

The Peoples' Choices

Over 1900 voters turned out on April 19th to elect Robert Homola to a second term as Village President. The victory margin was narrow - only 67 votes separated President Homola from challenger Trustee Stephen Salvesen. The final tally was 981 to 914. Observers of past Village elections called the turnout small. Voters were apparently discouraged by the heavy rains late in the afternoon.

Carol Koehler was elected to the office of Village Clerk, and the three Trustee positions were filled by Viola Morrisroe, Paul Conarty, and Ray Friscia. Personal profiles of each new Village Board member appear on pages three and four.

James Sargis and Rod Pedersen received voter approval for six year terms on the Park District's Board of Commissioners. A three year Park District tax levy, which was to be

used to establish a Working Cash Fund was rejected by voters 408 to 207.

EDC Survey Response Incredible

by Paul Greening

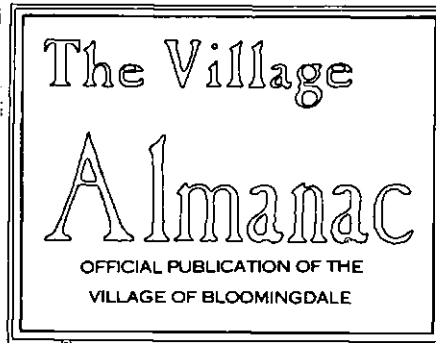
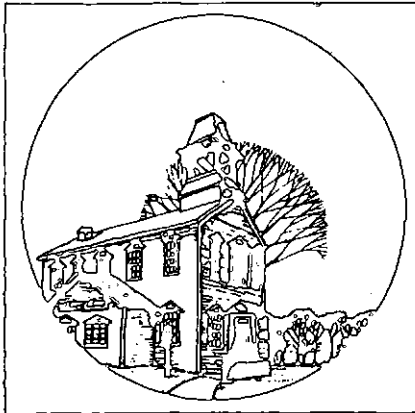
The Economic Development Commission Opinion Survey received an incredible response of more than 50 percent. While it is impossible to have final results at press time, the E.D. C. representatives have been able to arrive at some tentative conclusions based on the first 500 responses tabulated.

The majority of the sample were from single family homes (307). In occupancy the female adults narrowly outnumbered the male adults (509 to 457) while the number of children was practically even (males, 291; females, 289).

Again based on the sample, the primary occupations are sales, skilled trades, and first line supervision. The head of the household was typically between the ages of 25 and 49. Of the 500 respondents there were 158 bachelor's degrees and 45 advanced degrees. Income was concentrated in the \$15,000 to \$50,000 categories.

The need for grocery stores in the Village far exceeded the need for other goods or services. Categories also stressed included sundries, meats, hardware and florists.

The EDC was especially gratified by the large number of write-in comments and assures the respondents that they all will be read. With this kind of data the Commission can better sell our Village not only as a place to live but also as a business location. That will benefit all of us by giving us needed services and improving our tax base. Final results of the survey will be printed in the next issue of the Almanac.



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Businesspeople Meet To Form Chamber

by Marge Costello

On April 28th the first meeting to consider formation of a Chamber of Commerce in Bloomingdale was held at the Village Hall.

A booklet showing examples of the by-laws, charter, and articles of incorporation of a chamber of commerce was given to everyone in attendance. Questions followed with regard to the benefits of forming a Chamber of Commerce and the amount of time required of its members. It was stated that the Chamber of Commerce is an action agency to meet commercial needs. The definition of a Chamber of Commerce found in the articles of incorporation states that it is for the purpose of advertising and developing natural resources, and promoting the general welfare, better business methods and civic conditions as a corporate body. It was also pointed out that a group of businesspeople united as a Chamber of Commerce could make suggestions to the Village Board in regard to how they could best serve the businesses in Bloomingdale.

The time involved for the businesspeople would be determined by the Board of Directors of the Chamber or by any other method which the members agree upon.

Since few businesspeople in Bloomingdale have had experience with a Chamber of Commerce it was suggested that a representative from a surrounding area Chamber and a state representative be invited to speak to the group. Trustee Steve Salvesen stated that he would contact these representatives and invite them to the next meeting which would be held within the next two months.

Old Town was also discussed at the meeting and the businesspeople were shown a map of Old Town which runs from Schick Road on the south to Meacham Grove on the north. This area will be zoned for small shops and kept in a Turn of the Century motif. A picture was also shown illustrating how the old village hall and the surrounding area will look upon completion.

The meeting was adjourned with the hope that more businesspeople from Bloomingdale would attend the next meeting.

Bicycle Safety Day

WHERE:

Park District Recreation Center,
172 S. Circle Ave.

WHEN:

Saturday, June 4, 1977

10 AM to approximately 3 PM

WHAT:

Bloomington Jaycees
Bicycle Safety Day

Village Notes

Clean Up Day

by Judy Kuhel

In recent years, you may have noticed the increase in numbers of a new harbinger of spring - the Litterbug. Instead of bringing to us lovely morning songs or the beauty of color, however, this pest dispenses ugliness. His specialties are papers, cans, cigarette butts, empty cartons, and other such springtime surprises. He doesn't work alone, though, for as his accomplice he brings along the wind. Everywhere you may walk or ride, the handiwork of these two culprits can be seen, blowing helter-skelter over the landscape.

The Village of Bloomingdale will no longer stand by and let these Litterbugs have their way. On Saturday, May 21, the citizens of our community are asked to mobilize against these pests. Each and every family is called upon to go out, trash bags in hand, and collect as much refuse as possible.

Large trash containers will be placed in the Village Hall parking lot on Bloomingdale



Road for the disposal of that which is collected. Let's scour our town until the pesky Litterbug is laid to rest and the Village of Bloomingdale sparkles in the spring sunshine.

Remember - Saturday, May 21 is Clean-Up Day. Dump the Litterbug!

BWC Elects New Officers

The Bloomingdale Women's Club, at its April meeting, elected new officers for the

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1977-78 year. The new officers of the club, who will be installed into office at the May meeting are: President - Anne Yonan, 1st Vice-President - Colleen Williams, 2nd Vice President - Liz Carlson, Secretary - Sandy Garvey, Treasurer - Kathy Wittersheim, and Historian - Judy Mroz.

Library News

The results of the April 19th election for library directors are: for six-year terms, Mary E. Sauvageau and Sharon B. Chalmers; for four-year terms, Mary J. Roberts and Kay Davey; and for two-year terms, Daniel J. Mitchell and Albert J. Van Nest. These directors together with Carolyn Sommerville compose our library board.

Starting June 14th, the Bloomingdale Library begins its Summer Reading Game. This event is open to all grade school children and consists of reading and reporting on books they read through the summer. A party and certificates will be rewarded to the children who participate. Call Sue Schlaff at 529-3120 for further details.

BWC Readies For Art Festival

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will hold its Fifth Annual Festival of Arts September 18 at the Bloomingdale State Bank, 114 E. Lake Street. This year proceeds will be donated to the Bloomingdale Park District for gym equipment and the tiny tots program; \$50.00 will be given to the Bloomingdale Queen contest and three \$25.00 bonds to the Bloomingdale Jaycees for their bike derby. The entry fee is \$12.00 and exhibits will be juried. There will be an unjuried craft section. Exhibitors should send 3 slides of their work by August 1. Ribbons and cash awards will be given. For booth information, contact Judy Anderson, 2303 Wildwood Lane, Hanover Park, Illinois, 60103, 830-1831.

Active Senior Citizens

The springtime activities of the Bloomingdale Senior Citizens group included a trip to Holland, Michigan for the Tulip Festival on May 11, and a delightful tour of Chateau Louise, complete with a show starring the comical Imogene Coca. Upcoming spring and summer events are many and varied - Shady Lane, Shangri-La, McCormick Place, a cheese factory tour in Wisconsin, and many more.

Any Bloomingdale resident who has attained his or her 60th birthday is eligible for membership in this active group. All seniors are invited to attend meetings, which are held on every second Tuesday of each month at the Park District center. Bring a sandwich - coffee and cake will be provided. Every fourth Tuesday is activity day. For more information, simply call the Park District.

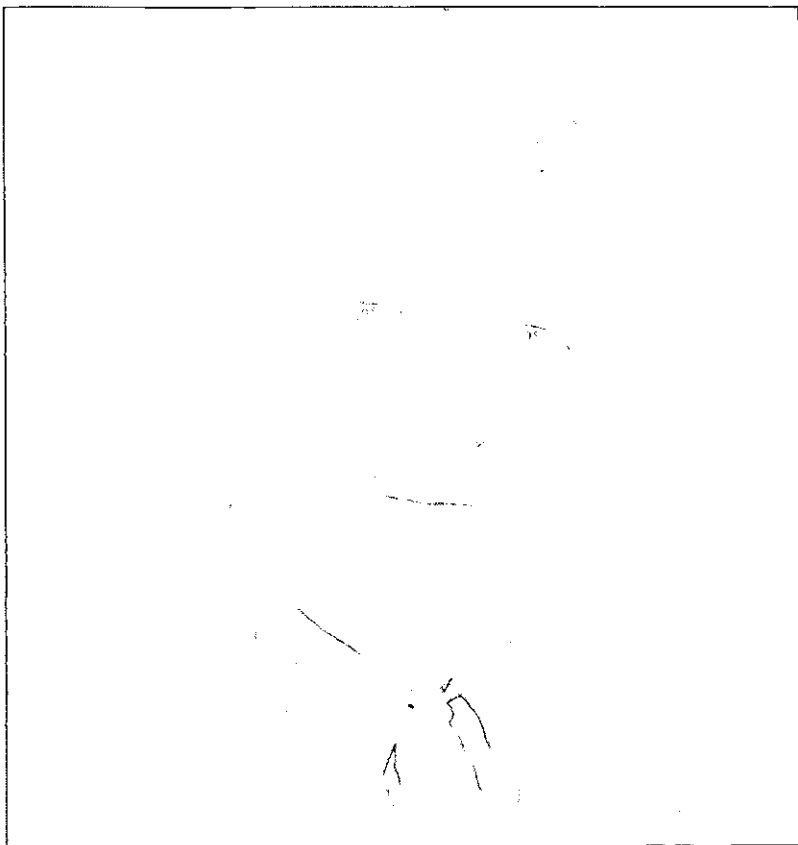
Help Wanted!

Would you like to be more involved in Bloomingdale Village Government? Now is an excellent time to make your interest known.

Openings occur throughout the year on various committees, boards, and committees, and for many of these positions, no special qualifications are necessary. If you feel that you have something to contribute, submit a brief resume to the Village Hall, 201 South Bloomingdale Road, or for further information on current vacancies, call the Village Hall at 693-7000.

Jack Sheelor - Ten Years Of Community Service

by Barbara Selverth



Jack Sheelor

Thirteen years ago, Jack Sheelor had a dream for Bloomingdale. Although very few residents at that time took heed of his aspirations and many told him "it could never happen" in Bloomingdale, today his dream is a reality.

After visiting a small town in Pennsylvania with a football team he coached and seeing the town's recreational complex complete with a pool, tennis courts, parks, baseball and football fields and a recreational building, Jack was determined that Bloomingdale could have the same thing. He has worked toward that goal for thirteen years, and now that it has been realized, Sheelor is retiring from Park District service. Although many others have also worked very hard for the development of an excellent Park District program, Jack is the only one who has served the Park District continuously since its inception in 1964. He has always done this on his own time, without any financial compensation.

Even before moving to Bloomingdale in 1961, he recognized the need for organized recreational activity for young people. Since the parochial school his son attended did not have a physical education program to speak of, Jack voluntarily went to the school several mornings a week and organized

some kind of physical activity for the boys. When Jack moved to Bloomingdale, the only organized activity for young people was two football teams consisting of 30 boys, some of whom played on both teams.

Jack Sheelor also worked as a voluntary part-time policeman in Bloomingdale, and through that job he further saw the need for "somewhere to go and something to do" for young people. He was more determined than ever that Bloomingdale should have a recreational complex.

Throughout the years, he did whatever he could in order to realize his goal. He took up collections for equipment, unloaded and installed heavy playground equipment, and helped fill land to build parks. He negotiated for land, contributions, and equipment. When the old Park District building was donated, Jack often cut the grass there and helped in the building's maintenance.

In April of this year Jack was given an award for ten years of service on the Park District Board by the Village of Bloomingdale. This award was well deserved, by a man who had a dream, and who worked with determination, perseverance and many hours of effort to help fulfill his dream.

Village Hall Happenings

Village Directory

A Village Directory is currently being prepared at the Village Hall; copies will be sent to all residents during the month of June. The directory will contain a listing of all Village Government officials, boards, commissions, committees, as well as civic groups, clubs, and other useful information. If you belong to an organization which has not been contacted and would like to be sure that your group is included in the directory, call Bill Hicks at the Village Hall between the hours of 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lake Street Sewer & Water

The Board of Local Improvements set a meeting for May 23, 1977 to consider the 1st Resolution, and to set a public hearing date. Interested parties should attend.

Urban Annexation Agreement

On May 17, the plan Commission will hold a further hearing on modifications to the Urban Annexation Agreement. The Village Board holds the Public Hearing on the 10th Amendment to the Annexation Agreement on May 23.

Road Repairs

The earliest date for bid approval for road repairs on Cardinal Drive is June 13. At press time the Village Board was awaiting specifications from Ralph Gross Engineering. Because of the condition of such streets it must be determined which parts will have to be excavated and rebased.

Legislative Committee

With the election of three new Village Trustees, changes have been made in chairpersons of the legislative committees. The committee chairpersons are responsible to the entire Village Board for their designated areas as follows: Finance and Budgets, - Johnson; Ordinance, License and Public Relations - Friscia; Plan Commission & Architectural Review - Morrisroe; Police, Health, and Safety - Lehman; Public Works - Salvesen; Zoning Board and Building - Conarty.



Raymond J. Friscia

Raymond J. Friscia brings many years of business and civic experience to the Village Board. In addition to his position as Regional Merchandise Manager for Korvettes, Ray has served as President of the Westlake Townhome Owners Association and has contributed his time to the Cancer and Heart Fund. One of his current interests is the development of a Village Youth Commission which he regards as "a top priority in our Village."

Planning is a central part of Ray's goals for the Village. He emphasizes the immediate need for a land use and facilities plan. He also places considerable importance on maintaining open lines of communication between citizens and Village officials.

Born March 30, 1929, and raised in the

Bronx, Ray is the youngest son in a family of six children. His education included business and management courses at the Monroe Business School and the J.P. Morgan Executive School.

Ray describes himself as a family man and with good reason. Ray and his wife, Marie, will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary in November. Their two daughters, Donna, 17, and Diane, 15, attend Glenbard North High School. The Friscia's oldest son, Raymond, is married and has two children.

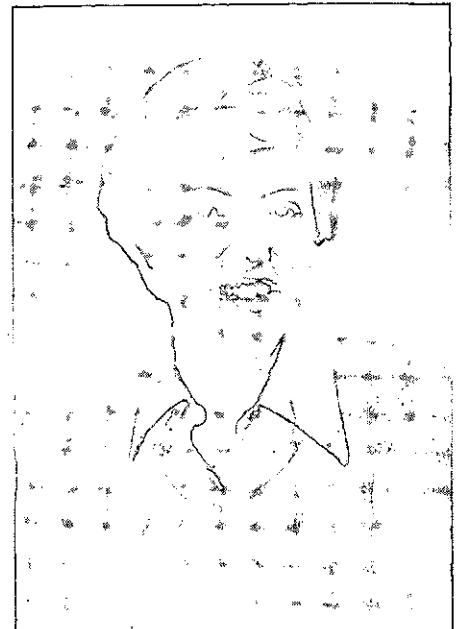
Ray would probably sum up his aspirations for Bloomingdale by quoting the Village Motto - "Growth With Pride". He is the author of that motto.

Involvement in Bloomingdale activities and organizations is nothing new to Viola Morrisroe. She has served as Chairman of the Bloomingdale Plan Commission since May, 1975. She is currently Secretary of the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library and a member of the Citizens Committee to study the growth in School District 13. Vi and her husband, Bill, have four children - Mike 16; Julie, 15; Sue, 12; Eric, 9. The family is a member of Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bloomingdale. Vi's hobbies include oil painting, golf, reading, tennis, decorating, and gardening.

Vi was born on July 31, 1938. She was

raised and attended school on the Northwest side of Chicago. For two years she attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. She worked as an executive secretary for two years and has found this experience to be valuable in her more recent activities. "I am able to organize, accomplish goals and keep a long range objective in mind while working on specifics."

Vi's long range goal as Village Trustee is to "see that when our Village has completed all its growth potential, we will still be proud to live here." One of her main concerns is quality commercial development.



Viola Morrisroe

Bicycle Safety Day

WHAT: Bloomingdale Jaycees Bicycle Safety Day

WHEN: Saturday, June 4, 1977 10 A.M. to approximately 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: Park District Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave.

The Bloomingdale Jaycees and Park District are sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Day which will consist of a bike registration, safety test and Rodeo. All cyclists residing within the Bloomingdale Park District are invited to attend.

Detective Charles Mader of the Bloom-

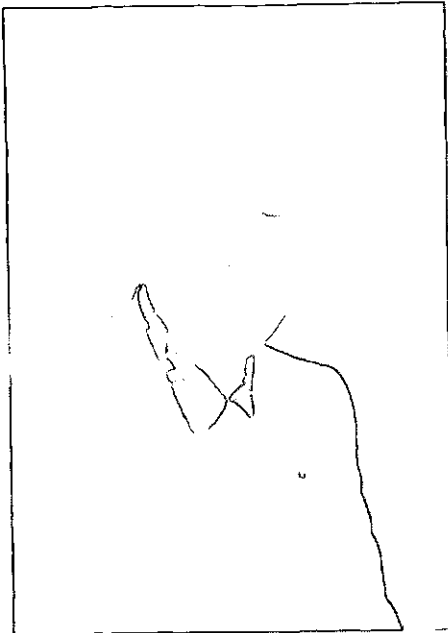
ingdale Police Department will supervise the registration of bikes; there is a 50 cent fee for Village residents. The Illinois State Police will conduct the safety test. All bikes must meet the safety requirements before participating in the Rodeo. Each bike must have a light and reflectors; tires and brakes must be in safe working condition. The Jaycees will direct the Rodeo. Each participant will receive a souvenir driver's license and safety reflector strip. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the Civil Defense will have personnel to aid cyclists in crossing at the intersections of Bloomingdale Road and Edgewater, Bloomingdale Road and Schick, and Lake Street and Circle Avenue.

The week preceeding the Bike Day, Officer Mike Joseph and a representative of McDonald's Restaurants will be visiting the Bloomingdale Schools to show a film stressing the importance of bike safety.

Encourage all the bike riders in your family to attend this special event.

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Robert J. Homola

Robert and Marilyn Homola and their three children - Bonnie, Pamela, and Roberta -- have lived in Bloomingdale since 1967. Besides many family sports activities, Bob is kept busy with the Bloomingdale Lions Club, the VFW, and the Historical Society.

Bob was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 4, 1922, and spent his school years in Cicero. He has a degree in Business Administration from Northwestern University and an Engineering diploma from Morton Junior College. Having spent 36 years with Western Electric, he is a senior engineer with that firm, he has twice been named by his peers as "Engineer of the Year."

At the present time, he is also the Vice-Chairman of the DuPage County Regional

Plan Commission; Commissioner on the DuPage County Law Enforcement Commission; Director of DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, a permanent member of Northern Illinois Committee of the Illinois Municipal League, and a precinct committeeman.

Bob brings to his second term in office the following goals and expectations:

-To save the old Village Hall for eventual use as a museum;

-To bring a balanced commercial community to the Village;

-To improve the Village image to attract good citizens;

-To maintain Village participation in outside activities so as to enhance our good neighbor status.

Carol M. Koehler, the newly-elected Village Clerk, was born in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 30, 1941, and spent most of her life in Chillicothe, Illinois. She graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Bloomington, Illinois in 1962. She and her husband, Roger, have been married for fourteen years. Their children, Michael, 13 and Michelle, 11, attend Westfield Junior High. Much of the family's interests center around the children's activities. Carol is the co-leader for their 4-H Club and assistant coach to the girls summer softball team. Carol's

personal hobbies include bridge, macrame and gourmet cooking.

Carol has been an active member of the Bloomingdale Women's Club for the past four years and a charter member of the Bloomingdale Blood Association.

The position of Village Clerk is a new experience for Carol. She finds it to be "tremendously exciting and a definite challenge." As Village Clerk, her expectations are to fulfill the following objectives: To be objective in her work and continually seek new information; To make herself available to the public and accommodate their needs to a positive end.

"I hope to accomplish all the duties of my office in good faith and always remember that my obligations begin and end with the people of Bloomingdale."



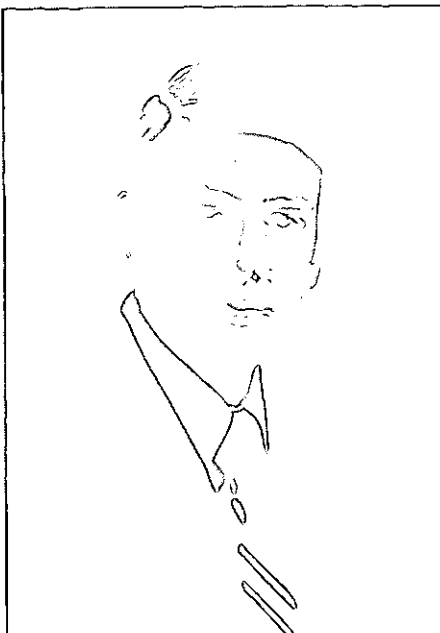
Carol M. Koehler

Paul F. Conarty has been a resident of the Village since 1973, and fully intends to make Bloomingdale his permanent home. He is an attorney with the Chicago firm of Ashcraft and Ashcraft. He received his law degree from the University of California and a degree in psychology from Loyola University. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the State Bar of California. Paul was born in Evanston, Illinois on November 9, 1942, and was raised in

Chicago.

In addition to many civic activities outside Bloomingdale, Paul has served as Chairman of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village since 1975. He enjoys amateur photography as a hobby.

Paul describes his philosophy of government as "one of limited regulation and interference - consistent with the need for government which is responsive to the needs of a growing community."



Paul F. Conarty



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Friend or Friend Or Foe?

by Paul Greening

"The poor dog, in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend."
So said Lord Byron in 1809.

After much searching of Bartlett's
Familiar Quotations, the only adverse
statement against dogs was one attributed
to W.C. Fields some 100 years later.
"Anyone who hates children and dogs can't
be all bad."

Without taking sides in the argument for
or against, there are some observations to
make regarding the care of dogs within the
Village of Bloomingdale.

According to Police Chief Pat McMahon
officers answers 15 calls a week for "dogs at
large." Additionally according to the Chief
more than 15 dog bites per month are

reported.

What is the law of the Village? Ordinance
No. 72-28 approved on the 12th day of July,
1972 is 9 pages long and specifically states
what your pet pooch can't do. A few salient
points include:

1. Every dog residing within the village
must have a current license and have a
current rabies inoculation statement.
2. Any dog "at large" (not on a leash or
outside the dog's residence) shall be
impounded. If not redeemed within 14 days
he shall be disposed of. If the dog is
unlicensed he shall be kept only 7 days.
3. Dogs are not allowed in any business
place, public park, school premises or
playground whether leashed or unleashed.

4. Dogs are prohibited by law from being
permitted to defecate or urinate anywhere
except on the premises of the owner.

5. No more than 2 dogs may be kept in any
single-family residence; only 1 is allowed
per apartment.

Obviously to dog owners some of the above
restrictions are inhumane. To people who
are the victims of "dog messes," the law is
not severe enough.

If you love your dog, love your neighbor as
well. Take proper care of the dog by
following the law. Your "best friend" may
be your neighbor's worst foe.

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