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DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS ANNUAL PLAY

Adams Welcomes New Students Into Fold

Adams opened its doors to many new students this fall. Freshmen from feeder schools (Nuner, Jefferson, St. Joseph, and Lincoln) constitute the largest part of this group, but we also have a long list of transfer students from other city schools and from outside of South Bend. The list at the time of going to press is as follows:

Freshmen: Judy Bradbury, Riley; Mike Fett, Cassopolis, Mich.; Christine and Geraldine Fogarty, Waterford, N. Y.; James Goodridge, Covington, Ky.; Dorothy King, Woodrow Wilson; Carol Kole, Seventh Day Adventist School, South Bend; Robert Lott, Fort Wayne; Robert Parmley, Riley; Gershon Poling, Columbus, Ohio; Mary Sharon Quealy, Lafayette, Ind.; William Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Fred Vessel, Riley; Jerome Karczowski, St. Hedwige, South Bend; June Harman, Mishawaka; James MacQuire, Adams (returned); Larry Zook, Adams (returned).

Sophomores: Antoinette Rae Boling, St. Louis, Mo.; Nancy Champagne, St. Mary's Academy; Barbara Dooms, Mishawaka; Barbara Halton, St. Mary's Academy; Bruce Hamilton, Adams (returned); Suzanne Hofmann, Lake Worth, Fla.; Ruth Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.; Martha Martin, Forest, Ind.; Meredith Metcalf, Central; Marvin Naftzger, Adams (returned); Roland Orland, Buffalo, N. Y.; Sandra Roberts, Central; Gleason Street, Valparaiso, Ind.; Mary Ann VanWyneberghe, Morris, Ill.; Wendy Heron, Central; Fredric Hunn, Muskegon Heights, Mich.; Richard Taylor, Adams (returned).

Juniors: Nancy Baecke, Indianapolis, Ind.; David Freadberg, Lafayette, Ind.; Lois Harmon, Mishawaka; Robert Hood, Mishawaka; Jack Keller, Niles, Mich.; June Penrose, Washington-Clay; Joseph Ryan, Springfield, Ohio; Marvin West, St. Joseph, Mich.; Carolyn Wuthrich, Riley.

Seniors: Sande Bartow, Chicago, Ill.; Suzanne Basker and Dolores Dowden, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Judith Gasaway, Wanamaker, Ind.; Ann Martin, Forest, Ind.; Clifton Mosely, Chicago, Ill.; George Petoe, Washington; Richard Quealy, Lafayette, Ind.; Richard Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Richard Swayzee, Royal Center, Ind.; Jodie Ann Yoke, Gary, Ind.



Pictured above is the cast for "The Imaginary Invalid." Reading from left to right, back row: Mickey Young, Chuck Bowman, Nancy MacIvor, Dave Engle, Marilyn Wood, Jim Dincolo, Jim Hoehn, and Jim Miller; front row, Dick Darr, Ronnie MacGregor, Sally Kissinger, Joe Rich.

Curtain Time for "The Imaginary Invalid" Set for 8 P. M. Tonight

On September 24 at 8 p. m., in the John Adams Auditorium, the Adams Drama Club will present their annual play. This year's production is "The Imaginary Invalid," a seventeenth century French comedy by Moliere. The story ridicules a self-centered invalid, his money-grasping wife, and his absurd doctors. Further intensifying the plot is a delightful maid who is determined to cure the invalid of his imaginary ills and re-unite the invalid's daughter and her lover.

Playing the title role of the imaginary invalid, Argan, will be James Dincolo. Marilyn Wood will play the role opposite him of the servant, Tionette. In the supporting cast are Sally Kissinger, Nancy MacIvor, Michael Young, Charles Bowman, Richard Darr, Joseph Rich, James Hoehn, James Miller, Ronald MacGregor, and David Engel.

James Lewis Casaday is directing the production and Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek is the Drama Club sponsor. Janet Burke is acting as the student director and working with her are Robert Nelson, production manager; Marylee Crofts and Janice Schwier, props; Mr. Robert Seeley and Richard Darr, sets; Mary Kline and Gwendolyn Garwood, programs; David Engel and Mrs. Robert Seeley, posters; Nancy Hertel, costumes; Susan Armstrong, publicity; Myrna Cordtz, tickets; Anne Bruner and Kathleen Brady, prompters; and Robert Johnson, James Miller, and Charles Bowman, stage crew.



- Sept. 25—Football, Adams vs. Michigan City, here
- Sept. 28—Physical Exams, 9th grade boys, 7:30 p. m.
- Sept. 29—Tennis, Adams vs. LaPorte, there
- Sept. 30—Assembly, Mary Lee Crofts will describe her summer abroad
- Oct. 1—Tennis, Goshen vs. Adams, here

JR. T.B. BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Junior T.B. League Board was held at the T.B. headquarters on September 16. Adams students attending were Evelyn Fuller, a junior from 103 and Bob Walcott, the senior representative from 211, who is the vice-president of the board. These two joined representatives from other schools in discussing the next meeting, which will be a conducted tour of Healthwin Hospital on October 14. Also under discussion were the plans regarding the Health Cross sale to be conducted during the Notre Dame football games.

Industrial Arts Awards A. H. S. Students Win

Last summer, the Ford Motor Company sponsored a National Industrial Arts Contest at Dearborn, Michigan in which four boys from Adams received awards.

Hans Ditsch was awarded a third place rating for his project in plastics, a combination clock and lamp. Two other boys, now alumni, Richard Sessler and Charles Apelgreen, received honorable mention for their work on plastics.

Richard Green was awarded fourth

Jr. Achievement Assembly Today

Today, at 8:20, an assembly for students in grades 11B to 12A will be held. The purpose of the program is to explain the Junior Achievement program in South Bend.

The Junior Achievement movement is a national organization sponsored by businessmen and management and is financed locally by South Bend and Mishawaka businessmen.

William Blue, a John Adams 12B, attended a conference at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, August 31 to September 4. During his stay he learned how students can form businesses under the Junior Achievement plan and earn a profit for one year.

Josef W. Hall, Junior Achievement Director, will be present and show a movie, "We're in Business." William Blue will speak to the group about his four-day experiences. John McNamara will preside and introduce the speakers.

place in the drafting contest. He was the only boy from the Adams' drafting classes to receive an award.

These projects, along with those of other National winners are on exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago until September 30.

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ARE YOU ON THE ADAMS ROSTER?

Well, you're here! How do you like it? How does it feel to be a part of this thundering bunch of pencil-sharpening, locker-slammng characters known as the John Adams student body? Didn't you feel a strong surge of Loyalty as you cheered our football team on to victory? And didn't it seem that your life had just begun when you stood up and sang at the top of your voice, "Oh, Hail to the scarlet and blue . . ." It's all yours now — the student body, the school song, the teachers, and the building. It's your home, your life for the next four years.

Sure it's big and strange and different from anything you've ever experienced. You probably feel as insignificant as someone's grandmother at a jam session but we are very much aware of your presence. We may seem to regard you as just part of the wooden furniture but actually most of us find it hard to forget our own "green" days when we walked into a senior English class or into the wrong restroom. We've all been through it and know how you feel.

You are the brand new freshmen of John Adams. We don't know you and you don't know us. You're starting with a clean slate. What you do with your next four years will undoubtedly shape your future. You've probably wondered at all the talk about getting into extra-curricular activities. We are emphasizing it because we, as seniors about to graduate, realize the importance of developing one's abilities and personality. It's a little late for us to take our own advice so we're giving it to you. Participate in all the activities and sports you can possibly manage. You have four years to serve your school and make a name for yourself. There's no time like the present to begin!

We're all anxious to get acquainted with you; anxious for you to get acquainted with John Adams; anxious to welcome you into the family, the class of 1957.

—Janet Burke.

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Has an opportunity ever come your way about which you have hesitated? Most people don't seem to realize the great chance they are passing up when they refuse to join organizations in or out of school. The chance to meet new friends and work with old friends is immeasurable. Through some organizations, an opportunity may arise in which you may be selected to attend an out-of-town meeting. This, too, is an excellent way to meet people from different parts of the state and/or possibly the United States.

There are many activities offered at Adams to suit your individual needs and likes. These activities range anywhere from the student government to the athletic program. Through these clubs you will be helping yourself by learning to work with other people, as well as helping the functioning of the club to which you belong.

Today, more than ever, a person's record is checked not only for scholastic achievements, but for extra-curricular activities as well. Whether applying for a job or for admission into some college, your high school records are checked thoroughly for both the quantity and the quality of your studies and activities.

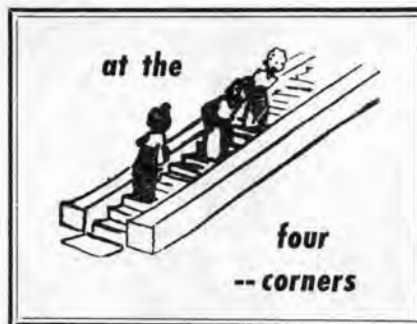
Whether this is your last year at John Adams, or your first year, every student in this school should be participating in at least one activity here at school. Remember, belonging to a school activity is belonging to John Adams.

Loose Ends. Taking advantage of an opportunity: Miss Roell and your editor were able to enjoy a trip to the University of Minnesota for the National Scholastic Press Association's Annual Conference.

Clubs offered at Adams: Album, Tower, Debate, Drama, G. A. A., Electronics, Hi-Y, Library, Monogram, Screen, Ushers, and Y-Teens. . . . The music field offers Band, Dance Band, Glee Club, Orchestra and Prep Glee Club. . . . The sports program includes: baseball, basketball, football, track, cross-country, tennis, golf, swimming and wrestling.

Gardenias to the band for their excellent performance at the closing session of the Teachers' Workshop.

Much praise is due the Student Council for their "Show-ya-roun'" tour of the building for freshmen and sophomores the first day of school.



What was it Mr. Nelson called the four corners? Hollywood and Vine? Very suitable! Walking through the traffic are new faces, old faces and combinations of both; old steadies again walking and talking, "just-dating" couples making a good impression on each other, and many new and old in threes and fours just "looking." It's strange seeing Jackie James, Marylee Crofts, Mary Ann Anderson and Jan Schwier minus their better halves. They along with Mary Orzech, Maggie Reed and Phyllis Anderson are starting the local "Lonely Hearts Club." Another interesting sight is Judy Cobb and Sally Kissinger walking with the girls. Seems there are quite a few more romances that melted away during the summer: Sarah Walton, Bob Shields; Maryann Hawblitzel, Jim Riddle; Steve Morse, Mary Orzech. The steady list includes the old ones plus a few new Combos: Janice Henson, Fred LaCosse (Wabash); Joan Moore, Paul Hawblitzel (N. D.); Andy Cobb, Glen Reineke; Tom Angus, Pat Nelson (Riley); Sonja Hoover, Tom Ferro; Dixie Nidiffer, Jack Sanders (Elk); Sue Wood, Larry Van Dusen; Donna Tennyson, Tom Yoder (Alum); Kay Hatfield, Matt Jaworski (Wash); Joanne Bartels, Chuck Ransford. On the "just dating" we find: Sally Kissinger, Pat Dempsey; Sally Stoops, Alan Bishop (Riley); Marilyn McHugh, Joe Barnes; Marilyn McGee, John Steinmetz; Sally Buchanan, Marshall Smith (Yale); Dave Rogers, Mary Lou Baker; Mary Lou Clark, Dick Smith; Sandy Moritz, John McNamara; Nancy Champaigne, Tom McHenry (Alum); Dick Gibboney, Janet Priddy (Riley); Wendy Heron, Chuck Lapierre; Sharon Kerner, Dick Sessler (Alum); Tom Sternal, Pat Klopfenstein (Riley); Suzette Zombik, Steve Strang; Nikki De Rose, Dave Selby (Nor. Western).

Maybe it's better to find out who's calling before one puts one's foot in one's mouth. How about it, Marcia Hoelscher?

Say, the girls in Home Management have set 43 qualifications for their future husbands. The going is getting rough, boys!

That odor you smelled on the 2nd floor last week wasn't a dead cat, rotten cabbage, or freshmen. It was . . . well, ask Steve Gums, he spilled it.

Seems Mr. Thompson found lip-stick on one of Bob Shula's shirt collars. Need we say more?

The four corners are a wee bit empty with Martha Clark and Ann Woolverton attending Abbott Academy in Andover, Mass. and Carolee Smith and Alice Pyle attending Wayland Academy in Wisconsin.

It's around that the seniors in 205 have been invited to dance at a wedding. Does that invitation include all the seniors, Gladys Miller?

Cheers for Jack Longly, the first

BEHIND THE SCENES

By NANCY MacIVON

I happen to be a pill belonging to pompous but likeable fellow named Argan, the imaginary invalid. Although I am as yet unswallowed, a cloud of morbid foreboding that I shall meet my fate on the dark night of September 24, hangs over my bottle's cap. That is the night of the big performance. No, have no fear! I shall not meet my doom in an earthquake or an A-bomb explosion; I shall meet my traditional pill "destiny" in the enormous esophagus cavity of the imaginary invalid.

Because pills can't do anything but remain in a bottle, the qualification of a pill for either pilorie or pill heaven must rely on what he has seen or heard, rather than what he has done. In view of this, I have decided to make a last but full confession of the things I have heard and seen during my short life on stage during the rehearsal of the "Imaginary Invalid." Perhaps you'd better unscrew my bottle cap first, though, so that you can hear me better.

First of all, I'll have to confess that what I've seen of the rehearsal of the "Imaginary Invalid" is so amusing that it made me shake till my label burst. Although Argan is not exactly the most prudent man in the world, I must say he has excellent taste as far as his choice of medicines is concerned. I'm rather disappointed, however, with the taste of the matter-of-fact maid, Tionette, and the sensible Beralde, the imaginary invalid's brother because they think I'm worthless. However, I am most shocked to know that Argan's "loving" second-wife wishes I were poison.

Life for a pill is usually quite bitter, but at rehearsal things really start happening. Occasionally in a hot scene, canes and pillows start flying threateningly. So far I've ducked in time. My label is also regularly threatened by being dissolved in one of Argan's boiling foot pains.

When nothing sensational is going on on stage, I roll my little round self across the floor of my bottle until I can see through the curtains back stage. In this position I entertain myself by watching the costume committee fighting the battle-of-the-bulge, or watching the lovely painting being done on sets. (and unintentionally on blue jeans.)

Oh dear! I could go on all day telling how entertaining "The Imaginary Invalid" is, but since you're all coming to the play it would be repetition. Don't forget, though, to notice whether or not I get swallowed. See you there!

boy to serve as Glee Club accompanist in the history of John Adams.

School for the birds: pigeon found in Shop.

Men are the only people on earth who think they have more sense than women.

See You Saturday
Nite at the Game



James Thomas Goldsberry has been varsity quarterback on the Adams team for the last two years. He has also received letters in basketball and baseball from John Adams.

Tom was born on October 24 and is an eighteen year old senior from 109. He attended Lincoln and Nuner schools before coming to Adams. He has brown hair (what you can see of it), blue eyes, is 5 feet, 11 3/4 inches tall, and weighs 195 pounds.

"Goldie" has a very full schedule with eating, sleeping, and watching P. C. (that's P. C., not T. V.) As for musical preferences he likes any popular song (especially "You, You, You"), and music sung by Frankie Laine and played by Stan Kenton. He enjoys "any shoot'um up Charlie" movie. Jerry Lewis and Marilyn Monroe head his list of entertainers. He loves to eat (you'd never guess by looking at him) and his favorite food combo is steak and french fries. When asked what he liked to see a girl wearing, he answered a grey skirt and dark blue sweater.

He plans to attend Western Michigan College and take a business course majoring in insurance. At present he is majoring in English and Math.

Tom most admires a sincere person, one who doesn't try to put on an act. He expressed a profound disgust at the lack of support on the part of the freshmen at pep assemblies. He urges every boy to go out for some sport because, "every guy needs something to hang his dignity on." Commenting on the football team and its chances, he says, "Nobody ever thinks Adams has anything. I think this year we're going to surprise the big boys. We've got a lot of good fellas on the squad."

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Adams Welcomes Mr. Roop to Staff

Mr. James Roop has joined our faculty from Jefferson School. He attended Manchester College and Indiana University.



He is married and has three children who attend Lincoln School. Mr. Roop likes to read, eat ice cream, and service radios. His dislikes are gum and people who are disrespectful. Mr. Roop was very impressed by the maturity of the students here. He enjoyed the way the students conducted the first assembly. He is very pleased with the equipment in the building and says we should feel very fortunate to have it.

Concert Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the South Bend Symphony concert series are now available to John Adams students. A \$3 season ticket, which may be purchased from Mrs. Pate, enables a student to see five musical programs in our auditorium.

The eighty-member orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Edwyn Hames, will feature guest artists at the 4:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon concerts.

The first concert will be held October 18, with Michael Rabin, violinist as guest artist.

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Indiana University's campus at Bloomington was host to 250 high school music students from July 4-July 12. John Adams participants were Norman Asper, Robert Lent, Michael Palmer, and Naomi Ross.

Guest conductors for the Music Clinic were: James R. Murphy, Band; Ernest Hoffman, Orchestra; and George F. Krueger, Chorus. The remainder of the staff was composed of music teachers from all over Indiana.

A typical day during the clinic consisted of full and sectional rehearsals, a class on the art of conducting, an afternoon and evening recreational program, and an opportunity to see the University School of Music's production "Carousel."

A concert given by the band, orchestra, and chorus climaxed the clinic.

EIGHTY-FIVE MARCH AT RIVERVIEW

The John Adams Band motored to Chicago, September 4, to participate in the annual Riverview Mardi Gras Carnival held at Riverview Amusement Park for all bands in the Chicago area.

Kathleen Brady, drum majorette, led the band.

Before marching, the band was inspected by judges who looked for such things as crooked lines, poor posture, foot position, and uniform appearance. Mr. Deardorff has not yet been notified whether the band placed for an award.

Anyone who thinks he is indispensable should stick his finger in a bowl of water and then notice the hole it leaves when he takes it out.

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During the Pre-school Workshop for teachers, August 31, September 1 and 2, eleven members of the Album staff sold soft drinks. As the temperatures for those three days ranged from 95-100 degrees, this was a most welcome service for the teachers, as well as the first money making project of the 1953-54 school year for the Album staff.

The staff members who sold the drinks were: Linda Rogers, Nancy MacIvor, Nancy Armstrong, Beverly Miller, Julie Jackie, Marilyn Wood, Julie Harris, Janet Burke, Susan Armstrong, Jewel Reitz, and Sharon Reber.

Goeprich Attends Leadership School

Geraldine Goeprich, room 109, was a representative from the Saint Joseph County Red Cross Chapter to the Junior Red Cross Leadership Training Center at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, July 12 to July 17.

She attended the conference with 150 other delegates, representing 20 states, in order to learn about Red Cross, to plan effective meetings, and to help plan the Junior Red Cross Program for the Saint Joseph County Chapter.

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Second Conference Tilt Saturday at School Field

Kick-Off Time, 8:00 P. M.

Going into tomorrow night's conference game on the School Field turf, our Eagles are tied in their nine game series with the Red Devils from Michigan City. Each team has won four games, with one game resulting in a deadlock.

The series started in 1942 when we edged them seven to six. Following this win were others in 1943, 13 to 6; 1945, 19 to 0; and 1950, when we won 26 to 0. We suffered losses in 1944, 1946, 1948, and 1951 by respective scores of 24 to 14, 27 to 6, 13 to 0, and 14 to 0. The 1947 game resulted in a 6 to 6 tie.

This game promises to be an exciting N.I.H.S.C. football tilt.

CENTRAL BEARS EDGE ADAMS ELEVEN, 6-0

The Central Bears squeaked by the Eagles 6-0 as Adams suffered its first loss of the season. The first-half play was completely dominated by Central as they scored their lone touchdown.

The second half was different story; the Eagles started to roll for short gains on most of their plays, but one or two losses and a fumble halted all their intentions until the latter part of the third quarter. With only two minutes left in the third quarter, Ray Loar broke away for an exciting 86 yard run that carried the ball to the Central 11. In two plays we moved it to the four, but the next two plays proved fatal, as the Central line held.

Two more drives were also halted in the last quarter, the latter stopped on the Central 19 with two minutes to go. Troeger recovered a fumble with a half minute to go, but a Goldsberry pass was intercepted to end the threat.

Eagles Claw Lew Wallace

In our first game of the season, the Eagles proved too much for the invading Hornets from Gary Lew Wallace as we rolled to an impressive 32 to 13 win. We fielded a well-balanced attack, good line, and a swift determined backfield that spelled victory for Adams.



By JOHN PENCE

Since our first two games are behind us, we can say with confidence that our team will be a threat to any opponent we may come across. The days are over when the student body has to make apologies for our football team; and the day has arrived when the football team has to make an excuse for the students. "What kind of an excuse?"

While I was reading the paper this summer, I ran across an article concerning the attendance at the local high school football games. This is what I found.

Adams—10,500.

Central—24,000.

Washington—26,000.

Riley—32,000.

As an Adams student, are you proud of these figures? We can't say that our enrollment last year was the deciding factor, because Washington was smaller than we; and we can't say our team wasn't good, because we finished far ahead of Central in the conference standings. What is wrong?

This question faces the student body again this year. In our opening game we attracted about 1,500 fans, compared to about 5,000 for the game on the preceeding night. Why aren't you out talking up our team? Remember, every successful team has many people behind it. If we expect our team to remain successful throughout the season, we should have more spirit and enthusiasm in the South Stands at School Field. "Twice the crowd means twice as loud!"

If and when you do attend, let's remember to give Rosie, Sue, Pat, Emalu, Gail, Mike, and the two Jerry's, the cooperation they need and deserve.

Netters Under New Coach; Split Two

The tennis team, under the direction of a new head coach, Mr. Ernest Kaeppler, opened their 1953 season against Elkhart, September 15. The Blue Blazers defeated the Eagles 4 to 1. Steve Zeigner won his match in three sets for Adams' only point, while Jim Miller and Christman lost their singles matches in straight sets. Both doubles teams of Miller and Zeigner, and Chuck Christman and Bob Lent lost in straight sets.

On Thursday, September 17, the Eagles traveled to Michigan City where they won a hard-fought match 3 to 2. Miller won his first singles 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Christman lost his second singles 3-6, 2-6; and Zeigner trounced his opponent 6-2, 6-1. In doubles matches, Miller and Zeigner came from behind to "ice" the match for Adams in first doubles, 0-6, 6-3, 6-0; and Christman and Waechter lost their second doubles in three sets 6-2, 2-6, 2-6.

In relation to the terms, "first and second," etc., first means the best man or the best team of men, second refers to the second best, etc.

Members of last year's team returning are Bob Lent, Bob Bubenzer, Jim Miller, Chuck Christman, Dick Green, and Jim Carling. Steve Zeigner, John Waechter, Tim Pettit, and Dave Freedburg are new members of the team.

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ATHLETIC BULLETIN

In order that there may be no misunderstandings, the coaching staff of John Adams wants every student to be aware of the following ruling made by the Athletic Board in October, 1946. It was unanimously agreed that this ruling will help to build a more successful varsity athletic program.

"No wearing apparel, jewelry, or other items of similar nature symbolizing an unapproved school club or group, shall be worn or displayed by a student who has been, is, or will be participating in the varsity athletic program. Such shall not be worn at any time in the school building, on the school grounds during school hours, or at any function or place at which the school is officially represented or invited. The penalty shall be (at least) suspension from varsity athletic participation."

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—RALPH POWELL,
Athletic Director.

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