

# 'Keep Oregon Green' Slogan Familiar One

## Workmen Dismantling Units At Housing Authority Site

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Adolph Sterton, maintenance man for the Jackson County Housing authority dwellings on West Jackson st. for many years is looking for a new job.

The narrow, one-story buildings have been sold. Workmen swarm through the area, busily dismantling them or jacking them up on balloon-tire wheels to be rolled away.

The new owners, about 20 in number, have paid a total of \$2,828 for the two dozen buildings, according to housing authority records. Some plan to demolish their purchases, completely and use the scrap materials for fuel or for construction work elsewhere.

Others mention such diverse destinies as sheds, garages, workshops and chicken coops. All have agreed theoretically to a housing authority stipulation that the buildings not be used again for residential purposes. But, as a truck driver on the scene put it:

"There's no rule says a man can't sleep in his chicken coop."

The housing authority has set Oct. 1 as a deadline for the area to be cleared. Only one building will then remain, the former administration building. This has been leased for 10 years to the Junior Service league to house the league's school for deaf children.

There were 36 families living in the project when the housing authority sent out six-month eviction notices on Jan. 21. As many as 157 families had reportedly lived there in years past. The authority was established—and the buildings erected—when a crucial housing shortage developed in 1942. It was continued after the war to provide low-cost dwellings for veterans.

One family remains today, the Harold Gangstees. He drives for Oregon-Nevada California Fast Freight, Inc. The Gangstees await the departure of present tenants from a home they are buying nearby. Meanwhile their apartment in the project, framed by pilox, daisies and gladiolus, offers the eye one last oasis amid the dusty shambles.

"We've been here 11 years," Marilyn Gangstee said recently. "Two families lived here longer, 14 or 15 years."

"We've always liked it. It was wonderful for families with children. Many landlords don't allow children, but here no questions were asked. There was lots of space for playing too."

"Our apartments have been comfortable and cozy. The workmen who've come in here now say the buildings were well constructed."

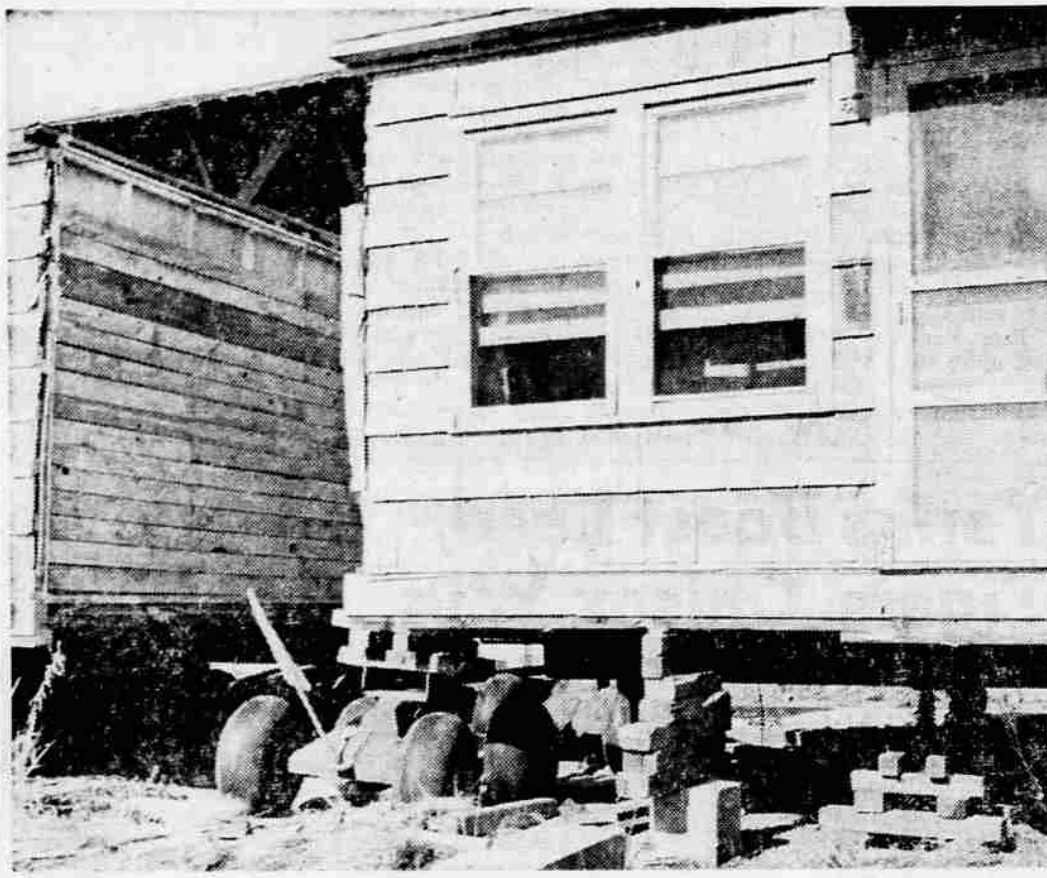
Many tenants protested when they were ordered to leave. They complained they could not get comparable facilities elsewhere without paying much more—if they could get them at all. The rent was about \$40 for a two-bedroom unit, a few dollars less or more for one or three bedrooms.

Letters were written to Governor Holmes, various senators and other officials. In the meantime, each family separately managed to find another roof. Some, like the Gangstees decided they might as well buy a place as pay higher rents. And, inevitably, the eviction order stood.

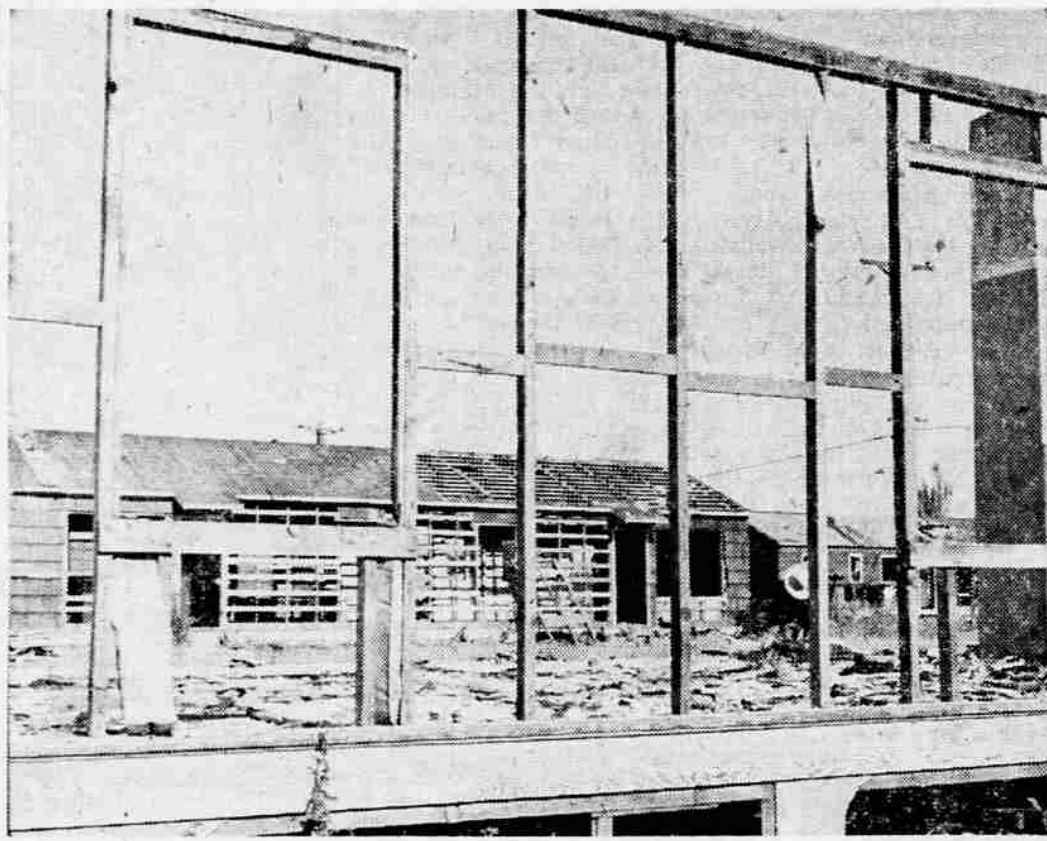
The housing authority's decision was based on a belief it had served its purpose. Sale of the portion bounded by West Jackson st., McAndrews rd. and Priddy st. to the United States Army, as the location for a reserve unit armory, is currently being negotiated. The price has been estimated at \$25,000.

The authority has agreed to dissolve itself and turn the rest of the land over to the city provided the city undertake to use it for a public park and swimming pool. The authority would also turn over money to the city for the pool's construction. This sum, including accumulated revenue from rents, sale of the buildings and sale of land to the Army is expected to be about \$75,000.

The city has provided for this project in the 1958-59



**MOVE BUILDINGS**—Some purchasers of Jackson County Housing authority buildings choose to haul them away in one piece, though the authority stipulates they cannot use them for residential purposes. This one will soon be ready to roll.



**TORN DOWN**—Three stages in demolition of Jackson County Housing authority buildings are shown here. A mere skeleton now, the building in the foreground frames one with half its rafters exposed. In the background behind the workman stands a third building practically intact.

## JACKSONVILLE Volunteers Are Sought

By BETTE HOSKINS  
Jacksonville — Fire Chief Lewis Applebaker announced last week that the fire department is urgently in need of five or six volunteer firemen, needed especially to answer daytime calls.

The present firemen now on duty are almost all out of town during the day at their jobs, leaving the city without ample firemen to answer calls. Anyone interested may contact Applebaker or attend the Monday night weekly meeting.

Volunteers must be over 18 years old. Applebaker also stated he would appreciate an immediate response due to this extremely dry hazardous weather.

The fire chief also has announced that a new 7½ horse power fire siren has been purchased and will soon be installed to replace the present three horse power siren.

Municipal budget. But it will not draw up plans, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff, until a final transaction with the Army has been announced. Without that \$25,000, he said, there would not be enough to build the pool. And until the city draws up plans, apparently, the housing authority will not dissolve.

Meanwhile, the clearing work goes on. Piles of nailed studs, insulation and chunks of plaster rise one day and disappear the next. Gaunt wood-stove chimneys stand alone like tree trunks denuded by fire. Where buildings have already been removed, a graveyard of foundation blocks remains.

Children come to play in the debris. If the Army says yes to the armory and all else goes well, they will be coming before too long to swim.

Mrs. Ray Wilson reported last week that her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, who suffered a recent home accident and broke her hip, has been moved from the Sacred Heart hospital to the Mitchell Sanitarium here, where she will stay until she is able to stay at the Wilson home.

Mrs. Pearl Kitchen moved back into her home at 609 L st. last week. Her daughter, Mrs. Elsie McCutcheon, of Riddle, visited her Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Wright celebrated her 85th birthday Friday, July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis and family of Boise, Idaho, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scheffel. Lewis is a nephew of Scheffel.

Fred McKeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McCready, left last week for San Diego, where he will be in basic training at the Naval station. He is a 1958 Jacksonville High school graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradley of Grants Pass are parents of a daughter born June 29. The baby has been named Shirley Anne. Mrs. Bradley is the former Frances Rumley.

A guest at the home of Mrs. Anna Rumley last week was her granddaughter, Miss Mary Frances Bradley, of Grants Pass.

Mrs. Albert Hagert entertained the Ruth Rebekah club at her home Tuesday, July 22. It was an outdoor potluck luncheon with Mrs. Hagert serving desert and coffee, assisted by Mrs. Edna Evans. There were 22 guests present, including two visitors, Mrs. Paul Godward of Jacksonville and Mrs. Laura Sewell of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkler and daughter, Fay, were

## Korea Applies for Space at Trade Fair

Portland — (UPI) — Exhibit space at the international trade fair to be held in Portland next June has been contracted for by the Republic of Korea, officials report.

The fair is scheduled as part of the Oregon centennial exposition.

Consul General Young Han Choo, with headquarters in San Francisco, closed the pact for his government. He said several hundred products of his country would be shown at the fair.

A total of 26 foreign countries have reserved space for the fair, with a total of 35 expected to sign, fair officials say.

## Travel Editors to Visit in Area

Medford, the Shakespearean Festival, the Oregon Caves, and Crater Lake will be visited by four travel editors from around the nation in August, it was recently announced.

Eddie Mays, chairman of the chamber visitors service committee in Portland, reported that the four editors will spend two weeks in Oregon, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Travel association.

Visiting the area will be Frank Freeman, San Jose Mercury; Bill Hughes, Cleveland Press; Charlotte Brunk, Des Moines Register; and Don Howard, Salt Lake Tribune.

The Scotts are small Lapland tribe living in the northern tip of Finland.

guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Rumley, last week. The Winklers are former residents now living in Arkata, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hamaker and children moved last week to 1013 West 10th st., Medford.

## Association Story Began in Pacific Northwest in '39

By JIM FISHER

With the coming of each summer and lasting throughout the forest fire season, residents and tourists of Oregon are confronted everywhere with the message "Keep Oregon Green."

This slogan has become as familiar to the businessman who may spend just his week ends fishing in the forests as to the logger who spends all of his time working in the forests.

The story of the "Keep Oregon Green" movement in this and other states started in the Pacific Northwest in 1939. At that time the "Junior Forest Council of the Douglas-fir Region" was formed as a boys program in forest fire prevention.

### Governing Committee

The state foresters of Oregon and Washington, industrial and public forestry officials, and the American Legion commanders of the two states served as the governing committee.

The program had been patterned after the Junior Forest Warden program sponsored in British Columbia by the Canadian Forestry association.

Later that year at a committee meeting the organizers of the program considered the idea of making it a forest fire prevention program of everyone, regardless of age. Governor Martin of Washington agreed with the committee's plan and Stewart Holbrook, noted author and lecturer, was asked to direct the work of the "Keep Oregon Green" program. The Washington program began as a state-supported movement with a budget of \$5,000 for its first year of operation.

Holbrook worked with Keep Oregon Green for four years, helping to develop the system of stopping forest fires before they start.

### Form Oregon Group

In July, 1940, Oregon's Governor Charles Sprague and State Forester Nels Rogers gathered together prominent citizens to form the Keep Oregon Green association. Since then, the "Keep Oregon Green" program has spread to many other states and even in a nationwide "Keep America Green." However, it is in Oregon that the "Keep Oregon Green" movement has received its greatest boost.

The Keep Oregon Green association, or KOG as it is known to its supporters, is governed by a board of trustees with the governor of the state as president. Representatives from lumber companies, forestry associations, United States forest service, bureau of land management, Oregon State college school of forestry, and private citizens serve on the board.

Each of Oregon's 36 counties has a county chairman to direct the program's work in that area. Jackson county's chairman is L. L. (Doc) Simpson of Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

### Contributions

KOG operates with contributions received each spring from throughout the state. Space for the association's headquarters has been provided by the Oregon State forestry department, which also makes a contribution to KOG's program each year.

With a good budget and strong organization, all that KOG needed was someone to do the actual work of delivering the fire prevention message to the people of Oregon. Richard Kuehner, Portland agricultural consultant and present state chairman of KOG, was the first executive secretary. He was appointed in 1942.

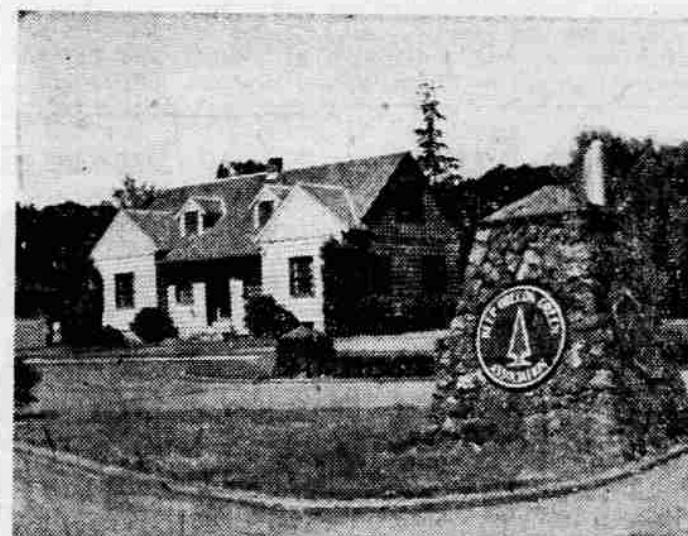
Present executive secretary and person chiefly responsible for the tremendous publicity that KOG has received in the past 10 years is Albert Wiesendanger. With a small office staff, Wiesendanger has been contacting thousands of service clubs, youth groups, forest workers, schools, fire protection offices, and individuals to promote fire prevention. In a single week, he might cover nearly a dozen counties, contacting newspapers, federal district rangers, state district wardens, and particular persons that he knows will help KOG in its work.

### Losses Decline

With the cooperation that Wiesendanger has received, Oregon's forest fire losses by man-caused fires have declined or held in check with regard to the state's population growth. In 1941, the year KOG was organized, there were 636 man-caused fires.



**DANGER BOARDS**—Forest fire danger boards have been erected by Keep Oregon Green to inform the public of the local fire danger. This one located at the state forestry department's headquarters on Table Rock rd. is one of several in southwestern Oregon.



**DIRECTS PROGRAM**—From their headquarters at 2750 State st., Salem, Keep Oregon Green association directs the forest fire prevention program in Oregon. Thousands of posters, key chains, maps, rulers and other items bearing the Keep Oregon Green message are mailed out from this office each year.

An all-time high of 1,507 man-caused fires were started in 1949, but since then the number has slowly declined, with the exception of 1957. Last year, Oregon had 805 man-caused fires.

The manner in which KOG has gone about to reduce Oregon's man-caused forest fires shows how a well-planned program and cooperation can place a message before the public. Oregon's 127 daily and weekly newspapers contribute valuable space for fire prevention advertising and news releases. Many summer editorials feature KOG's work. The 62 radio stations and five television stations in the state broadcast thousands of spot announcements on fire prevention.

### Boards Erected

Forest fire danger boards were erected along Oregon's major highways last year to inform tourists, forest workers, and Oregon's own recreationists of the local fire danger.

Thousands of "Smoky Bear" posters, blotters, book markers, stamps, and other "give-away" items were distributed by KOG and its supporters through the assistance of the nationwide cooperative forest fire prevention campaign. KOG has purchased its own license plate attachments, key chains, ash trays, and other items that give the fire prevention message.

A new program of KOG has been to print maps of the state fire protection districts with a fire prevention message on them for distribution to the public. This enables hunters and fishermen to obtain the most up-to-date maps for only a small donation to KOG to cover the cost of printing.

### Purpose of Guard

For the youth of Oregon, KOG has always maintained its Oregon Green Guard for boys and girls 8 to 16. The purpose of the Green Guard is to make youth more conscious of fire prevention and offer recognition to those who actually participate in reporting or fighting forest fires. At the end of 1957, 11,437 boys and girls were enrolled in the Green Guard. Since 1942, more than 70,000 children have joined the group.

Members receive a Green Guard kit containing fire prevention material and a manual to be used in learning more about fire prevention from local fire protection agencies. If a member helps an agency by reporting or fighting a forest fire, KOG sends him a "Service Under Fire" certificate and badge.

An annual forest fire prevention poster contest is also part of KOG's youth program.

### Support Red Hat

For the past three years, KOG has supported the Governor's Red Hat Days by printing pledge cards to be distributed to hunters. As a result of this program, hunters fires have been reduced considerably.

KOG has used all of these ways in promoting forest fire prevention. Residents of Oregon should remember that

## ILLINOIS VALLEY

### Open Meeting Conducted

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction — The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce conducted the first open meeting of the new year Thursday in the American Legion Auxiliary rooms. President Gordon White presided as chairman of the meeting.

Those in attendance were asked to suggest projects for consideration. Most popular suggestions centered around improvement of public parks, picnic areas and recreational facilities.

Seven members of the Saddlebums club plan to leave Saturday for a ten-day trek on horseback through the Marble mountains. Those who will be among the party are Jerry and Jo Woody, Esther Blackridge, Frances Burns, Dorothy Bailey, Ann Benjamin and Peggy Fulk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leonard with grandchildren, Linda Leonard and Frankie Van Pelt, and Mrs. Clara Spencer, all of Medford, were guests of the Raymond Baldwin this week. The Leonards made a trip to the Oregon Caves. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Spencer are sisters of Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis and daughter, Leanne, of Albuquerque, N.M., were guests at the home of Mrs. Davis' aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Clayton of Caves Highway.

Earl Maxner, director of National Chinchilla association was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Southern Oregon Chinchilla ranchers Wednesday night at the home of Cal Merchant in Grants Pass.

A meeting of the California Oregon Chrome Producers is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 in the American Legion building at Cave Junction.

Important meetings to be held Monday, July 28, include the Cave Junction city council meeting in the city hall building; Western Mining Council meeting in the American Legion Auxiliary rooms and the Illinois Valley Jubilee meeting in the VFW hall.

Justice court cases this week included one \$25 fine plus costs against Phil S. Edwards for reckless driving.

Other cases were Jack Clifton Adams, fine of \$2.50 for having no tail light. For failure to operate on the right side of the highway, Peter Lauzon of Takilma paid a \$10 fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden De Camp of Monrovia, Calif., were guests of Hayden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey De Camp recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lackey of Lackey's service station in Kerby were with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Waterman of Wolf Creek for the weekend.

Robert Gammel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gammel, visited his aunt, Mrs. Gammel's sister, Mrs. Robert Blank, in Grants Pass recently.

The Illinois Valley News will release their historical

edition this year on Aug. 14, and while the News staff members will be on vacation that week, no interruption in service will take place. The edition will be put in the mail as usual.

While no effort will be made to carry current news in this special edition, club notices will be published.

Mrs. Robert Russell of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., arrived Friday for a month's visit with her daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Denning.

Mrs. Russell is an active club woman, being a past president of the Lake Arrowhead Federated Women's club and now serving the club as parliamentary and district institution chairman for the southern California district.

Danny and Elizabeth Denning were home for the weekend from Eureka, Calif., returning to their jobs in Eureka on Monday. Danny will stay in the California city to attend school in the fall. Elizabeth will return home about the middle of August.

The annual Fireman's ball will be at the American Legion hall Aug. 9 with the Polka Dot orchestra on the podium.

The Illinois Valley 4-H Dairy club met at the Bob Martin home Tuesday to practice showmanship in preparation for the Josephine county fair. Refreshments of ice cream were served by Mike and Steve Plueger.

The A. W. Buckendahl ranch was the scene of a swimming party for the Illinois Valley 4-H club. A birthday cake in honor of Mrs. Bob Martin, club leader, was served by the hostess, Mrs. Buckendahl and Sandra.

Ronney Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Henry, came home for the weekend. He has been staying with his sister, Mrs. William Burke, in Crescent City, Calif., where he has been employed.

Official observance of the centennial anniversary of Belt Lodge 18 A. F. and A. M. will be held at the Masonic Temple in Kerby on Aug. 16, following a no-host dinner served by the Western Star Chapter 64, Order of Eastern Star at 6:30 p.m. in the social rooms of the temple.

Arcata Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Arcata, Calif., will confer the Master Masons degree, thus returning the courtesy performed by Belt Lodge in 1956 in honor of Arcata's centennial observance.

Ralph T. Moore, past grand master, is chairman of the centennial committee, and Roy McNeil, past grand master will deliver the address of the evening.

Walter Lansing, Grand Master of Masons in Oregon and most of his official family will be in attendance. Invitations have been issued to lodges in Oregon and northern California. All lodge members are welcome.

Belt Lodge 26 was organized at Broughton on Alt-house creek and held their first meeting under dispensation March 14, 1859.



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