in serving persons in the older age groups. Cancer and heart diseases offer a big challenge. Accident prevention and improved working conditions in industry deserve our best efforts. Proper housing and living conditions will command greater interest. They have a direct bearing on our attitudes and behavior. Good mental health becomes a part of this whole picture.

"The job in good community living is the challenge of our times. Man's attitude toward his fellow men will determine how well we can live together as individuals and nations."

The clerical staff of the health department, compiles data for statistics in births, deaths and communicable disease. These are used by the department staff in planning its program of disease prevention and promotion of good health.

Births Exceed 1948's
Births during the first 11 months of 1949 totaled 2,223, an increase over the 2,148 during the same period in 1948 but well below the 2,445 in 1947.

Of the 1949 total, 1,799 were resident births and 424 were nonresident. All but 19 were reported born in hospitals. The birth rate dropped in 1949 to 24.02 from 25.32 in 1948 and 29.5 in 1947.

Leading cause of death was, as in the past five years, heart disease with 183 instances. Cancer followed with 105. Other totals included: Diseases of arteries 81, apoplexy 60, kidney disease 37, congenital diseases 32, accidents other than automobile 21, communicable diseases 20, auto accidents 9, diabetes 6 and maternal 2.

Marked decreases from 1949 were shown in deaths resulting from diabetes, auto and other accidents and congenital diseases.

Chickenpox Leads
Communicable diseases again were topped during 1949 by chickenpox with 310 cases reported. Pneumonia was second with 104, a marked increase over the 24 cases reported in 1948.

Leading cause of death from communicable diseases was tuberculosis with 9 followed by pneumonia with 7, poliomyelitis with 2 and influenza and syphilis with one each.

Case loads for other communicable diseases during 1949 included tuberculosis 51, influenza 39, gonorrhea 32, syphilis 32, poliomyelitis 29, whooping cough 26, scarlet fever 20, and diphtheria 2.

Poliomyelitis increased from 7 in 1948 and 6 in 1947 to 29 in 1949.

Nursing Augmented
Nursing help in Marion county has been possible through grants to local units by the Kellogg foundation. The county has been able to budget for five nursing positions, made possible by Kellogg funds, which they would not be able to secure until five years had elapsed. Four of the nursing positions are filled at the present time. The fund makes it possible to add one additional nurse to the staff each of the five years that the program is in operation.

Two public health nurses have received their field training at the Marion County Department of Health during each quarter of the past year. They are here from University of Oregon School of Nursing.

The county's health is protected to a great extent by the activities of the sanitation division of its health department. Some data regarding this reveals that 98 per cent of all milk consumed in the county during 1949 was pasteurized. Average butterfat content was 3.5 per cent compared to a 3.2 per cent minimum required by state law.

Inspections Made
Restaurant inspection figures for Salem show that the number of grade A establishments increased from 52 in 1948 to 66 during the first 11½ months of this year. The total number of restaurants in the county increased from 108 to 114, with only one grade C restaurant now operating. Inspections totaling 2,168 were conducted in 1949.

Elsewhere in Marion county, 142 restaurants have been inspected 540 times. Sixty-one grade A, 64 grade B, 2 grade C and 15 ungraded firms were reported. In 1948, 38 grade A restaurants were listed and 39 establishments were ungraded.

Regarding safe water supply and sewage disposal, 354 new sewage disposal systems were approved during 1949. A total of 539 sanitary investigations were conducted. Water samples taken from public supplies numbered 157 with 114 samples from private supplies.

Control Program Set
There will be a rodent control program put into effect in the city of Salem in the near future. This program will include rat-proofing of buildings and rat extermination. The Salem city council recently adopted the recommendations of the United States public health service which called for the rat-proofing of all new proposed buildings. This was written into the City ordinance.

The program in health education was augmented three years ago by the addition of a full time member of the staff. Marion county was the first in the state to have the advantages of such a trained person. It is still the only county so equipped.

"Frosted Coin", "Star and Punty", and "Frosted Lion" arm terms to designate types of syrup pitchers in which many collectors of American glassware specialize.

Damon Fleener Succumbs to Brief Illness

Damon Fleener, electrical contractor in Salem for 25 years, died Friday at Portland after a brief illness, at the age of 61 years.

Fleener, a native of Oregon, had undergone surgery at a Portland hospital a few days before his death.

Born at Scio, Oct. 29, 1888, Fleener moved to Salem 40 years ago. For 25 years he had been in the electrical contracting business with his brother. Recently he had been an employe of the department of agriculture at Oregon state fairgrounds.

Fleener was a member of Chemeketa lodge 1, IOOF, and of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillyan Fleener, Salem; daughter, Wilda Bollman, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. George P. Clark, Portland, and Mrs. Hazel Benns, Bremerton, Wash.; brother, Archie C. Fleener, Salem, and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3 p. m. in the W. T. Rigdon chapel with the Rev. John L. Goodenberger officiating. Concluding services will be in City View cemetery.

Duck Hunters Rescued after Boat Capsizes

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 31 -(AP)- Theree Portland duck hunters were rescued from a river here today after their boat overturned.

Howard Quillian and his 15-year-old son, Fred, saw the accident and turned their motorboat toward the three. The engine conked out, but Quillian rowed to the scene and pulled the three—two men and a woman—to safety.

Then he sent them to a nearby farmhouse to warm up while he fished out some of their equipment. When he returned, he found they had left in their car. Their names were unlearned, but they had left word they were from Portland. Quillian is holding their guns and other equipment.

Box Factory Closes Shop

ASTORIA, Dec. 31 -(AP)- The Clatsop box factory has shut its doors. Officials said they would not re-open because they were out of spruce lumber.

The nearest spruce mill is in Grays Harbor.

The box factory had operated here since 1936, producing an average $150,000 worth of boxes a year, mostly for fish packing firms. It employed 12 to 14 workmen.

Fifty-six per cent of fire alarms turned in through Pontiac, Mich.'s box system in five years were false but only one per cent of telephone alarms were false.

Truman's Aides Already Admit Defeat on 3 'Fair Deal' Planks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 -(AP)- President Truman's top lieutenants on capitol hill conceded today, as congress headed back to town that he already is as good as whipped for this session on three major planks in his "fair deal" platform.

These planks, expected to be stressed again in his opening message to congress, are:

1. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law. Senate Democratic Leader Lucas, of Illinois, told newsmen he seriously doubts that the senate will attempt any labor legislation in the new session that starts Tuesday. Repeal efforts failed in the 1949 session.

2. Enactment of compulsory health insurance, assailed by opponents as "socialized medicine." Democratic leaders say there is no chance for approval this year of such a broad program, under which the government would undertake to pay individuals' doctor, hospital and medicine bills with money collected by payroll taxes.

Provides Subsidies
3. Substitution of the "Brannan plan" for the present farm price support program. The plan, sponsored by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, would provide direct government subsidies to producers of perishable crops if the market didn't give the farmers a previously determined "fair" return. Lucas said he personally would like ot see the 1949 farm law tried out awhile.

But more is bound to be heard from Mr. Truman about labor, health and farm legislation when the campaign guns begin booming next fall.

Tax Speculation
Taxes held a front place in Washington speculation today. A top adviser said the president will ask congress in a special message to cut some excise rates, then enact new levies on other tax sources in an attack on the government deficit.

Congress would welcome an easing of taxes on such things as jewelry, fur coats, luggage, transportation tickets and telephone bills. On the other hand, a campaign year congress could be expected to find ready reasons to oppose higher rates on individuals or corporations. Economy minded members will renew their insistence in big cuts in government spending as an alternate means of balancing the budget.

Time Marches On--But it Trips Once in Awhile

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON-(AP)-This is report card time for mankind, a time when he proudly records his gains for the past year.

But occasionally during the year man resisted the steady march of progress.

For instance, taking the electric dishwasher. It's all right, but the anti-progress league is more pleased over the Brooklyn woman and her monkey.

She trained the monkey to wash the dishes, and it turns out that it can do something no dishwashing machine ever could do:

The monkey also whistles at pretty girls.

Or take earthquakes. Seismographs are so sensitive they can register a pliedriver at work miles away.

But they're not perfect. The City College of New York seismograph ran hogwild one day. It looked as if the whole world had gone off its rockers. But it hadn't.

A spider had been playing hickory, dickory dock on the seismograph pendulum.

Like any raidroad, the Baltimore and Ohio buys all sorts of gadgets to make sure its trains run on time. Yet one came in late the other day and the anti-progress league is delighted to tell you why.

A horse got on the track, and though the engineer tooted angrily, the horse clippety-clopped right along for three leisurely miles.

And I'd like to close the meeting with a story that has nothing to do with progress but does have a neat tagline.

A London widow had been left a painting of a nude stabbing herself. She sold same for $10. Naturally it was a Rubens. Naturally it was re-sold for $13,800. (Doesn't anyone ever sell a paint for $10 that really is worth $4?)

But the widow's reaction was nice. Informed of the sale, she said:

"It wasn't a picture anyone would want about the house."

County Gets Construction Bridge Offer

Marion county court said Saturday it would probably take possession of a small construction bridge crossing a slough at the east end of the new main Willamette river bridge, now under construction at Independence.

W. C. Williams, assistant state highway engineer, notified the court Saturday that it could have the bridge if it agreed in writing to take it over and to relieve Macco corporation of any future liability in connection with it.

The Macco corporation is constructing the main bridge and built the smaller span to aid workmen on the project. The county would like to maintain the smaller bridge as it connects the east river bank with an island and would aid workmen in future maintenance of the big span.

County Judge Grant Murphy said the court would inspect the construction bridge next week before agreeing to take possession.

Music Store Purchased by Wiscarsons

Wills' Music store, second oldest music store on the Pacific cost, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wiscarson, it was announced Saturday.

The Wiscarsons, who have been in partnership at the store with Mr. and Mrs. Saul S. Janz since Aug. 1, 1948, have obtained sole ownership of the establishment at 432 State st. They contemplate no immediate changes in the store's long-established music tradition.

One of Salem's pioneer business firms, the store was established in 1879 in the Stewart block on North Commercial street by George C. Will. A Willamette valley pioneer who crossed the plains in 1863, Will died in 1944. His widow still resides on North Winter street.

Mr. and Mrs. Janz purchased the store after Will's death. The Wiscarsons joined them last year, after Wiscarson had been instrumental music supervisor in Salem public school system for nine years.

Wiscarson is a graduate of University of Oregon with degrees in business administration and music, from Eastern School of Music in New York and from Washington State college.

Because of its long-time operation and its huge stock of sheet music Will's receives many requests from music publishing houses all over America for copies of songs copyrighted as far back as 1881, said Wiscarson. The store handles a complete line of other musical instruments.

DAVID EYRE PROMOTED
PORTLAND, Dec. 31 -(AP)- The Oregon Journal promoted two of its executives today. David W. Eyre, executive editor, became assistant managing editor. Anton F. Peterson, circulation director, became assistant business manager and a vice president of The Journal publishing company.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems ★

By Sid Boise

This column can be used logically in only one way this week so we extend to our friends, to our clients and to EVERYBODY a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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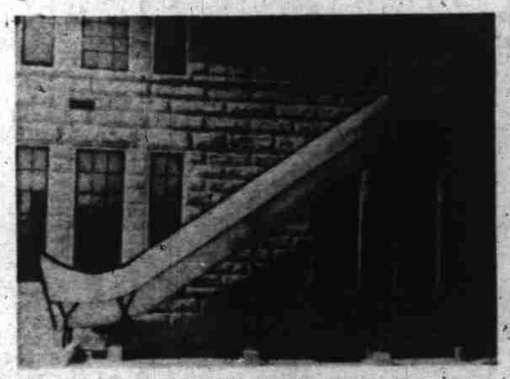
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