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House and greenhouse of Richard Thomas Dean, a Davisville florist, 1910. The Deans lived on the s. side of Davisville Ave., between Mt. Pleasant & Forsyth Rds. *TRL*

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Mount Pleasant & Merton, 2 March 1922 *CTA*

Fall Programme

Join us at 7:10 for refreshments.



Wednesday, 26 September, 7:30 p.m.

EXPLORING THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT

The Arts and Crafts Movement in Great Britain had a profound impact on architecture, design, and social thought in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In an illustrated lecture, **Carl Benn** will introduce the ideas that inspired the movement in the UK, and discuss its impact on architecture and design in Toronto.

Wednesday, 31 October, 7:30 p.m.

FOCUS ON NORTH TORONTO

A special screening of three short documentary films (from the Rogers TV series *Structures*) on Bedford Park, Blythwood Road, and the Eglinton (Grand) Theatre. Featuring archival images and interviews with local residents including Alex Grenzebach, the late Don Ritchie and Warren David.

Wednesday, 28 November, 7:30 p.m.

DEAR SADIE: LOVE, LIVES AND REMEMBRANCE FROM ONTARIO'S FIRST WORLD WAR

Dr. Jay Young, Outreach Officer from the Archives of Ontario, will give an illustrated talk based on the Archives' exhibit *Dear Sadie*, featuring letters between Harry Mason, a Canadian soldier fighting overseas and Sadie Arbuckle, his sweetheart back home. A special presentation to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1.

Fall Walk

DAVISVILLE VILLAGE

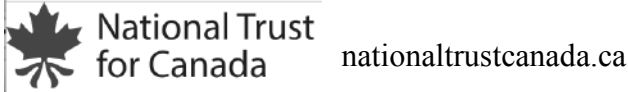
Sunday, 30th September, 2:00-3.45 p.m. (rain or shine)

Meet NW corner Davisville and Mount Pleasant.

(June Rowlands Park)

Explore the village of Davisville with NTHS and SERRA (South Eglinton Ratepayers and Residents Association). Discover its people, farms, homes, industries, churches and schools.

The Society meets at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Boulevard (one block north of Eglinton, just west of Yonge) at 7:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month from September to November & January to May. Programmes are free and are open to the public. Our co-sponsor is the Northern District Branch of the Toronto Public Library.



The National Trust for Canada (formerly Heritage Canada Foundation) is a national charity established in 1973 by people with a passion for the built and natural landscape, and the importance of both to local identity. Online they provide advice and the tools to protect and develop significant places in both downtowns and remote areas

On the National Trust website you can find a crowdfunding platform specifically for heritage (thisplacematters.ca), the Endangered Places Toolkit, information about the annual National

Trust Conference (18-20 October, 2018, Fredericton, NB), webinars and much, much more. Membership starts at \$40 and allows free admission to several sites across Canada, including Ontario Heritage Trust and City of Toronto museums. NTC membership is also honoured at some places around the world.

Standing up for historic places in 2019

In July, the National Trust for Canada launched a parliamentary e-petition, sponsored by BC Liberal MP John Aldag, that calls on the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to ensure substantial funding for historic places in Federal Budget 2019. It is open for signature until 7 November. To read the petition, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7efmtqq>

North Toronto Memories. World War 2: on the Home Front and Overseas

The idea of *The Chimes* came from Arthur and Jean Sainsbury, 106 Lytton Blvd., as they sent news to their sons Van (RCAF) and George (Navy), and shared the lads' letters home with friends and neighbours. The newsletter evolved, with several writers contributing to "Departments" covering different interests – sports, movies, gossip, engagements, etc. Each issue was typed onto a stencil and duplicated at Gestetner Co., collated by hand and mailed to "the boys and girls of North Toronto who are on Active Service" and their parents.

Earlier instalments of excerpts from *The Chimes* were printed in the NTHS Newsletter of Fall 2016 and Fall 2017.

and drinking wine until the old boy got pretty tight and did a little dance at the same time singing "O Sole Mio" so we figured when [an Italian] got oiled on his own bingo it was time to fold our tents and silently steal away.

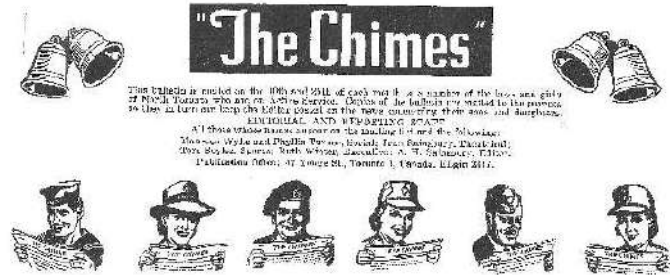
TORONTO IN THE SPORTS WHIRL

by Tim Boyles [38 Melinda Street]

It is not unusual to find the Toronto Maple Leafs participating in National Hockey League play-offs, but it is definitely strange to have them playing as underdogs to the Montreal Canadiens.

GOSSIP AND GABBLE

by Maureen Wylie [143 Rose Park Drive]
At the very end of Eglinton Ave. E., just a couple of blocks north of Research Enterprises Ltd. there is a beautiful estate which used to belong to Col. Flanagan. The estate is called "Divadale" and is now being used for a R.C.A.F. convalescent home. Every Friday the lads are entertained by the Red Cross girls. There are any number of things to do such as play bridge, cribbage, monopoly, ping pong and have a real



Issue No. 21, March 25, 1944.

[From Stuart Sheils, Italy, 12 March; 99 Wanless Cres. Six servicemen were invited to supper at a farm in Italy: your editor has chosen to remove ethnic slurs]

Talk about eat! The first course was four enormous plates of spaghetti, followed by dishes of meat, olives, nuts, bread, oranges and of course bottle after bottle of goof. We sat around for hours singing and talking

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jam session with records donated by Red Cross. During the evening candies, apples and cigarettes are in full circulation, all donated by same. At nine thirty refreshments are served such as coca [sic] and cakes. When ten o'clock rolls around it's time for the girls to go home and the boys to go to bed. We always have fun at "Divadale" and are told the boys look forward to their Friday nite entertainment.

AROUND THE TOWN

by Bill Houston [9 Wellington St. E]
On Friday, March 31st, at the Royal York Hotel, the Toronto Drummers' Club is going to splurge forth with their Ninth Annual Drummers' Ball. This will be a very gala occasion indeed ... The patrons of this dance should and probably will have a great time, that is of course, if it is possible to breathe once you get in the place. The last time this bureau attended an occasion such as this we had considerable trouble inflating the lungs enough to sustain life.

The Board of Police Commissioners of our fair city have decided that "jaywalking" is a deadly practice. Jaywalking citizens who beat red lights at intersections will be presented with "caution cards". The current plan is to have police present to these daring citizens a card that reads - "You have just crossed the street against a RED LIGHT" The card will also point out to the offender that this is a dangerous pastime. (They are kidding of course). It is hoped that the new procedure to commence in a few days will aid in reducing traffic accidents. Their slogan is "Stop saving seconds and losing your life".

'Caution Cards' Are Prepared by Police For Jaywalking Toronto Citizens

Globe & Mail 24 March, 1944



Divadale, the Bayview mansion of Captain (later Colonel) James Flanagan, 1938. Toronto Star at TRL

This house was originally the home of Alice Kilgour, widow of Toronto businessman and philanthropist Joseph R. Kilgour. After his death, a large part of their estate became Sunnybrook Park; a veterans' hospital was built on another part. Alice Kilgour lived in York Lodge until 1930, when she sold to David Dunkelman, president of Tip Top Tailors. Six years later, Dunkelman sold to James Flanagan, who named it Divadale. In 1943, Flanagan offered the house as a convalescent home for World War 2 veterans. Divadale was demolished in the 1960s, and only its gates remain on Sutherland Drive. In 1978, Lyndhurst Hospital was built on the property.

LAST CALL FOR \$1.00 TICKETS

Toronto Drummers' Club

9th Annual DANCE

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BERT NIOSI
GREN HOBSON
DON ROMANELLI
THE MODERNAIRES
THE RED JACKETS
CHAS. HANNIGAN
JACK CRAYFORD
PAUL FIRMAN
JACK EVANS

3-BALLROOMS-3

Royal York Hotel

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

— ADVANCE SALE —
SINGLE TICKET - \$1.00
After March 29th \$1.50

— ON SALE AT —
Drummers' Paradise
59 Queen St. E.
Promenade Music Centre
83 Bloor St. W.



Band leader Bert Niosi left The Modernaires right

The Toronto Drummers' Club was formed in 1934 by George Newnham, owner of Drummers' Paradise, a store on Queen Street E. Newnham noticed that drummers are so busy setting up and packing up their equipment before and after a gig, they rarely have time to mix with the other musicians. Also, there is usually only one drummer in a dance band, so they don't have a chance to meet their peers. Hence the Toronto Drummers' Club, for professional and social interaction.

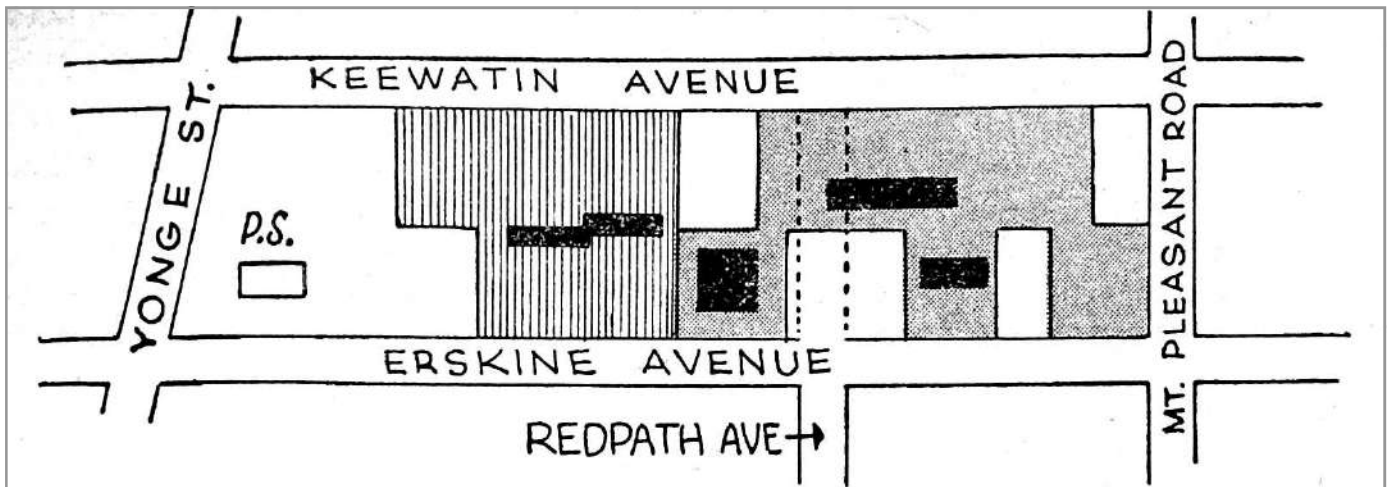
50 Years Ago

Items from the North Toronto Herald, 1968, contributed by Alex. Grenzebach. The Herald is available at Northern District Library.

Douglas Point, Canada's first full-scale nuclear electric plant, achieved full commercial operation in September. Ontario Hydro reported that electric heat "was installed in more than one out of every five new dwellings."

The Honourable Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced that the "use of DDT has been discontinued in Canada's National Parks and is being replaced by less persistent insecticides."

Starting September 1, the Ontario Highway Traffic Act required approved helmets to be worn by both the motorcycle operator and the passenger. Also, "Attaching Oneself to a Moving Vehicle" was prohibited.



New High-Rise Apartment "City" — Three blocks from Eglinton subway station, this 1,420-suite joint venture by Greenwin Construction Co. Ltd. (striped area) and Meridian Developments (dark area) will contain four residential towers. New buildings (in black) L to R are: 27-storey double tower; 23-storey block; 29-storey main Meridian structure; 23-storey building. Redpath ave., shown going through site in dotted lines, will be closed off to become part of a new park. White sectors in dark area are low-rise apartment buildings and service station not included in project.

Police Chief James Mackey "revealed a study of closed circuit television has been going on for at least two months". He said it was required because "the force has not been able to recruit enough men to stop a 17 per cent increase in crime".

The TTC reported a low bid of \$6,900,000 for the subway tunnel from Eglinton to Lawrence and \$4,900,000 for the tunnel from Lawrence to York Mills. Construction was to begin in mid-September.

DISCOVER A RADIANT YOU FOR THE FALL SEASON!

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The Toronto Real Estate Board reported that 45% more residential building permits were issued in the first six months of 1968 as compared to 1967. Metro "now enjoys the highest per capita construction expenditures in the world."

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The big D.



John Diefenbaker recently celebrated his 73rd birthday and told reporters that he has been in Parliament for 28½ years. "There may be snow on the roof, but that doesn't mean that the fire in the furnace has gone out," he said. Dief continues to be one of Parliament's most out-spoken and quoted members.

If you were born in

1902



You should apply now for your OLD AGE SECURITY PENSION

By applying now, you will receive your first payment in January, 1969, when persons who have reached the age of 66 become eligible for Old Age Security.

If you were born in 1903

... make application for your Old Age Security pension six months before your 66th birthday.

An application form for your Old Age Security pension is available at your local Post Office, or you can write to the Regional Director of Old Age Security in the capital city of your Province. Along with your application form you will receive a pamphlet giving you full information about the Old Age Security pension program.

GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

As soon as your Old Age Security pension is approved, you will be sent information about the Guaranteed Income Supplement and an application form. You may be entitled to a supplement which, together with your Old Age Security pension, will guarantee you a monthly income of at least \$107.10.

ISSUED BY THE HON. JOHN C. MUNRO, MINISTER

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE



A high-stepping Lawrence Park outfit: Ene Varik, 17, Susan Griesdale, 18, Kathy McAdam, 16, Barb Burt, 16, and Sue Groves, 16.

East Toronto residents in the Greenwood district were organizing to defeat Sunday afternoon racing at "old Woodbine" at Queen and Woodbine. It was reported that "weddings and funerals at two churches on Queen St. opposite the track have to be timed to miss the race crowds."

100 Years Ago

Digitised Globe and Toronto Star newspapers can be accessed through the Toronto Public Library website by logging in with your library card.

<p>NORTH TORONTO HOMES FOR WORKERS CRYING NEED IN NORTH</p> <p>Some Six-Roomed Houses Built, But Lowest Rent Is \$30 Monthly.</p>	<p>NORTH TORONTO HE'S INCLINED TO GROW BECAUSE CHICKENS PAY</p> <p>A North Toronto Poultryman Gives Figures as to "Eggzeit" Profit—Hen Fruit Figures.</p>	<p>NORTH TORONTO TO BREED RABBIT FOR EATING PURPOSES</p> <p>North Toronto Residents Plan Campaign Against H.C. of L.—Orangemen Attend Picnic.</p>
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By 1918, the war in Europe was affecting the Home Front. There was a desperate housing shortage throughout the Toronto area. One builder said, "There is a very great need for smaller houses in North Toronto that will be within reach of the laboring man's pocket book, for if a community fails to provide such accommodation it has failed in its value and service to the people."

In an attempt to reduce the high cost of living as a result of the war, people were encouraged to produce their own food. A *Star* reporter asked a Broadway Ave resident if people were breeding rabbits for food. "Well, I should say they are," was the reply. "People around here are just crazy about them and that's no joke." He claimed that a rabbit bought for 50c "had given three adults two hearty meals" and it tasted just like chicken

Keeping poultry for eggs had also become a profitable enterprise

AVIATION

We, the eyes of the army aloft,
 Watch from our dizzy heights the Hun,
 And tho' we're fiercely attack'd and
 Often driv'n off,
 We see their movements and locate their
 guns.
 To cheer up our spirit and steady our nerve,
 We draft **ARMY CLUBS** and force
 them to serve.

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 "OVER HERE" AND "OVER THERE"

Larger than the
 ordinary cigarette

Toronto Daily Star. 5 Sept 1918

Autumn in Algonquin Park

The Most Delightful Season for a Vacation in the Woods.

Make reservations now at **HOTEL ALGONQUIN**, Joe Lake, Mowat P.O., Ont. **J. E. COLSON**, Proprietor.

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Any Grand Trunk Ticket Agent at **W. J. MOFFATT**, City Passenger Agent, Northwest Corner King and Yonge Streets. Phone Main 4202, or Union Station Ticket Office, Phone Main 4671.

Globe, August 1918

They Don't Care

If It Rains All Day

Why should they care? They're happy.

They have their Victrola and Harry Lauder and all the rest of the world's best entertainers and musicians to make them happy.

Why should they care what the weather is like?

Have a Victrola with you up the Humbler, or on your vacation, or at the summer cottage, or at your home, or anywhere you are, and you don't need to care what happens—you have solid enjoyment under any conditions.

Call at our Victrola Parlors and learn how easy it is to own a Victrola—All sizes and prices, and easy terms—and let us play for you some of the best records from our stock of thousands.

Ye Olde Firms
Heintzman & Co., Limited
 Heintzman Hall, 193-5-7 Yonge St.

Toronto Daily Star, 11 July 1918

Heritage Calendar

Architecture of Southern Ontario

Instructor architectural historian **Marta O'Brien**
This is non-credit evening course at U of T— no assignments or tests!

Many towns in southern Ontario have beautiful, well-preserved historic buildings. Join Marta to examine town halls, inns, libraries, post offices, and other building types from more than a dozen communities, focusing on structures built before the 1930s. The houses range from grand mansions built for the most important people in town to farmhouses and cottages. Marta will show hundreds of images of buildings and their details, including archival photographs.

DATES: Thursdays, 4 Oct. – 22 Nov. 2018 (8 sessions)

TIME: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

PLACE: OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), 252 Bloor St. W.

COST: \$325

LINK: learn.utoronto.ca, then type Southern Ontario into upper right *Find a Course* box

Heritage Toronto



538 Jarvis St., 1952 TRL

receiving homes in Toronto: Northwold (538 Jarvis Street), demolished 1957) which operated from 1922 to 1948; and George Crookshank House (address now 56 Blue Jays Way) from 1909 to 1922..

Northwold plaque presentation:

DATE: Fri. 28 Sept. 2018, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Metro Hall

REGISTRATION REQUIRED <https://tinyurl.com/y9n2lmff>



44TH ANNUAL

HERITAGE TORONTO AWARDS

Celebrating the extraordinary contributions to the conservation and promotion of Toronto's heritage by individuals, groups and organizations, this is *the* gala event for Toronto heritage.

DATE: Monday, 29 October, 2018

Mayor's Reception 5:30 p.m.

Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Carlu, 444 Yonge St. at College

INFO: www.heritagetoronto.org

TICKETS: <https://tinyurl.com/y8fp32vn>

Exhibits

TD Gallery, Toronto Reference Library

789 Yonge Street

Pathways: Following traces of Indigenous routes across Ontario

Land and water routes across what is now Ontario reveal layers of Indigenous knowledge, resistance and presence that connect from time immemorial to the present and the future.

This exhibit features works by contemporary Indigenous artists as well as historical materials from the collections of the Toronto Public Library and Library and Archives Canada.

DATES: To 28 Oct. 2018

GUIDED TOURS: Tuesdays at 2 pm; Saturday 29 September at 2 pm. Meet inside the TD Gallery. Drop in. No registration required.

INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/y8kftfys6>
416-395-5577

Mackenzie House

82 Bond St

William Lyon Mackenzie: Toronto's First Mayor

As the first Mayor of Toronto in 1834, William Lyon Mackenzie faced a series of challenges: accusations of bias from a divided and hostile council; a catastrophic accident at City Hall; the deadly return of cholera to Toronto, and perhaps his biggest challenge of all: building a city bureaucracy from scratch. The exhibit explores an eventful year in the life of City, as shown through the ups and downs of Toronto's first Mayor.

DATES: To 6 Jan. 2019

ADMISSION: \$5.00 - \$8.00

INFO: www.toronto.ca
(416) 392-6915

Textile Museum of Canada

55 Centre Ave

Crosscurrents: Canada in the Making

This land has long been the meeting place of many cultures. Textiles and their stories reveal the ways in which cultural traditions adapt and evolve as diverse communities come into contact with new environments. *Crosscurrents* explores ongoing cultural exchanges and interactions between First Peoples, settler Canadians and newcomers over the last two centuries. The exhibition examines shifting identities and contestations that inform textile expressions alongside the stories of those who make Canada their home. Textiles old and new inspire new generations of textile practitioners and stimulate the sharing of knowledge and insights.

DATES: To 31 March 2019

ADMISSION: \$6.00 - \$15.00

INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/y9udx92c>
(416) 599-5321

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Market Gallery, 2nd floor South St. Lawrence
Market, 95 Front Street East

***Bike City: How industry, advocacy and
infrastructure shaped Toronto's cycling culture***

DATES: Continues to 17 Nov. 2018; closed Sun. & Mon.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 - \$8.00

INFO: www.toronto.ca
(416) 392-7604

Walks

NTHS Fall Walk: DAVISVILLE VILLAGE

Discover the old village of Davisville with the North Toronto Historical Society (NTHS) and South Eglinton Ratepayers and Residents Association (SERRA). We walk come rain or shine!

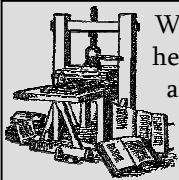
DATE: Sunday, 30th September, 2:00-3.45 p.m.

MEET: NW corner Davisville and Mount Pleasant.
(June Rowlands Park)



Davisville: Merton St. 1913

CTA



We welcome contributions from members: heritage events and achievements, brief articles and photographs of local history interest.

**Submissions for the next Newsletter by
1 Dec. to dawsonbh@rogers.com or call 416-481-6622.**

Receive the NTHS UPDATER by email!

Would you like us to remind you of upcoming meetings and heritage events with an electronic newsletter?

Email me at alexg@alumni.uwaterloo.ca and I will add you to the distribution list. *We will not give out your email address.*

Alex. Grenzebach



More Walks...

Heritage Toronto heritagetoronto.org/events
Walks continue to 6 October.

Gravestones & Greenery in Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Led by NTHS member **Doug Campbell**

DATE: Thurs. 27 Sept., 6:30

MEET: Kay Gardner Beltline Park entrance (378 Mount Pleasant Road)

ROMWalks <https://tinyurl.com/y8pje8re>

Walks continue to 28 October.

Riverside Walks

Walks continue through October.

Or download their walk guides and DIY

WALK GUIDES: <https://tinyurl.com/y7qxb2r2>

Lost Rivers

Lost Rivers maps the streams and waterways buried by urban development, and offers both guided and self-guided walks.

INFO: <http://www.lostrivers.ca/content/WalkSchd.html>



Kensington Market Minute

Historica Canada recently released a delightful little animated film about the changing faces of Kensington Market.
<https://youtu.be/8E2z9YouMfM>



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An affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society, and a non-profit charitable organization.

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www.northtorontohistoricalsociety.org

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