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EDITORIAL

Sometimes being an editor has problems - this is one of those times. The script should have been assembled checkedand delivered two days ago. Running late means errors - and this reflects seriously on the quality of your magazine.

In view of running late, you might reflect that it is time I stopped, but there are a few important messages to deliver. However, first let me apologise for publishing the wrong meeting date last month. The error was entirely mine - I hope to see my opthalmologist next week. I believe that one new member from Penrith came all the way. Perhaps he would have a word with me next time he comes down.

The next important matter is the question of annual elections. You will hear more from your committee about this. This year your intelligent participation is required. It is essential for the health of the club to have a reasonable amount of change on the executive committee - new ideas are necessary. This is not finding fault with the old, but a rest period can be very welcome and will permit some hard-working members to move afield into other pastures for a time.

Lastly, this month quite a lot of SPIT AND POLISH is given over to some point scores; I am sure these will interest all. I believe Allan Foy and his committee should be complimented for their systematic analysis of the concourse judging.

This year Len Sheen decided to draw the line at 700 - I am not sure at what point you stop keeping count of the points you have lost. He should be complimented for his management of the "statistics" of this rally.

This should be our first issue posted as a registered magazine. That sounds simple enough but it means satisfying about six pages of regulations framed with the usual unequivocal precision typical of regulations.

- GEOFFREY LEHMANN

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·MEETING NOTICE

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 26TH MAY at the Yaralla Sea Scouts Hall, Concord Road, Rhodes.

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APRIL MEETING REPORT

The April Meeting was held on 28th at the Yaralla Sea Scouts Hall, in spite of the incorrect announcement in April SPIT AND FOLISH concerning the date of this meeting. Many members did not notice the error and turned up at the right place at the right time. Others kept the telephone rather busy in order to verify the error.

The usual reports were read. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ray Hill. He reported a further \$700 being placed on fixed deposit, and he also reported on the following donations:

\$75.00, J.A. Gilbert, by courtesy of A. Foy (Reo); \$17.50 by courtesy of Max Roberts; \$4.20 by courtesy of R. Jones; \$100.00 by courtesy of Castrol for the Blue Mountains Rally.

The Treasurer mentioned that ten unfinancial members have been removed from the mailing list.

The Management Committee's report was chiefly centred round the question of third party property insurance cover; an Insurance Broker will be consulted as to the possibility of getting a fleet owners discount.

Len Sheen spoke on behalf of the Events Committee and a report on the A.C.T. Tour and the Concourse Event at Roselands on April 17th will be set out separately. The Arncliffe Occupational Centre (for retarded persons) managed the collection made which was \$170.90. John Naylor suggested that the V.C.C. only retain \$50.00 of this amount, and therefore increase considerably the Charity's proportion. This idea was unanimously accepted by the Club. Correspondence has been received from the Occupational Centre expressing their thanks and appreciation.

Notice was given concerning the C.V.V.T.M.C. outing on 1st May at Warwick Fram. The twelve officials were rather hard to nail. A. Foy, G. Roberts and G. Green were nominated as the competing team.

Other events mentioned were the Eastwood Heights Public School Fete on April 30th and the Manly-Warringah Motor Show on 14th May, which is being organised to obtain funds for the development of the local Police Boys Club. There was not a great deal of enthusiasm displayed concerning this event unfortunately. The last important Club event for the year will be 22nd May, and the Events Committee will be sending a separate circular about this.

The Social Secretary again reminded members that the response for the Presentation Night on Saturday, 7th May had been rather disappointing.

George Roberts spoke on behalf of the Investigation Committee. He told of seeing a well-restored Krit in Queensland belonging to the Guthries. He had also seen a beautifully-restored Vauxhall.

Jock McGowan decided to start the issue of Club ownership of a suitable, portable, rigid tow-bar. The discussion rapidly became involved with the broader issues of rescue and repair vehicles on rallies. Quite a few members pointed out the success of "Hercules" in Victoria, whilst this was countermanded by quite a few members pointing out the fact that restoring, garaging and using such a vehicle in N.S.W. seemed to be doomed to fail. It was pointed out that the Club once owned a trailer for this type of work and this not proving successful ultimately led to its sale.

Several facts emerged from the discussion, and these should be reiterated. In the first place, members should remember that flat towing is illegal and as such, the Club would be unwise to officially indulge in it. In the second place, all members should be well aware of the fact that no two-wheel brake vehicle could ever be considered suitable as a tow-truck. It was further pointed out that when one does require this type of help, one naturally requires an efficient unit and it is obvious that such a unit needs to be modern, repairable and economical.

The issue then became somewhat changed and it was suggested that we should consider suitable tender repair vehicle with all types of equipment. There is certainly quite a lot in favour of this view but it still leaves unsolved the question of getting a disabled vehicle home. The matter was left, expressing the view that the Club should seek the help of a Land Rover, plus tandem trailer, for major rallies and this would probably be a question of hiring suitable units.

After the meeting the slides of the Brighton Rally in Great Britain were shown.

A list of new and associate members admitted to the club is published separately.

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THE A.C.T. EASTER TOUR

Thirty-seven cars left Sydney to participate in this event arranged by the Veteran Car Club of Australia, A.C.T. They were joined by the five local cars, and quite a successful four-day event resulted.

Most of the Sydney cars met at the cross roads early in the morning and they

were able to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. F. Craze at Bowral for morning tea; this was particularly welcome. Further towards Goulburn a fairly cold wind made travelling somewhat uncomfortable for the rest of the day.

Members were treated to a smorgasbord dinner on Friday night, and Saturday provided them with a beautiful sunny day for a tour round Canberra's inner area. The lunch stop was at the Methodist Church. A well-organised club evening was arranged that gave both privacy and the right sort of refreshments. On Sunday there was a trip around Lake Burley Griffin and some outer suburbs, going out about 8 miles for a barbecue lunch. Only a few members had trouble with the booby traps that had been thoughtfully provided by the local Parks and Gardens. Quite a few members enjoyed driving cars other than their own and at the end of the day some members chose to start back towards Sydney in order to avoid the heavy traffic.

The New South Wales branch thanked A.C.T. for the invitation to this well-organised tour and M. MacDonald, on behalf of A.C.T., thanked the Sydney members for attending.

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NEW MEMBERS: Tom Bakewell, 12 Nooal St., Newport. 1918 Ford T Roadster (ex. J. Godfrey)
Stanley Cox, Lot 46, Koylos Crescent, Dubbo. Krit 1912

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

D.P. O'Brien, 10 Knight Place, Castlecrag. Peter Wards, 14 Devon Street, Epping. John Wards, 14 Devon Street, Epping. L.C. Watton, 88 Vimiera Rd., Eastwood.

JUNIOR MEMBER:

Anthony Valentine, 37 Kameruka Rd., Northbridge.

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1966 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE AND CONCOURS D'ETAT

This year, after considerable discussion by the nominated Judges for this event, it was decided to allocate the points in such a way that the emphasis would be more firmly placed on the respective categories.

Firstly it was necessary to define just what each term means.

Concours d'Elegance was defined as being awarded to the most originally or authentically restored vehicle with aesthetically pleasing lines, with due attention to original detail. Points for this category were awarded as follows:

LIN	E:		
1.	Line	10 p	oints
2.	Paint and Coachwork	10	11
3.	Upholstery	10	- 11
4.	General Equipment	5	11
	Brasswork	5	11
	Lamps	5	"
5.	Cleanliness		
	Brass	5	"
	Upholstery	5	"
	Body Work	5	"
MIN	HANICAL:		
6.	Originality	10	11
7.	Cleanliness		
1.	Engine	5	11
	Gearbox	5	11
	Rear Axle	5	11
	Chassis	5	11
0		10	11
8.	Ancillary		
	Total	100	11
	IUUAI	2.00	

Concours d'Etat was defined as being awarded to the car in the best original state or restored using as much original equipment as possible, with due regard to the overall general condition. Points were therefore allocated as follows:

BODY	AND UPHOLSTERY:		
1.	Originality	20	points
2.	Condition	. 20	"
3.	Hood	5	"
4.	Brasswork	5	11
ENGI	NE, GEARBOX AND CHASSIS:		
5.	Originality	10	points
6.	Condition	10	11
7.	Ignition System	5	11
8.	Cooling	5	11
9.	Steering, Chassis and Axles	5	11
10.	Wheels and Tyres	5	"
11.	Chassis Lubrication	5	11
12.	Tools	5	11
	Total	.100	11

Judging this year was done at Roselands for Metropolitan cars, Country cars being judged at the Blue Mountains Rally. Cars scoring more than 150 points total were eligible for Plaque of Merit.

Results this year were as follows:

			See decitate				
Name	Car	Elegance	Place	Etat	Place	Total	Plaque of Merit
L. Jones D.M.Roberts R. Marshall K. Nutt D. Pearce W. Jones G. Green W. Spraggon F. Nissen G. Green		91½ 90 87½ 87½ 86 82 81½ 79½ on)	1st 2nd 3rd 3rd 5th 6th 7th 7th 9th 10th	78½ 85½ 71½ 71 78½ 78 82½ 66½ 70½ 66	4th 1st 14th 16th 4th 6th 2nd 24th 20th 26th	170 175½ 159 158½ 165½ 164 164½ 148½ 152 145½	* * * * * *
R. Farrell G. Green J. Masser W. East D. Green G. Roberts V. Jacobs H. Hardman I. Steer G. Green	Fiat Vaux.P.H. Hup. Stude. R.R. Calthorpe Ford Daimler Renault Vauxhall A Type	79 78½ 78½ 78½ 77½ 77 76½ 77 76½ 75½ 75½ 75½ 75%	11th 12th 12th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 18th 20th	77½ 73 65½ 80 65 70½ 73½ 73 61 66	7th 11th 30th 3rd 33rd 20th 8th 11th 38th 26th	156½ 151½ 144 157½ 142 147 149½ 148½ 136½ 141	* * *
G. Green R. Newman J.R.Cooper J.L.Cooper	Talbot Renault (135) Renault	74 73½ 73 71½	21st 22nd 23rd 24th	64 57½ 63	34th 42nd 35th 43rd	138 131 136 128½	
Mrs.M.Yabsl G. Green	Clement-	71 70½	25th 26th	66 71	26th 16th	137 141 ¹ / ₂	
J. Naylor	Bayard Austro-	691/2	27th	732	8th	143	
J. Turner R. Newman	Daimler Benz Straker Squire	68½ 68	28th 29th	61½ 66½	37th 24th	130 134 2	
C. Parker P. Kable	Martini Ford	67½ 67½	30th 30th	73½ 60½	8th 39th	141	

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R. L. W. P. A. A. F. G. D. L.	Masser	Brush Buick Maxwell N.A.G. Ford Fiat Delahaye F.N. Buick Austin Argyll Austin DeDion	67½ 66 65½ 65½ 64 63 62½ 61 59 57½ 57	30th 33rd 34th 34th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 42nd 44th	72 65½ 71½ 71 66 65½ 70½ 51 62 60 35	13th 30th 14th 41st 16th 26th 30th 23rd 20th 44th 36th 40th 46th	139½ 131½ 137 12½ 135 129 128 130 129½ 108½ 119 117 88
	Dance	Talbot	43	45th	46	45th	89
	Nissen	Internat.	26	46th	71	16th	97
В.	Roberts	Ford	23	47th	25	47th	48
T	Sykes Him	nherette	19	1.8th	22	1.8+h	1.7

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PRESENTATION NIGHT

7TH MAY, 1966

Members were rather slow in deciding to come to the Presentation Night at the Kogarah Progress Hall. However it was an excellent evening attended by 131 -- even permitting a small profit. Full credit goes to Hilda Sheen and her helpers.

The long-awaited awards and presentations were made where possible. The awards were:-

Coggins Trophy	C.	Parker	Martini
l'cyl. Trophy	M.	Welch	Brush
2 cyl. Trophy	A.	Foy	Reo
4 cyl. Trophy	D.	South	Overland
6 cyl. Trophy		Jeffrey	Locomobile
Hard Luck	T.	Lee (No. 44)	Vauxhall
Newton Goldman Trophy	W.	Spraggon	Renault
Outright Winner	D.	South	Overland
Concours d'Elegance	L.	Jones	Hupmobile
Concours d'Etat	M.	Roberts	Ford T

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BLUE MOUNTAINS RALLY 1966

Place	Car No.	Name	Total	Place	Car No.	Name	Total
1 Cyl. 2 Cyl.	1 2 5 6 7 8 9 13	M.L. Yabsley M. Welch A. Foy W. Spraggon J. Vanstone F. Nissen L. Diemel G. Campbell G. Malloy	9 44 7 39 18 65 19 84 3 13 15 52 1450 21 131 382	Coggans	34 35 37 38 39 41 42 44 45	D. Cawthorne W. Hardmann V. Jacobs P. Gregory R. Newman J. Godfrey B. Gillings T. Lee C. Parker	21 89 558 582 3 33 163 744 506 641 2 12
	15	P. Kable	22 140	Coggans	45	T. Cook	24.178
	16	G. Lehmann J. Dance	13 48 595	First & 4 Cyl.	47 48	D. South A. McLeod	1 10 4 31
	19 21 23	D. Steer N. Preston D. Pearce	463 30233 407		. 49 50	A. Rowe K. Moss	12 47
	26 27	R. Sheen F. Craze	26 209		51 52	J. Turner R. Jones	32 252
	28 29	G. Roberts R. Craze	1654		53	R. Farrell P. Daws	25 189 382
	30	P. Stewart A. Colburt	31 250 682		57	G. Sim G. Daley	28 216
	32	A.R. Cooper	1984		59	A. Garthon mued on Page 6)	424

Blue Mountains Rally, Continued

Place	Car No.	Name	Total
6 Cyl.	60 61 62 64	D. Davis J. Jeffrey M. Roberts R. Thomas	258 1758 27211 331

Rest of field did not finish course or lost over 700 points.

Hard Luck Trophy - T. Lee No. 44 Newton Goldman Trophy - W. Spraggon

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CARS ATTENDING ROSELANDS, SUNDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1966

A. Rowe F. Nisson F. Nisson W Jones L. Sykes K. Lober J. Dance A. Foy I. Sheen D.M. Roberts W. East C. Parker	Fiat Humber International Ford Humberette Oldsmobile Talbot Reo Humber Ford Studebaker Martini	Driver: J. Knight Owner: G. Green Driver: R. Sheen	V. Jacobs J. Masser L. Masser W. Hardman D. Cawthorne A. Garthon J. Vanstone G. Steer R. Marshall D. Steer J. Naylor M. Welch G. Malloy	Ford Hupmobile De Dion Bouton Oakland Austin Delahaye Metallurgique Renault Talbot Argyll Austro-Daimler Brush Austin	Owner: G. Green Owner: S. Garrett
G. Roberts W. Dudley	Calthorpe N.A.G.		P. McKeown	Rolls Royce	Owner: G. Green
W. Spraggon L. Jones B. Roberts K. Nutt J. Cooper J. Cooper A. McLeod	Renault Hupmobile Ford Hupmobile Renault Renault Star	Owner: G. Green	G. Green A. Colburt T. Lee G. Green D. Davis D. Pierce R. Jones R. Jones	Rolls Royce Crossley Vauxhall Rolls Royce Clement Bayare Benz Oakland Clement Bayare	a 1911 -
R. Farrell P. Kable	Fiat Ford	* * * * *	G. Green * * * * *	Partly restor DeDion Bouton Unrestored	

CANBERRA TOUR 1966

K.	Jones Moss	Hupmobile Cadillac	Oran oran	В.	Pratt Roberts Kable	Fiat Ford Ford	Mt. Keira
A.	McLeod	Star	Owner: G. Green		McDonald	Siddeley Deasy	, Canberra
	Feffrey Colburt	Locomobile Crossley	Owner: G. Green	L. W.	Robertson Hardman Marshall	Fiat Oakland Talbot	Canberra
D. A. G.		Argyll Humber Renault		E.	Jones Rumph Dance	Oakland Hupmobile Talbot	Canberra
Periodical	Hall Herzel	Minerva Minerva Diatto Renault	Canberra W. Wyalong	G.	Higgenson Roberts Sheen	Talbot Calthorpe Humber	Canberra
A.	Higgenson	F.N.	Canberra	G.	Green	Rolls Royce	
V.	Jacobs McDonald	Ford	Canberra * * * * *		Roberts * * *	Ford	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1966 - Music Hall, Neutral Bay, "FRENCH AFFAIR".

H. Sheen, Social Secretary.

Letters to the Editor -

"13 The Scarp, Castlecrag. 12/5/1966.

Dear Sir:

May I claim a space in your columns to come to the aid, if possible, of a fellow Veteran car owner, not of our club, but our most friendly neighbour, Canberra branch of the movement.

What is required is a pair of headlights such as "King of the Road", C.A.V. or something of that nature, that would not look out of place on a 1910 Daimler, also if possible a generator--carbide variety--to suit same.

The member in question, Ray Wheeler, will of course pay a reasonable price and I will arrange delivery if we are lucky.

Canberra being what it is makes it hard on a veteran owner restoring a car, for geographically it is quite a fair distance to the sources of supply, namely the large cities where treasure, in the form of Veteran spares, abounds.

If such lights are available, will the person kindly give me a ring at business 92/4627, or in the evening 95/6034, or a short note will produce action on my behalf.

Thank you,

John Naylor."

"The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic.)

Hon. Secretary: G. Harder, 5 Dawson Ave., Elwood.

Dear Sir:

NATIONAL RALLY - ALBURY - APRIL, 1967.

The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic.) is organising an International Rally at Albury, N.S.W., from the 1st to 8th April, 1967, for veteran and vintage automobiles and motor cycles.

It is expected that over two hundred entries will be received from all Clubs, this of course does not include Members who do not have veteran or vintage vehicles and wish to enter in their modern vehicle for the same fee.

The Rally will consist of five days of rallies to cater for all types of vehicles including single, twin and small cylinder cars.

The entrants will be expected to report to Albury by Sunday afternoon 2nd April in time for a general briefing.

Steps are being taken to obtain a suitable sponsor to assist to defray costs for entrants in order to make this Rally as inexpensive as possible. The entry fee will be \$10 (ten dollars).

Should any of your members be interested, then entry forms will be available from the Rally Director:

Mr. T.C. McManamny, 28a William Street, Frankston, Vic.

Entries close - 1st February, 1967.

Yours faithfully, VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (VIC.)

> G.A. Harder, Hon. Secretary."

AVAILABLE: T. Ford engine incomplete, gear box. Contact - N. GOODMAN,

1 Park Rd., Baulkham Hills.

WANTED Three 28 x 3 tyres, rear axle, differential pinion,

4 cyl. Maxwell 1910.

- L. DEIMEL, "Stonehurst", George St., East Gosford, N.S.W.

for 1913 T Ford Tourer. Back and front guards, rear bonnet support, steering wheel. Lights, Head, side and tail, also generator. Will pay cash or swap later guards etc. for any WANTED

one of the above parts.

- JACK GODFREY. 30 Ryedale Rd., Denistone. 85/6924

SWAP OR TRADE Divers Helmet Brass Tail Lamp. Would like to swap for a pair of side lamps for a 1926 Ford "T", cash difference.

- R. COX, 6 Morotai Ave., Riverwood. 53/6736

Pair side lamps and rear lamp, also differential suit 1913 8 h.p. WANTED ALL STATES Renault or parts.

> - M.J. MC KENZIE, "Wairigal", Hillston, N.S.W.

Any parts to suit 1915 Overland car also books or information on same. Reply:

- REG. MAC DONALD, 35 Shirley St., Inverell, N.S.W. Phone 1544

Dodge body parts, particularly rear guards and rear portion of WANTED tourer body, up to 1919.

- BOB MC CARTHY, 87 Kingston St., Haberfield. 71/1941

Compression Whistle Castings (machining still needed). \$3.50 FOR SALE

> - LEN SHEEN, 1 Cumberland Ave., Lane Cove. 42/4198

- A. ADAMS, 1922 Cadillac V8 Roadster. FOR SALE 6 East St., Dubbo, N.S.W.

Front cylinder block 6 cyl. Benz. - JOHN WARDS, WANTED 14 Devon Street, Epping. 86/2614

WANTED ALL STATES - ADD VICTORIA

Wanted Darracq 1906 7/9 h.p. single cyl. engine. Price no object? - 7 Western Rd., COHUNA, VIC. 'Phone 8. (No name on copy)

Wanted Stewart-Talbot or Zenith updraught carburettor to suit 4 cy. 15 h.p. 1908 Talbot type 4 DB. Would be interested in anything suitable and would like to find someone restoring a - M. MARKOFF, similar vehicle. 551 South Rd., Moorabbin.

95/5645

AVAILABLE (VICTORIA ALL STATES ADD) Available J.A.P. m/c part restored and property of V.C.C.A. Vic. Valves have been faced and seats cut, capped and fitted with newly nickled springs and caps. New big end bush, plywheels aligned and pistons fitted. New gudgeons and bushes. Barrels baked enamelled. Requires new rings. Frame and forms sand-blasted and enamelled. Gear box needs only new races.

Offer to JACK NELSON, 10 Clarence St., Reservoir. 47/7217.

AVAILABLE Rolls Royce Silver Ghost 1914 Alpine Eagle Tourer, Ch. 407B, Regd. Rally participant. Mechanically near perfect. Price high - on application.

- JIM COOPER, 1 Coral St., Brunswick West, 36/6006 (home); 47/1661 (bus.)

"SPOKES IN THE WHEEL"

Official Newsletter of THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)

NEWCASTLE BRANCH

The main news from Newcastle this month is the results of the annual election of club officers for the ensuing year. As most of the retiring officers declined re-election we find different faces and some new blood in the branch's key positions. Without listing all the nominations, the results are as follows:

CHAIRMAN Jim Turner
VICE-CHAIRMAN Ray Thomas *
SECRETARY George Adams *
TREASURER John Riley *
NEWSLETTER EDITOR Norm Robinson *

EVENTS COMMITTEE Hunter Thomas
Chris. Broadbent *

INVESTIGATION COMM. Hunter Thomas

John Riley

Terry Cook

(* First time in this office)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those club members who gave me help and guidance over the past year, which has been, in my opinion, a memorable one for the Newcastle Branch. As from next month this Report will be prepared by the new Chairman, Jim Turner. Congratulations, Jim.

- Don Barker, Past Chairman.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 8th June at 8 p.m. at Driver Training Range, Court Road, Adamstown. Films and supper will follow.

WANTED For 10-12 h.p. F.N. Tail shaft and universal joints. Foot brake bands. Hand brake lever. Steering pitman arms.

Carburettor. Contact - Chris. Broadbent,

14 Lillian St., Glendale.

Also A.C. Sociable, any parts at all, or literature or information. Contact - Chris. Broadbent.

WANTED Veteran T Ford front axle and steering rods. Also radius rods for same and rear spring. Contact Howard Hughes, 86 Verulum Rd., Lambton. 57/4390

FOR SALE

Four 30 x 3½ B.E. Dunlop Tyres and Tubes, as new. £16 or near offer. Contact - DON BARKER, 12 Myall Rd., Waratah.

Phone 68/3786 (Newcastle)

Registrar Allan Foy is anxious to have all members correctly shown in the new Roster of Members, with their correct addresses, phone numbers and of course, cars at present in their hands - restored or otherwise. Please let your Secretary have full details if you haven't done so already.

- THE SCRIBE.

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