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Church officers plan for new church. Left to right: Fred Farmer, John Stine, Harold Thuve, Perry Stephenson, Fred Degner, Marcus Tibbetts, Neils Boesen, Delmar Moore. Not pictured: Harry Kingsley, Mark Hanna, Ervene Smith

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### Notes from the Executive

Greetings to you all again! In the next few months we will see some new faces in some of our mission fields. Rev. George Kraus has accepted the call of Holy Cross, Saint Louis, to be its pastor. St. Matthew's Congregation in New York City has voted to call a graduate from the seminary in June. The congregation at Delavan, Wis., has called Rev. Martin Kosche of Madison, Wis., to be its pastor. The Madison field has become too large for one missionary and so has been divided. The Madison field will now include Madison, Baraboo, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Black River Falls. The Delavan field will include Delavan, Watertown, Beloit, and Rockford. The Silent Lutheran Church of Madison had a call meeting on Sunday, February 15. To continue to do the work we must do, our Board will ask the seminaries to send our Mission three graduates in June and two vicars.

Another new preaching station has been begun. Rev. Bottlinger of Memphis now has monthly services at Anniston, Ala. The St. Louis missionary is now planning to have weekly services at Fulton, Mo., for the Lutheran children at the State School for the Deaf. Students from the seminary will help along with Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City.

Rev. Arnold Lutz, a former missionary to the Deaf, who is now a missionary in India, writes that he "still hopes someday to be able to spend his time in opening the work among the Deaf here in India, but under present circumstances there is simply no time for that." We hope the time will soon come when he can work with the Deaf. Our missionaries in Africa are now trying to get some facts and figures on the Deaf in Nigeria to see what need there is in that land for work among the Deaf.

During 1958 many of our Lutheran members, hearing and deaf, gave money for mission projects. Our Deaf Mission received gifts totaling \$1,417.22. This money has been sent to various missionaries to buy filmstrip projectors, filmstrips, and supplies of material to use for work with the deaf children. These gifts have certainly been a help to our work.

In a newsletter from Rev. Merrell of Indianapolis is an item that says he has begun weekly services for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing at the local Goodwill Center. That is wonderful. If there are other Deaf who work in Goodwill, why don't you ask for weekly services by a Lutheran misssionary?

A recent news release said that there are now twenty Lutheran pastors in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark who preach to the Deaf. If it is possible to get more information about this, we will pass it along to you.

Our missionary in Canada, Rev. Bauer, is now in the process of buying some lots near to the Deaf school there. The international Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be asked for a \$33,000 grant to build a parsonage-student center on the ground.

May our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant unto you all the gift of everlasting life.

W. F. REINKING

## The Protecting Hand of God

Our missionaries to the Deaf travel hundreds, thousands, of miles each year to bring the Gospel of Jesus to their people. If we figured the number of miles our pastors have traveled since the Mission began in 1896, it would be 'way up in the millions. Yet there has never been an accident that has killed one of our missionaries. Why? Because they all have had good luck? No, the protecting hand of God is always over them. Just recently Rev. W. A. Westermann of Washington, D. C., experienced again this protecting hand of God. Here is what he writes:

"I had a real time of it last month on my trip to the Carolinas and East Tennessee. I got caught in one of the nicest blizzards you ever saw. To get through to Knoxville, I was advised to take the early bus from Asheville It left Asheville at 2 A. M., and all was well until we got up to the 4.000-foot level. Roads were ice and snow about eight inches deep, and it was snowing hard with a 40-mile-an-hour wind. When we got to the 4,000-foot level, we found a trailer truck that had skidded across the highway and blocked it nicely. In trying to pass we slid into the ditch and sat.

"The Park Patrol came by and tried to help. Finally they sent a big cat (tractor) from the roadconstruction camp to pull the truck out and then us. We got about 10 or 20 feet and slid into the ditch on the other side next to a drop-off. Not a happy feeling, I can assure you. The temperature stood at zero. Thank goodness, the bus was warm, and we had enough gas. So they tried to pull us out once more and dragged us up the hill for about two or three city blocks. When left to ourselves, the motor choked. coughed, and died every time the driver tried to put the bus into gear. Then to our horror the bus started to slide backwards toward the drop-off. The brakes held the wheels locked all right, but the wheels slid on the ice. There was nothing to do but breathe a prayer and commend yourself to God's care. Two of the passengers made a jump for it, but the rest of us had no chance at all. We just sat frozen.

"We could look over the edge and see the camp about 4,000 feet below us and nothing in between. Suddenly the bus gave a lurch and stopped. The rear wheels had broken through the crust and held. The patrolmen who had been standing by helplessly jumped and laid a huge beam back of the wheels and then told us to come and look. We did!

"We were about one foot or 18 inches from going over and down. God had kept His promise concerning His angels to keep us in all our ways. This was about 4 A.M. We sat there until 11:20 before help came and took us off the mountain. We had a climb of 1,000 feet more before we reached the top, and we were told, 'Going down is going to be worse, folks!' But we made it without any mishap and were thankful to the Lord when we reached the valley floor and level roads. It was some experience all right - one I have no desire to repeat soon. But it did impress on my mind anew the wonder of Christian faith and trust in God. How can anyone face life with its uncertainties and not have the comfort of a gracious God and Savior?"

Rev. Westermann closed his letter with these words: "I leave again tonight on the same trip. Am glad that I can do it since there is so much to be done." Thank God for men with faith and zeal such as he has! Tonight, and every night, pray that God's protecting hand will be over your pastor. W. F. REINKING

### "Thy Kingdom Come"

We do not pray: "Let us come to Thy kingdom," as if we could obtain it by our running; but: "Thy kingdom come," namely, to us. The kingdom of God with all its gracious blessings must come to us if we are to have it. Of ourselves we could never come to His kingdom. When Christ reigns in us, then we are in His kingdom and possess its blessedness." — MARTIN LUTHER.

## "Black Spots"

Mrs. Sampson was reading Uncle Al's Missionary Adventures in Africa, published by the Moody Press and purchased through Concordia Publishing House.

She was reading it because of the distance from Oklahoma City to El Reno, where we were going to visit friends. These little books are good reading. They hold the interest of the children (even children like myself, 35 years old).

The drama was not only in the hardships and dangers faced by the consecrated missionary and his family, the Mitchells, but also in the way the story shows the need for faith in Jesus, and forgiveness and salvation by faith in Jesus.

The unlearned native of the African jungle was teaching the white boy an important lesson. "Yenibwe bad, too, once on time. But Jesus, He good. And Jesus, He make Yenibwe good. He put nice, white robe on Yenibwe's black soul. Now if lion kill Yenibwe, Yenibwe go to sky home." My wife at those words turned to each of us in the car and asked, "Do you have that white robe from Jesus to clothe your black soul?"

It was our daughter, Catherine, age 8, who showed wisdom beyond her years. "Yes, but once in a while I get black spots on it."

Black spots. We all have them. I have some black spots on my robe because I failed to teach my children as much about God as I might have, if only I had taken more time. But I have taught them something. They do know about white robes and black spots. And now one of them has taught me.

We have white robes. They are white because Jesus makes them white. This is, oh, so very important. But it is also important that we keep our robes clean. Pray each day that God will take away the spots on your white robe. Pray that God will help you keep your white robe clean.

Let's stamp out black spots. Leave none to spoil our robes and shame our Jesus. M. J. SAMPSON



## Oklahoma Field Receives Gifts

Pastor Marlin Sampson has acknowledged several gifts recently which he accepted in the name of the Oklahoma field. At El Reno the Deaf presented him with a "sandwich." The "green stuff" between the bread was a different kind of "lettuce" — paper money to the amount of \$25.00. At Tulsa the members gave Rev. Sampson another \$10.00. All this was given toward the purchase of a new typewriter.

The ladies of Christ Lutheran Church in Amarillo, Tex., sent a gift of \$28.00, and Immanuel Congregation in Oklahoma City sent \$30.00.

Rev. Sampson opened a new preaching station in Amarillo in December. He has been conducting services there regularly ever since.

## To Dedicate Altar Vases

*Omaha, Nebr.* Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha plans to dedicate a pair of altar vases to match the present cross and candlestick set. One is a gift of Mrs. Florence Petersen in memory of her brother, Mr. Ivan Howsdon. The other vase is made possible by Mrs. Rose Hladik in memory of her brothers, Paul and Ruben Petersen. The ladies' aid assisted in the purchase of the second vase.

## New York Calls Candidate

New York, N. Y. At the call meeting held on Saturday, January 24, the voters' assembly of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., voted unanimously to call a candidate to be their new pastor.

A candidate is a student at either of the two Lutheran seminaries, St. Louis, Mo., or Springfield, Ill., who is in his final year and will be graduated in June. Calls sent to candidates are handled by a special board — the Board of Assignments. The candidate chosen will receive the call early in May.

The call is being sent to fill the vacancy created when Pastor Simon accepted a call to a congregation in Michigan. Vicar Orlin Anderson now has the responsibility to conduct services at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Harlem. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Jackson Heights, and Nassau Lutheran Deaf Mission, supervise the meetings of all church organizations, and conduct classes at four schools for the Deaf in the New York area.

## Wedding at Rochester

Rochester, N. Y. Miss Doris Whiteman of Rochester and Mr. Kent Fenley of Cleveland were united in holy matrimony on January 5 at a private ceremony in Alpha Church of Rochester. Pastor Rohe conducted the ceremony.

## PTR Mission in Springfield

Springfield, Ill. A special drive to reach people who are not members of a church was made in Springfield, Ill., January 25 to 29, with the Springfield Deaf taking part. Mr. William Ludwig of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Pastor Delbert Thies of Jacksonville, Ill., and Rev. William Reinking of Saint Louis were the speakers for the special services.

The drive is called a "PTR (Preaching - Teaching - Reaching) mission." The services were followed by a question-and-answer period for people in the congregation. The Deaf in the Springfield area were visited by a representative of the Lutheran Church.

A similar drive is being planned by Lutheran churches in the Memphis area for the first week in April. Memphis Deaf will take part.

## Detroit Reports Official Acts

Pastor Borchardt of Detroit reports the following official acts in which he officiated recently:

Baptisms: Michael Cherniawski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cherniawski, on January 4; Robert Charles Seabaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seabaugh, on January 10 (emergency); and Nathaniel Hay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hay, on January 18.

Adult Confirmation: Mr. Thomas Cromley of Detroit on February 1, 1959.

Funerals: Forrest Peard of Detroit, who had passed away on January 6, was buried on January 9. Mrs. Maude Kimmel of Flint, Mich., departed this life on January 31 and was buried February 3.

## 1959 Conference Notices

The Ephphatha Conference will meet at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich., July 28-31.

The Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference will meet April 11 and 12 at Memphis, Tenn.

**The Eastern Deaf Retreat** will be held June 5—7 at Pocono Crest Lodge, Pocono Pines, Pa.

The places and dates of the following conferences have not been sent to the editor: Great Lakes Regional, Midwest Deaf Laymen, Montana Lutheran Deaf, North Central Regional, and Northwest Lutheran Laymen. Secretaries and clergymen, please take note.

## Gift for Typewriter

Worcester, Mass. The Deaf of Worcester, Mass., gave Rev. Earl Thaler \$65.00 to help him purchase an electric typewriter.

## Son Born to the Matthews

*Omaha, Nebr.* The fourth son in a family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Matthews on January 12. They have named him Ricky Stanley Matthews.

### New Church for Los Angeles Deaf

Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles is now building its new church plant in a new location near the corner of Vermont and Pico Blvd., about two miles west of downtown Los Angeles. The plant will include a chapel, parish hall, Sunday school rooms, and offices. It will cost about \$125,000. as close to the altar and pulpit as possible. The pews will be curved so that no one can sit directly behind another person. The lighting was specially designed for the needs of the Deaf.

The Lutheran Deaf of Los Angeles have been planning a new building for more than five years. During



Working at the new church site. Left to right: Harold Thuve, Fred Farmer, Harry Kingsley, Perry Stephenson, John Stine

Mr. Walter Hagedohm, a specialist in church architecture, is the architect. The contractor is Mr. Henry Goodwin. All the buildings will be made of reinforced brick, with the interior walls left exposed. Exposed laminated arches will support the Western Cedar roof.

The church will seat 240 on the main floor, with room for an overflow of 60 in the balcony. Every consideration was given to visibility in designing the chapel, and every person seated in the church will be this time the congregation grew, and their old church home became too small. The old frame building had been moved several times and was more than 75 years old. The Deaf felt that a larger, more attractive church with better facilities for a church program for young people, children, and adults was necessary to meet the challenge of an increasing Deaf population in the Los Angeles area.

When the property surrounding their church could not be bought,



the Deaf congregation planned to relocate in a more convenient location. Their new property is closer to downtown Los Angeles, and there are bus and streetcar lines on both Vermont and Pico. The property is 15 blocks west of the Harbor Freeway, which carries the traffic from South Los Angeles and Long Beach, and it will be about six blocks north of the Santa Monica Freeway, now under construction, which will carry much of the east-west traffic. Both in size and in location this new church plant is designed to serve the Deaf of the Los Angeles area for many years to come.

The city building code and the



type of construction prevent the Deaf from erecting the building themselves. But they do plan to do much of the interior work. They have decided to make the pews for the church, do all the cabinet work, finish the floors in the church and the parish hall, do the painting, and some of the finish carpenter work. is to lead the many Deaf of Los Angeles to the living and life-giving Savior. The pastor, Arnold T. Jonas, has been a pastor among the Deaf since January 10, 1939, when he became a missionary to the Deaf in South Dakota. In October 1942 he became pastor of the Deaf congregation in Seattle, Wash., where he



The Deaf members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church are very grateful to the Board of Missions to the Deaf, which has given them a total of \$60,000 and has promised them an additional \$15,000 this year. Without these gifts they would not have been able to build. The members are also giving for their building. They have promised to pay back a loan of \$70,000 in ten years. They will also pay for many of the furnishings.

Both pastor and members realize that building a church is only the first step. The most important task served until the fall of 1948. At this time he came to Los Angeles.

The second missionary to the Deaf in southern California is Rev. William H. Lange, who serves the preaching stations in the cities of southern California. He also helps with the work among the Deaf in Los Angeles. He has been with the Deaf of southern California since his graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1954. At present he travels between San Diego, 125 miles south of Los Angeles, to Lancaster, 75 miles north of Los Angeles, serving a number of cities between these two points. Both Pastors Jonas and Lange have weekly classes in religion for children at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, and Pastor Lange also has weekly religion classes in Long Beach.



#### ₩Mrs. H. Cummings ₩

Denver, Colo. It has pleased Almighty God to call to her eternal rest Mrs. Helma Cummings of Denver. She passed away on December 28 and was given a Christian burial in St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Cummings had been in Lamb Hospital several weeks after suffering a stroke.

## Received into Membership

Colorado Springs, Colo. After instruction in the chief teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Edna Auxier was baptized and received into membership on January 4.

#### ₩Mr. Don Henbest₩

Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Don Henbest passed away on December 15 and was given a Christian burial by Rev. Clark Bailey on December 19 in Colorado Springs. Mr. Henbest had been in Glockner-Penrose Hospital for several weeks before his death.

## Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Omaha, Nebr. On December 22 Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petersen celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage with a reception in the basement of Bethlehem Church.

GOD may empty our hands to fill our heart.

## ₩Walter F. Eckhardt₩

Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Walter Fred Eckhardt, senior member of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, passed away after a short illness on January 30. He was eighty years old.

Mr. Eckhardt was born November 25, 1878. He was baptized by Rev. O. C. Schroeder on April 9, 1922.

The funeral service was held February 3 at 8 P. M., Pastor H. Hoemann officiating. His body was laid to rest the following morning in Smithfield Cemetery.

On June 25, 1918, Mr. Eckhardt was married to his first wife, Florence, who preceded him in death, and to Mary Hastings Eckhardt on September 17, 1934. In addition to his widow he is mourned by his two daughters, Dorothy Yeager and Mary Garnett, and a son, Earl. He is survived by a brother, two sisters, and five grandchildren.

## Two Reese Children Baptized

Warren, Ohio. Patricia Lynn Reese and her brother, Harry James Reese III, were baptized in their home at McDonald, Ohio, by Pastor Hoemann on January 29. Patricia was born September 9, 1957; Harry was born September 30, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reese are both former students at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh. Mr. Reese is a linotype operator for a Youngstown firm.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life. John 10: 27, 28.

### Baptism in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. Laverne, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Mass, was baptized on January 4. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haggard.

### The Signs You See in Church Sky and Heaven

Here we have two signs which are very much alike. At times they are not used properly for the object we speak of. The sign for sky is often used for heaven, and the one for heaven is often used for sky.

That which we can see with our eyes is the sky. In many verses in the Bible the word "heaven" is used for that blue dome above us, and it means the sky. The sign for sky is made with both hands held about head-high in front of oneself. The one hand is laid open upon the other. Then both are slightly dropped and while doing so describe an arch, or dome. Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the and heaven [sky] the earth." Joshua 8:20: "The smoke of the city rose up high to the heaven [sky]."

The sign for heaven, the place where God is, that which we cannot see now, is made a little differently. Start with the sign for sky. Make the arch. Then push up the right hand under the left between the thumb and fingers, as the sign for "in." This brings out the idea that heaven is a place in which God dwells. Psalm 2:4: "He that sits in the heavens." Isaiah 14:3: "I will ascend [go up] into heaven."



#### Home Missions

Doing church work outside of our country we call foreign missions; expanding our church work by starting new congregations in our own country we call home missions.

What we now call home missions we formerly called inner missions, but because "inner missions" has a different meaning in Europe, we no longer use it for home missions. What they call inner missions we could now call social or welfare missions, namely, doing missionary work in hospitals, slum or rescue missions, orphanages, old folks' homes, and through welfare organizations.

"Father of Home Missions of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod" is a name given to Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, who from 1850 to 1864 was Synod's President. A sturdy man with a full beard, one could meet him on his horse in northern Indiana and Ohio and southern Michigan in the years after 1838 looking for Lutheran people scattered in the area. His yellow leather trousers identified him. Untiringly he traveled and looked for brethren of the faith, baptizing children, preaching, ministering to sick. Many stations were founded by him and others who likewise combed the territory westward until gradually during the years the entire country was covered

Home missions, as we look at the

history of our Synod, was the gathering of Lutherans into congregations. This was done through the German language, because these Lutherans were largely people who had come to America from Germany, just as the church work of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod was largely German, until God jarred us through World War I and gave us to understand in no uncertain way that English is our language in this country and that we should not hide our light under the bushel of a foreign language.

During World War I the use of the German language was temporarily forbidden in some areas. It was a hard pill to swallow for some people. But it was a blessing for millions: for now our church work expanded, and a great growth of our Synod resulted. Our people learned that the Gospel must be preached "to all nations" and in all languages, and here in America English is our language. So, while the old Germans were not forgotten and had their services, our Synod became a torch-bearer to our American fellow citizens for the truth of the old Gospel, gradually making use of all means of communication for Christ, the press, radio, and television.

We now have a Board for Missions in North and South America which directs and supervises the expansion work on these continents. Every District has its mission board or committee. Not only is the work carried on by these, but, as our President, Dr. J. W. Behnken, so aptly expressed it: "Every congregation is a mission station."

When members of congregations move into newly developing suburbs and areas, these congregations and their pastors keep an eye on those spots and wherever possible start a daughter congregation or call the attention of the District officials to the situation. The missions directors of the Districts are ever watching for openings for churches, schools, and Sunday schools.

Young congregations and missions are helped through the Church Extension Fund, a fund built up by collections and gifts. The money in this fund is never given away but only loaned to weak stations so that they can take care of their building needs; they repay the loans, usually within ten years; the money then is loaned to other congregations and so keeps on working. More and more people remember this fund in their last will and testament. Short- and long-term loans are also very much needed and are constantly being sought. To what better use could we put our money, at least some of it, than to give or loan it to the Church Extension Fund?

The chapels of our Mission for Deaf have had the benefit of the Church Extension Fund, and building them would have been much more difficult, and in many cases impossible, if there had been no Church Extension Fund in Synod.

The whole idea of Home Missions becomes clearly a duty when we remember that we received the Gospel because those who lived before us remembered Christ's command to preach the Gospel to every creature. We should do the same, and "charity begins at home"; and so it is our duty to bring the Gospel to our neighbors first of all.

N. P. Uhlig

# Funeral Etiquette

Funeral etiquette is the ability to do the proper thing at the proper time after a death. The following can be used as a guide:

Immediate family: Get in touch with your minister as soon as possible. Arrange with him the time and place of the funeral service and any other matter requiring spiritual guidance. Next, get in touch with your lawyer, if you have one, and notify your banker. There may be legal matters that need immediate attention, and there are financial arrangements to make. Your banker or lawyer can give you valuable advice on avoiding unnecessary expense so that no one may take advantage of you when your grief is your chief concern.

Be thoughtful of those who share your grief in the loss of their close friend. Express your appreciation to them if they call, and point out floral tributes they may have sent.

Acknowledge by card or, better, by personal note any message of condolence received, including those by telephone.

Be sure to thank the members of any club, fraternal organization, or other group who may call or send tributes.

To honor the memory of a loved

one in the years following the death, families may wish to make memorial contributions to their church or to a religious, medical, or social charity in which the deceased was interested. Your minister, banker, or lawyer can advise you how you may do this.

Near relative: Before the funeral make a wholehearted offer to help the family. Attend the funeral and pay your tribute — floral offering or memorial. Do not be offended at the place you are given in the funeral home, car, or procession. You must understand that during a service it is almost impossible to choose a position. After the funeral offer the family any further help. Never, at any time, make the family feel that you are "pushing" your services on them.

**Distant relative:** Call upon the family before the funeral at the funeral home. Offer your sympathy, and assist in any way you can during the funeral. Attend the service, and if you wish, pay a tribute. After the funeral you may write a comforting letter.

**Close friend:** Before the service you should call upon the family at the funeral home, offer your sympathy and your assistance. Attend the funeral, and send a floral offering or other tribute. After the service write a letter of condolence or call on the family.

**Casual friend:** You may call at the funeral home before the service and leave your card or sign the register. Do not insist upon seeing the family. If the funeral is public, you may attend if you wish. You may pay a tribute if you wish.

**Time of call:** Before calling at the funeral home to pay respect to

the deceased, check the classified death notice in the daily paper. Here will be found the place and time of service and the hours in which the family will be receiving callers. Naturally, you will give the family enough time to complete arrangements.

**Flowers:** Sometimes a family will request others to "Please omit flowers" and to make a donation, instead, to a specified charity or organization. Ordinarily a family will not want to prevent friends and relatives from sending flowers unless they have a special and unusual reason. Therefore, when such a request is made, it is well to follow it.

**Dress:** It is no longer necessary to wear somber, formal dress when calling at the funeral home or attending the burial service. Simplicity and comfort should guide your choice. If you wear the same clothing which you might wear to a church service, it will not be out of place.

**Cemetery service:** Often the family requests a private interment at the cemetery. In such case only those who have been invited should attend. If the service is public, attendance is a personal matter. It is no longer considered necessary for everyone who attends the funeral service to be present also at the cemetery.

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