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Poppy Day Is Coming Up

Search for Oil On Tap Next Tuesday

"Prospecting for Petroleum", a technicolor moving picture produced by the Shell Oil Company, dealing with behind-the-scenes glimpses of man's search for oil, will be shown at the next Tuesday meeting of the Carson-Wilson Post.

In the picture, events are traced leading up to the discovery of oil in America and a re-enactment of the drilling of the first well in the country is shown. Also depicted is the way oil is formed deep within the earth, and methods of scientific location of underground structures which might bear oil.

In filming the picture, Shell utilized the latest animation techniques, using miniature wooden and plastic figures photographed against landscapes and sets no larger than a kitchen table. A special camera was used, and illusion of motion was achieved by taking separate pictures of each step involved in the moving of arms, legs, or head. These actions were then synchronized with dialogue, and sound effects and music were added to produce the final effect.

Some idea of the difficulties involved in producing the picture might be gained in noting that it took almost a year to make the film. It runs actually 23 minutes but contains 33,120 separate frames, each of which had to be shot at least three times to meet Technicolor requirements. As many as 20 technicians and four cameras were required to film a single scene.

The film is the first of a series of six Shell films covering every phase of the oil industry. The series was planned to make Americans better informed about one of the nation's industries and how it has benefited civilization.

Segregation In VA Hospitals Ask For

National Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray was asked this week by Ernest Albright, Shawnee, to require VA hospitals to provide separate wards for Negro patients in states having segregation laws. Albright also suggested building four regional veterans hospitals for Negro veterans of all wars. He proposed a central training school for training of Negroes as nurses, lab technicians and general personnel for Negro hospitals. Albright said the program was not a slap at the Negro race, but was designed to give Negroes more freedom among their own people in hospitals.

News Leaks Out

In last week's Post news, we carried a story concerning the Carson-Wilson Post band making a trip to the Miami national convention. We hope the following letter from Chaplain C. M. Johnson will clear up things to some extent.

The letter, to the editor, reads: There was an error in our last week's issue—your item covering the Post band going to the Miami, Florida, national convention. At present no definite statement can be made on this subject.

The writer asked the executive committee for authority to explore the possibilities of sending the band. At the time I went before the committee I stated that no assurance at this time is guaranteed, and I further asked that no publicity be given the matter at this time. So I don't know how the news leaked out. (Editor's note: Just a good staff, that's all).

Please make correction stating that we are only feeling out the possibilities of raising the necessary finance to send the band. Thanks.

C. M. Johnson, Chaplain.

Filling Vacancies In Civil Service

The Civil Service Commission announces examinations for the position of Conservation Aid. Entrance salaries range from \$1,954 to \$2,394 per year. Employment will be with Field Headquarters of the Soil Conservation Service in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. Application forms may be obtained from any first or second class post office where this announcement is posted: Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas; Regional Director, Ninth U. S. Civil Service Region, New Federal Building, St. Louis 1, Missouri; or from the Regional Director, Fourteenth U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

Attention, Seabees!

Legionnaires who served with the Seabees during the war are eligible to join Navy Construction Battalion 8-8, an organized navy reserve unit which meets Friday nights at 8 p.m. in room 252, Post Office building. The unit, commanded by Lieut. Commander Virgil A. Wallace, is in need of additional members, and all eligible personnel are invited to attend meetings to "look it over."

Pryor To Hold 1st District Convention

An invitation to all post members to attend the First District convention at Pryor Saturday was received this week by Commander Halley. The letter reads:

We are extending to you a personal invitation to the First District convention to be held at Pryor, Oklahoma, Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.

If you could give us some idea of how many from your post and auxiliary unit will be present for the banquet on Saturday evening, we would appreciate it very much, as it will help those who are planning for it.

You will have, by this time, received a program of the convention from the department headquarters, so we will not repeat any of that.

We are hoping to see all of you at the convention.

Sincerely yours,

Sullivan-Lewis Post 182,
American Legion, Pryor,
Oklahoma.

P. S.—Formal dress is optional at the banquet and dance.

National Leaders Back Drive to Rebuild Faith in America

Indianapolis, Ind.—The title of The American Legion's first freedom booklet going to more than 1,000,000 homes April 1, will be "Wanted Ten Million Salesmen."

The initial brochure outlines the purpose of the "Dividends from Democracy" series of monthly freedom booklets as being to equip American citizens with facts and information with which they can defend free American democracy against all subversive propaganda.

Its theme is "It's what you do with what you have that makes you what you are!" Its lesson is that the people have to preserve the ideals that give America her strength.

The first endorsement of the new Americanism program contained in the initial freedom booklet comes from the White House.

President Harry S. Truman, a Legionnaire, says:

"I am more than happy to congratulate the Legion on its campaign to educate the people of the United States in citizenship and what that means to a citizen."

"The work done by the Legion over the past 28 years in this line is one of its proudest accomplishments, and I feel sure that this new intensive campaign will accomplish much."

It is the time when every Legionnaire has a chance to lend his support to a very worthy cause.

May 20th has been designated as Poppy Day, and as in past years, Carson-Wilson Post members are asked to "go all-out" in their support of the program.

C. M. Johnson has been named publicity chairman for the Carson-Wilson American Legion post Poppy Day committee. Johnson has jumped wholeheartedly into the job, and a report from his will be of interest to Post members.

The report of Johnson follows:

NOTICE!

The Legion Hut will be closed to Legion members (except 40 et 8ers) Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. This announcement is by order of the Executive Committee for the purpose of holding the 40 et 8 Annual Spring Wreck.

Atomic Power Plants May Find Champion In U. S. Air Forces

The one exception to fairly general U. S. indifference to atomic plants may turn out, curiously enough, to be the Air Forces, according to a McGraw-Hill Publishing Company "Atomic Report for 1948", which will be used in McGraw-Hill magazines, appearing first on April 10 in Business Week and Electrical World.

"Their NEPA project", the report states, "is built on the long-jump psychology that went from a wiggle on an oscilloscope in 1939 to Hiroshima in 1945. With Fairchild Engine and Airplane Company as principal contractor, the object is to try to build right away an atomic power plant for an airplane."

"When you remember that today's heavy bombers carry as much as 40 tons of gasoline (which a NEAP engine wouldn't need) this doesn't seem as fantastic as it does at first glance. But even so, the 'respectable' atom people are pretty scornful of NEPA. They're sure the only sound route is through stationary power plants, to ship propulsion, and eventually to aircraft. The friendliest of them feel toward NEPA much as a man who is holding down a steady job with a future might feel toward his flyer in the grain market."

Another Smoker

Another Smoker is on tap in the near future—April 30th—this time to be sponsored by the Legion, with Pig Davis in charge of arrangements.

Admission for the Smoker will be increased slightly over past prices, but everyone is guaranteed more than his money's worth of eats and fun.

* "Monday evening, April 12, a joint meeting of the Legion and the VFW, with members of the respective auxiliaries of each organization, met at the Legion hut to lay plans for our annual sale of poppies and the Poppy easel boards.

"The meeting was called to order by Paul Burns, newly-elected Poppy Chairman for the VFW. Mrs. Glen Coddington, of the Legion auxiliary, acted as secretary. A large representation of both veterans' organizations and the Auxiliary units were present.

"Legionnaire Harlan K. Nelson, Poppy Chairman for the Carson-Wilson post, was elected as general chairman of the joint committee for 1948. Mrs. Edna Johnson, auxiliary chairman for the VFW, was elected to office of secretary to the joint committee. After discussion, it was decided to set Thursday, May 20th as Poppy Day for the street sales in Tulsa. As each of you know, this will be the day the ladies of the Auxiliaries of each organization go to work, and we can depend upon them to do a good job as they have always done in the past.

"The official day will be set aside as 'Poppy Day' by the Mayor's proclamation later, and if the weather is inclement we will have Friday the 21st to fall back upon.

"This year both the Auxiliary units have go-getting chairmen and a spirited contest is assured, with pay-off results. Mrs. Edna J. Johnson, of the VFW auxiliary, says she is ready with her army of co-workers and now only marking time for Zero Hour May 20th.

"We of the Legion do know the battle records of that rootin'-tootin' shootin' commanding general heading our own auxiliary unit in this campaign—she is Mrs. Craig. Yes, Legiannaire, that's Sam Craig's wife. You know Sam—he got elected on our executive committee this year. (He's the fellow who likes to eat.) We all love the Craig family for the fine work they have always done for the Legion. You can always find Mrs. Craig in there pitching on the Community Fund drives, Red Cross and now we know she will do her best for this worthy cause for our sick and disabled veterans and their families. We are confident that all members of the auxiliary unit will rally to support her in selling Poppies this year.

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"U.M.T.—BACK IT"

Department Adjutant Elmer Fraker, in a letter received this week by Commander Halley, brought up a topic which has been receiving attention over the entire country, and a topic which vitally concerns all of us at this time—Universal Military Training.

In the letter, Fraker noted that department headquarters had been informed that the universal training bill is to be considered by the senate within a few days.

"It is a critical time in our national history, and we must not be found unprepared for emergencies as we have been twice before in our lifetime," Fraker wrote. "We can only prevent a recurrence of such wars by letting the world know that we are strong enough to take care of ourselves—then no aggressor will dare attack us."

"Let us answer the call of our national commander," Fraker urged, "and our national legislative director, by seeing that telegrams, letters and resolutions are immediately sent to our two senators, urging that they support Universal Military Training. Get everyone in your community who will to write to Senator Elmer Thomas and Senator E. H. Moore, urging their support of this vital piece of legislation."

At the Tuesday night meeting, Legiannaire Geo. Norvell moved that the post go on record as approving Universal Military Training. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Would Extend Pay Deadline for Veterans

The House Armed Services Committee has approved a measure which would extend the deadline for filing claims for mustering-out pay for veterans of World War II, to February 3, 1950. The original deadline expired last February.

Committee members said many veterans had failed to file for mustering-out pay because the deadline expired before they knew it.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Allred, Unit president, announces that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary room at the American Legion hut. All members are urged to be present to meet the Americanism essay winners and judges who will be our guests. Mrs. W. I. Rainwater, Americanism chairman, announces the following winners in the senior high school and junior high school contests respectively:

1st prize winner, Marguerite Eng, Central; 2nd prize winner, Roger Paulwing, Daniel Webster; 3rd prize winner, Martha Bashaw, Central.

1st prize winner, Elizabeth Flinn, Horace Mann; 2nd prize winner, Lyman Fretwell, Horace Mann; 3rd prize winner, Mary Born, Horace Mann.

The subject was "Our Great American Heritage—Liberty" and the judges of the essays from the senior high schools were the mesdames R. Cass Holloway, J. Raymond Cobb and Richard M. Miernert, all of the Tulsa Woman's Club. Those of the essays from the junior high school were mesdames Mrs. Redmond S. Cole, J. O. Misch, O. L. Wetzel of the History and Literature Club.

All of the winners have been invited to be guests at the next regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary hut at 8:00 p.m. on April 20th and receive their cash prizes.

The essays which won first place in their respective groups have been sent to the Department Americanism chairman to compete in the state contest.

A district meeting of the A. L. Auxiliary has been set for Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18 at Pryor, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Sam Craig, general poppy chairman, announces the following chairmen: Mrs. G. A. Jackson, co-chairman, Mrs. Ruth Brown, Poppy Board chairman, Mrs. Blanche Welch, Downtown Placement chairman, Mrs. H. Blain Lacy, chairman of Workers, Mrs. Sam Burnham, Poppy Corsage chairman, and Mrs. N. H. Davis, Poppy Dance chairman.

The following announcement will be of interest to all Auxiliary members who will join in extending congratulations to our president and her husband and daughter:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Coleman announce the marriage of their daughter, Maxine to Mr. John W. Allred Saturday, April 3 in the First Methodist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

—MRS. H. E. GLASER,
Publicity Chairman.

Our Modern Army An Educated Army

In recognition of this precept, the Army has taken certain steps to see that her soldiers have every chance for a formal education.

Innovations designed to attract highest calibre recruits on the high school and college levels were motivated by recognition of the individual's importance in military service.

Backbone of the Army's socialized training program is the system of major technical schools operated by the Army itself.

Under a new pre-selection school plan, high school graduates choose their technical school before enlistment.

Standby Draft A Cowardly Out

Washington, D. C.—James F. O'Neil, National Commander of The American Legion, told Congress that a standby draft would be "a cowardly out" in the face of the current world situation.

He took that slap at the proposal being considered by some members of Congress in testimony before the Senate Armed Forces Committee. He appeared in support of President Truman's request for UMT and a revival of Selective Service.

O'Neil insisted that both measures were needed because the U. S. "is moving toward war at an accelerated pace." He warned that Russia "appears more ruthless and treacherous than its Nazi predecessor."

"The American Legion deplores congressional rumors that UMT will be brushed aside in favor of setting up a standby Selective Service System under which our young men would be registered but uncalled," he said.

"The American Legion would regard any such decision as a cowardly out, and an inexcusable exposure of the American people to danger. It is our hope that Congress will advance the program from Universal Military Training and the temporary draft without yielding to political considerations."

O'Neil said the Legion believed that the time had come for Congress to begin "putting the United States on a war footing". Armed strength can be demobilized if differences with Russia are adjusted peaceably, he said.

He also denounced Henry A. Wallace's testimony against UMT, particularly Wallace's reference to the trained reserve of 15,000,000 World War II veterans. The average age of those war veterans now is 29, he said, and half of them no longer would qualify as draft eligibles.

"We must face the fact that our World War II veterans—who already have so nobly served their country—cannot immediately fill the breach as combat soldiers," O'Neil said. "The supposition that they can is a dangerous illusion."

Poppy Day—

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"The sale of Poppy easel boards will start May 3. The VFW auxiliary unit has appointed Mrs. Alta Harris as chairman in sale of boards, and the VFW post has named John D. Watkins as chairman of the easel sale division. Both of these chairmen are very capable in handling their responsibilities for the respective organizations.

"Another 'get-things-done' gal is heading the Legion Auxiliary unit as their chairman in selling boards—yep, you all know her, Mrs. Ruth Brown, a member of long standing. The chairman to head the Legion in selling the easel boards has not yet been named. Our Poppy chairman and the general chairman of the joint committee, Legiannaire H. K. Nelson, is looking for a hot-shot salesman within our ranks who can get the job done. Nelson promises to name a chairman within a few days and his selection will be announced in the next Post news issue.

Each member of our organization and the Auxiliary unit is aware that the sale of these Poppies and easel boards each year is not only the responsibility of a few in our Post and the Unit, but a personal obligation which

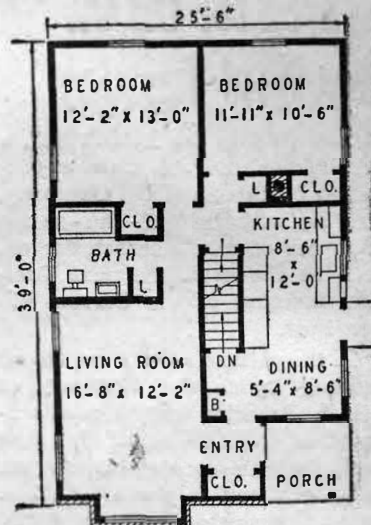
HOME OF THE MONTH



Here is the kind of house that fits snugly on a narrow lot without losing its elbow room or any of its charm. Porched entry has a handy coat closet and leads into the living room or directly into the dining area. A departure from the trend that extends living and dining activities into one large room, this home separates these units but allows easy access to each from the other.

Bedrooms at rear of house afford utmost privacy without sacrificing light or air, are close to the bath and have ample closet space. Two linen closets provide plenty of storage for both bed and bath linens. Kitchen is narrow but has all the necessary utilities and cabinets, and extended dining area is at one side of the convenient side entrance.

This home is planned to include a basement and second story, but upstairs may be left unfinished until later since the completed first floor will accommodate adequately an average family.



Designed by Kurtz & Trumpf of Milwaukee, Wis., this home was featured in PRACTICAL BUILDER Magazine, Chicago 3. WORKING PLANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

each member should assume in order to help our sick and disabled buddies and their families.

Mrs. Zell Brown, spoke on this subject at the joint meeting, and brought out very clearly the point I am tryin gto make. Mrs. Benton has been in this work for years and at present is first district chairman.

"Our post commander was wise in his selection of your friend and my friend, Harlan K. Nelson, as this year's leader for our Poppy Day sales. He is the same one who heads the joint committee. He is a salesman in civilian life and is equipped to give us the highlights in disposing of these easel boards and poppies. He is rated as a super-duper salesman and his last big financial success in the sales field was selling a popular brand of refrigerator to the Eskimos.

Our salute to the chairman heading our post and the auxiliary unit. Let each of us set aside one full day or at least a half-day to lend a helping hand in selling the boards and poppies.

"Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attending the meeting on Monday night included the following:

"Commander Harry Halley; Ma-

dam President of Auxiliary, Mrs. John Allred; Mrs. Zell Barton; Mr. Joe Harman; Glen Coddington; Mrs. Glen Coddington; Mrs. A. Leroy Hennigar; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig; Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Effie Blanchard; Mrs. G. A. Jackson; Mr and Mrs. Sam Burnham; Mrs. A. R. Jarvis; Mrs. Ray E. Brock; John Allred; Mrs. Gene Sullivan; Mrs. Harriet Blair Lacy; A. R. Jarvis; Carl Blackford; C. J. Bohannon; C. M. Johnson.

"(Others may have attended besides those on this list, but up to the press time these names were all we could obtain. If we missed anyone, please except our apologies—it was purely accidental)."

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AMERICA ALWAYS AMERICAN

The American Legion has undergone great changes since its cradle days in 1919. From a fledgling group it has grown into the world's largest veterans' organization. It is solidly established in 16,941 posts. It has more than 3,000,000 members. As it has grown in stature, it has grown also in public esteem, in prestige and in influence.

But in one respect The American Legion has not changed and NEVER WILL! It is still loyally in the service of God and Country. Legionnaires are still "unreconstructed patriots" fighting to KEEP AMERICA ALWAYS AMERICAN!

American Legion accomplishments are without end. But its task is not done. Its greatest work has just really begun. America's needs are never at a standstill. They are more urgent today than ever before. America today is more than the happy liberty mansion of 140,000,000 Americans. It needs burglar-proofing. Today it is also the LAST stronghold of freedom in the whole world. As such it is also the LAST hope of all men and women everywhere who seek to be free in the face of ever-mounting odds of a new world-wide threat of communism. American must never become a LOST stronghold and a LOST hope!

FOES WITHIN AND WITHOUT

This final fortress of freedom is the target of ruthless enemies. They are working from the outside. They are also working from the inside. Our first job is to man the ramparts in such strength that we can repel all attacks from any quarters.

The American Legion is fighting for immediate enactment of Universal Military Training legislation because we believe it is our best defense against our external enemies. Only through military strength can we assure our own security and contribute endurance to the peace of the world. U. M. T. will accomplish these objectives if we make it the framework of our future defense establishment.

V. A. Officials A Little Befuddled

Washington VA employees had a headache on their hands last week when identical twins sent in identical applications for disability compensation. Checking to find out what the score was, as both applications were identical, VA employees found: Both entered army same date in 1944, served in same camps in U. S., left for Europe on same boat; served in same combat engineers outfit in France, and both drove 2½-ton trucks.

Both were promoted to Pfc. later to corporal, on same day; both were wounded by same shell burst, sent to same hospital.

Both were discharged from the army on same day, both went to work for the Springhill Paper Co. at Shreveport, La. Both of them started working in testing room, later both were transferred to laboratory on same day.

Both enrolled in same Monroe, La., business school in the same course to prepare for identical careers. Lastly, both applied for disability compensation on same day.

VA authorities had swimming heads until the twins both came to a VA regional office and personally straightened out the tangled mess.

Week's Legion News In A Nutshell

The American Legion will stage its 12th annual national aerial membership round-up on Sunday, May 2, when planes from all parts of the nation will fly to national headquarters in Indianapolis with 1948 membership transmittals and dues.

Three million copies of the six special American Legion Junior Baseball editions of The Sporting News during 1948 again will be distributed free to teen-age boys all over the nation.

Roby Wetmore of Miami, Fla., has been named chairman of the contests committee of The American Legion 1948 Convention Corporation of Florida for the big Miami reunion next October.

August again will be the banner

month for 1948 American Legion state conventions with 17 departments scheduling theirs for this period.

Ed King, adjutant of Lawrence, Ill., Post 28 of The American Legion has secured an average of 102 members a year for his post for the last 29 years.

Wilson Herbert, National field representative of The American Legion for Louisiana and Mississippi, and Mrs. Herbert have become the proud parents at New Orleans of twin sons.

The original minutes of the historic Paris, France, Caucus of 1919 at which The American Legion was founded have been presented to the 41st Division Post 165 in Portland, Oregon, by the widow of the late Major General George A. White who was the caucus secretary.

The National Security Commission of The American Legion will meet in Washington, D. C., April 26 to 28 to re-evaluate the organization's national defense program in view of current world conditions.

Although Danville, Ind., Post 118 of The American Legion lost its clubrooms and all their furnishings in the March 26th tornado, its first action was to earmark the \$8,000 in its treasury for relief of storm victims in the community.

Uncle Sam Says



Want to know a Leap Year proposal you can accept whether you are single or married and have a dozen children? It's the proposal to join the Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds, or the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank if you are self-employed. Millions of my nieces and nephews have learned from experience that a growing nest-egg built by regular buying of United States Savings Bonds is the best personal guarantee of a happy future.

U. S. Treasury Department

The Big Freeze

Reserve officers on extended active duty will be kept in this status indefinitely as a part of the national policy or strengthening defenses, Army Officials have announced.

Reservists will be released from active service only in cases of inefficiency or hardship, officials said. The "freeze" order is expected to affect approximately 20,000 officers.

Orders issued recently for demobilization of over 4,000 overage temporary and reserve officers have been rescinded. These officers were scheduled for June 30 separation.

Orders which would have affected reduction of from 200 to 400 temporary officers who are former enlisted men have also been extended.

Resolution Presented To Help Veterans Hospital

RESOLUTION:

"Whereas, on the sixth day of April, 1948, the members of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 of the Department of Oklahoma of the American Legion, located at Tulsa, were advised that House Bill No. 5080, introduced by Hon. Wm. Stigler, providing for \$500,000 to be used for extension of facilities at the Veterans Facility at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and providing for three hundred and seventy additional beds, is pending before the Congress;

Whereas, the member of said post, familiar with the hospital at Muskogee and its operation, know that this additional space and beds are badly needed and are necessary;

Now, Therefore, Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 in meeting duly assembled, do urge the Congress of the United States of America that this House Bill No. 5080 be duly passed as promptly as possible, and it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Oklahoma delegation in Congress, and additional copies be sent to the officers of the First District and to state headquarters, asking all to see that this bill is passed and the work started and completed at an early date.

LETTER

Received by the Carson-Wilson Post last week and read to the members at Tuesday's meeting was the following letter:

To Carson-Wilson Post No. 1, American Legion:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your contribution of \$500 to Tulsa's Permanent War Memorial Fund.

(Signed) A. E. Bradshaw, Finance Chairman

Dr. A. B. Rivers Visits Post

Carson-Wilson Post was honored Tuesday night with a visit by Dr. A. B. Rivers, of Okmulgee, a national executive committeeman, in Tulsa for the current dentists' convention.

In a brief, informal speech,

Members Carson-Wilson Post No. 1



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