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The Year's Tour

Early this month (Aug. 3) the Werd Hall Circus Side Show embarked on its 1973 tour, which is expected to keep the show on the road until early November. The show is managed by Dick Johnson and is set to play dates in the east and south with the Goodings Amusements, Kenn Penn Amusements and Johnny's United Shows.

Announcements for the show are handled by Joe Schmitt, Jr. a former circus clown. He is assisted by Leonard Farley

The show's attractions are:

- Poobah - Pigmy with tongue of steel and human volcano
- Sherry - Miss Electra and Snake Enchantress
- Sandra Reed - Albino girl and sword swallower
- Donna Schmitt - rubber girl (the blade box)
- Screwie Louie - human blockhead
- Big Jim - fat man
- Lisa Simon - The pretzel girl
- Joe Schmitt - magic and illusions
- Biological Oddities - blowoff

winds hit show

About four weeks ago the King Bros. Circus suffered a blowdown when strong winds whipped across the show grounds. Bob Gardner, drummer on the show, reports the side show tent went down, but suffered only minor damage. Also damaged was the pony ride.

While the date and town of the blowdown was not mentioned, Gardner reports they have had good crowds and nice lots. However, it is generally understood that business is down from that of last year.

Doris Smith, who had the cookhouse on the show has left and the duties there have been taken over by Dolores Rex. Readers will remember that Charlie Rex, elephant trainer and mechanic on the show, was injured when hit by a car earlier in the year. His leg has healed and he is back on the show.

A new addition to King Bros. is young Gardner, age 16, who is spending the summer on the show.

a fair show

Two completely different stage shows have been announced by the Sar Mateo, Calif. Fair. The programs are presented at 8:45 p.m. each week day, with two shows on the weekend.

For the week of Jul 31-Aug 5 the show featured:

The Bright Side	Duane Dancers
Dick Kerr	Rola & Rolan

For the week of Aug. 6-11 the show featured:

The Columbo's	Duane Dancers
Helen Forrest	The Alcetty's

A variety of other entertainment was and is available throughout the fair grounds. This included the Ironberg Circus last week and the Happytime Circus this week.

Look out

Reports being received during the past week indicates that Ringling-Barnum has clamped down once again on the idea of Circus fans visiting in the backyard.

Acts are even discouraging their friends from trying to come for a visit for fear of reprisals from the front office.

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New Tenants

Officers elected to serve the Windjammers Unlimited for the coming year include:

Robert Hills - president
Arthur Stensvad - vice presi
Ward Staath - sec/treasurer
Paul Fitzpatrick - southeast
Terry Squires - northeast
Robert Harrison - central area
Percy Turner - pacific area.

a show visit

During a recent visit to see a relative - Frederick Wendland - at Sheboygan, Wisc., Wolfgang Allekotte reports he was able to visit the King Bros. Circus.



The entire program was well balanced and without a dull moment between acts, he added. The circus even recognized that we were visiting the show and that was very much appreciated.

Wolfgang reports the band did a good job and plays several real old-time numbers, which adds to the show. What really struck me most, he says, was the fine animal acts, particularly the precision work of the elephants.

King Bros. Circus can be proud of its '73 program and the way it is presented by every performer. This is something that is important, especially today when circus operators in Europe are finding it difficult to stay in business.

Pot-Pourri

The article on Page one, about Hall's Circus Side Show was contributed by Pat Bissonette.

It is now possible to bring horse groups in from Canada for 72 hours or less without a U.S. inspection if the animals have been certified by the Canadian authorities.

Atlas Greater Shows had 13 rides and 20 concessions at their date in San Leandro, Calif. last week.

Lewis Bros. Circus had a blow down at Greenville, Ill. on June 18, but damage was said to be minor.

When Clyde Bros. plays Beaumont, Texas (Aug. 25-26) they'll perform in the Rodeo Arena at the fairgrounds

The Fiesta Shows provided rides and midway attractions at the Sonora, Calif. fair last month.

The Navy Station at Newport, R.I. sponsored the Triple A Bar Rodeo on July 3-4 and grossed more than \$6000 for their recreation fund.

RBBB reportedly has penciled in a date at Kansas City, but no definite announcement has been made.

Attendance at the San Mateo, Cal. fair already seems to be headed for a new record.

Shows at the Long Beach, Calif. Arena this year included: Polack Bros. the De Wayne Circus, Ringling-Barnum, Lipizzan Stallion Show, and the Ice Capades.

A Look Back

Recollections of the Atterbury Wagon Show by Karl Cartwright - Season of 1924. Submitted by Bill Ruesskamp.

R. L. Atterbury was manager of the show, while his brother Bill was the bannerman.

R. L. had a pony and monkey act, while his wife, Rose, worked the dog act. Tom Powell had the cook house and reserved seats and Ben Reed was the bull man. Later he was killed by "Diamond" the bad bull that Atterbury had.

Van Jerome, a contortionist, was with the show for a few weeks. He had come on to work until the John Robinson Circus opened its season. Kitty Atterbury, R. L.'s daughter worked on the horizontal rings, and at that time both Bob, Jr. and Mary were just kids.

The show opened near Memphis, Tenn. and had plenty of rain and mud enroute to Illinois.

I worked magic in clown make-up and also worked Jergo. Shorty Lorch was a clown and the boss canvasman. Dell Simmons, a clown and juggler, took Jermone's place when he left. I left the show in Illinois.

The show's managerie was kept in the back end of the big top. It consisted of a bear, two monkeys, and "Diamond," the elephant.

Our wagons were delivery and farm wagons. There was no side show, no concert and no candy pitch.



At long last the King Bros. Circus came to Sheboygan County (Wisconsin) on Sunday, July 22, where they performed to a full house at Sheboygan Falls. The circus was sponsored by the Sheboygan

Falls Police Dept. The five pole big top seats 1,800 people.

According to their amiable manager, Harry Rawls, the 3 ring circus encountered inclement weather in Mississippi, but they were rewarded with beautiful sunny days in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Mr. Rawls informed me that 6 of his 8 children and his wife Mary travel with the circus, in fact some of the Rawls youngsters gave a fine account of themselves in the various acts they participated in. Mr. Rawls, said, in our interview, that he had performed as a cowboy in rodeos for many years, doing trick riding, roping, etc. For a number of years he traveled with the Dailley Bros. Circus.

Their tour began on March 10 in the southern states and the season will close in Florida in November. Floyd King arranges the King Bros. itinerary and their winter quarters are at Deland, Fla. The complement of performers, musicians and helpers totals 53.

No circus is complete without a good solid band to enhance the program, and King Bros. band under the direction of Charles E. Stev-

son, filled the air with inspiring music, which most assuredly will linger in the memories of young and old alike. The cues and tempos of his six skilled musicians provided the necessary background for the performers.

Mr. Stevenson served in World War II and following his discharge in 1945, he enlisted in the Marines, where he served from 1946 to 1953. In 1953 he played with the Ringling-Barnum band, under Merle Evans. He plays baritone with perfection and directs at the same time. Mr. Stevenson joined King Bros. in 1967 and has served as its band director since 1970. A young chap by the name of Rex Benson plays trombone in the band. He accompanies the circus on their tours and in June 1974 will have completed his Masters Degree in music, at Illinois State University at Bloomington.

The performance includes such outstanding acts as Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kirk and their baboons, while Mrs. Veva Kirk presents a poodle review. Mr. Kirk stated that all circus hands and performers desire to work for Mr. Rawls -- what a fine tribute to the King Bros. Circus manager.

Miss Chona Eastwood, from Mexico, is a versatile performer on the trapeze and tight wire. She also has performed with Cristiani and Carson & Barnes circuses.

Pretty Miss Linda Karl presented the King Bros. elephants and
(Continued on the next page)

sawdust trail

"Friend" - The Chevrolet magazine for July 1973 has Gunther Wilhelm's tigers on the cover and an article about Ringling's Red Unit called "Soul of the Circus."

Xerox - Summer Edition of "My Weekly Reader" Vol. 42 dated June 15, 1973 features a two page color spread on the "Ruppert Bears." →

THE RAIN CAME

The performance of the Beatty Cole Circus at Newport, R. I. on July 4th, has been described as "about the best tent circus anywhere" by David Korb. It's not the biggest show in the country, he said, but they have lions and tigers (that do work together), plus pretty gals and plenty of acts.

Just before the show's arrival a real downpour of rain turned the lot into a sea of mud. Both elephants and a caterpillar tractor were required to get the show units on solid ground. As a result the circus was forced to move to another location. Despite all this business was said to have been quite good.

At one point, after the show reached its new location, an elephant knocked down and stepped on Ernest Bennett, a circus worker. He was treated at a local hospital for rib injuries. One circus man said the elephant was reacting because it was "overworked" and irritated as a result of the weather.

Billy Griffen, clown last year on Fisher Bros. started the season with Clark & Walters and now he's on the Lewis Bros. Circus.

King Bros. Circus hasn't had a day off in 12 weeks. Anyone catching the show please report if Steve Baker "Checkers, the Clown" is still on the show.

Dede, The Clown, reports he is booked every Sunday at the La. Purchase Garden & Zoo in Monroe, La. In June and July he worked with some 12,000 kids.

..... M. L. DUPONT



KING BROS. CIRCUS

their clever routines were warmly received and applauded.

King Bros. has a very capable young man serving as ringmaster. It is Phil Chandler.

As always faithful circus fans make it a point to promote and attend circus events and July 22nd was no exception. Wayne Bloz, of Sheboygan, has been a staunch promoter of circuses for years. He assisted King Bros. with its bookings in Wisconsin. Other Sheboyganites attending the circus included: Bob Gruenke, Walter J. Clicquenois and Fred Wend. Also attending were Carl Bischoff and his wife, former circus performers. Mr. Bischoff will soon be helping Carson & Barnes in setting up sponsors for their tour of the area.

ROUTES

Allen's Petting Zoo
Aug. 8-12 San Leandro, Cal

Beatty-Cole Circus
Aug. 6 Richmond, Ind.
7 Lafayette
8 Elkhart
9 Battle Crk, Mich
10 Ann Arbor
11 Kalamazoo
12 Benton Harbor

Carden-Johnson Circus
Aug. 7 Shawnee, Okla
10-11 Roswell, N.M.

Carson & Barnes Circus
Aug. 6 Pontiac, Ill.
7 Dwight
8 Princeton
9 Eureka
10 Beardstown
11 Pana

Hubert Castle Circus
Aug. 6-7 Pittsburg, Kans
8 Springdale, Ark
9-11 Joplin, Mo.

Circus Kirk
Aug. 6 Somerset, Pa.
7 Roscoe
8 Fredericktown
9 New Stanton
10 Clairton
11 Adamsburg
12 Apelle

Clyde Bros. Circus
Aug. 6 Jackson, Kty
7 Somerset
9-12 Lexington

Diamond S Wild West
Aug. 6 Martinesville, Ind
8 De Witt, Iowa

Fisher Bros. Circus
Aug. 6 Hugo, Colo.
7 Cheyenne Wells
8 Ordway
9 Canon City
10 Buena Vista
11 Selida

L. N. Fleckles Circus
Aug. 10-19 Springfield, Ill

Garden Bros. Circus
to Aug. 10 Three Rivers,

George Matthews Circus
Aug. 6 Brainard, Minn
7 Fergus Falls
8 Wahpeton, N.D.
9 Grand Forks

Hall's Circus Side Show
Aug. 3-11 Allentown, Pa.

Happytime Circus
Aug. 6-11 San Mateo, Cal.

Miller Johnson Circus
Aug. 7-9 Camden, N. J.
10-13 Villanova, Pa.

Polack Bros. Circus
Aug. 8-9 Farmington, Utah

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit
Aug. 7-8 Waterloo, Iowa
10-13 Omaha, Nebr.

Ringling-Barnum Red Unit
to Aug. 8 Inglew'd, Cal.
9-12 Long Beach

Royal Bros. Circus
Aug. 6 Deep River, Ont.
7 Petawana
8-10 No Shows
11 Almonte
12 No Show

Royal Circus
Aug. 6 E. Bridgewater, N.J.

Royal Ranch Circus
Aug. 12 Middletown, R.I

Royson Bros. Circus
Aug. 6 Clarksville, Ga
7 Cleveland
8 Ball Grounds
9 Dawsonville
10-11 Jasper

Rudy Bros. Circus
to Aug. 14 Chicago, Ill

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
Aug. 6 Petosky, Mich.
7 Traverse City
8 Cadillac
9 Mt. Pleasant

Sells & Gray Circus
Aug. 6 Falmouth, Mass
7 Orleans
8 So. Yarmouth
9 Whitman
10 Marshfield
11 Haverhill

John Strong Circus
Aug. 8 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
9 Enroute
10 Council Bluffs
11-12 Lincoln, Nebr.

Wallenda Circus
Aug. 6 Lafayette, Ind.

..... CARNIVALS

Allens Amusement Co.
Aug. 6-11 Wabash, Ind.
8-11 Delphi

American Eagle Shows
Aug. 6-8 Minden, Nebr.
9-11 Orleans

Amusements of America
Aug. 6-11 Hagerstown, Md

Cammack Shows
Aug. 6-11 Brandon, Canada

Cepell Bros. Shows

Gooding Amusements
Aug. 6-11 Pittsfield, Pa.
6-11 Kendallville, Ind
6-11 Monroe, Mich
7-11 Meridian, Pa.

Great American Shows
Aug. 6-12 Honesdale, Pa.

Green Tree Shows
Aug. 6-11 Germantown, Ky

Hale's Shows of Tomorrow
Aug. 6-10 Beatrice, Nebr

Bob Hammond Shows
Aug. 7-12 Monticello, Iowa

Luehr's Ideal Rides
Aug. 8-12 Belvidere, Ill

Megerle Shows
Aug. 6-11 Bowling Grn, Ohio

Mid-South Amusements
Aug. 6-11 Gallatin, Tenn

Mississippi Valley Shows
Aug. 6-11 Carmi, Ill

Monarch Exps Shows
Aug. 6-11 Milledgeville, Ill

Moore's Greater Shows
Aug. 6-9 Fullerton, Nebr
11-14 Ogalla
6-8 Pell
12-14 Benkelman

Murphy Bros. Shows
Aug. 7-12 Sioux Falls, SD

Reitheffer Shows
Aug. 6-11 Batavia, NY
6-11 Cortland

Rose City Rides
Aug. 8-11 Potosic, Mo.

Skerbeck Shows
Aug. 6-11 Bay City, Mich.

Spencer Amusements
Aug. 10-12 Lebanon, Tenn

Ralph Wagner Shows
Aug. 6-11 Marshall, Texas

..... OTHER ROUTES

Dancing Waters
Aug. 9-18 Staten Isld, NY

Merle Evans Concert
Aug. 10 E. Bridgewater, Mass

Peggy Fleming Ice Show
Aug. 7-12 Painters Mill, Md

Magicians Conclave
Aug. 10-11 Milwaukee, Wis

National Horse Show
Aug. 6-11 Monterey, Cal.

..... FAIRS

Amador County Fair
Aug. 9-12 Plymouth, Calif

Douglas County Fair
Aug. 7-11 Roseburg, Oreg.

Harlan County Fair
Aug. 9-11 Orleans, Nebr.

Illinois State Fair

George Matthews Circus
 Aug. 6 Brainard, Minn
 7 Fergus Falls
 8 Wahpeton, N.D.
 9 Grand Forks
 Hall's Circus Side Show
 Aug. 3-11 Allentown, Pa.
 Happytime Circus
 Aug. 6-11 San Mateo, Cal.
 Hal Haviland Show
 Aug. 8-12 Piqua, Ohio ?
 Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Aug. 6 Sea Girt, N.J.
 7 Ocean City
 8 Vineland
 9-10 Villas
 11 Semers Point
 12 Lawrence Twp.
 Keye Continental Circus
 Aug. 9-19 Honolulu, Haw.
 King Bros. Circus
 Aug. 6 Traverse City, M
 7 East Lake
 8 Ludington
 9 Cadillac
 10 Big Rapids
 11 Holland

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 American Eagle Shows
 Aug. 6-8 Minden, Nebr.
 9-11 Orleans
 Amusements of America
 Aug. 6-11 Hagerstown, Md
 Canmack Shows
 Aug. 6-11 Brandon, Canada
 Capell Bros. Shows
 Aug. 10-14 Leveland, Colo.
 Lawrence Carr Shows
 Aug. 16-25 Louisville, Ky
 Central State Shows
 Aug. 6-10 Walkeeneey, Kans
 Continental Shows
 Aug. 10-12 Addison, Vt.
 Dell & Travers Shows
 Aug. 6-11 Bedford, Pa.
 Diamond State Shows
 Aug. 6-11 Centerville, Tenn
 Don's Amusements
 Aug. 7-9 Blackduck, Minn
 James H. Drew Shows
 Aug. 6-11 Valparaiso, Ind
 Foley & Burk Shows
 Aug. 6-11 Turlock, Cal.
 Great American Shows
 Aug. 6-12 Honesdale, Pa

Aug. 6-11 Monterey, Cal.
 FAIRS
 Amador County Fair
 Aug. 9-12 Plymouth, Calif
 Douglas County Fair
 Aug. 7-11 Roseburg, Oreg.
 Harlan County Fair
 Aug. 9-11 Orleans, Nebr.
 Illinois State Fair
 Aug. 9-19 Springfield, Ill
 Midland Empire Fair
 Aug. 11-18 Billings, Mont.
 Plumas County Fair
 Aug. 8-12 Quincy, Calif.
 Southwest Wash. Fair
 Aug. 7-12 Chehalis, Wash.
 Stanislaus County Fair
 Aug. 6-11 Turlock, Calif
 Wisconsin State Fair
 Aug. 10-19 Milwaukee, Wisc
 Yamhill County Fair
 Aug. 8-12 McMinnville, Ore



Who's Who

RAGS, The Clown, is working the Fair at San Mateo, Calif. doing several children's shows each day.

DON HEASTON, musician, played in the band with the Wonderful World of Horses at Long Beach, Calif. He will also be playing with the RBBB Band in the Los Angeles area.

BEN DE WAYNE, juggler, wire walker, clown and animal man, opened at Pable Island (Detroit, Mich) on Jul. 28th. He will be there thru Labor Day.

THE CORONAS, high wire act, played Myrtle Beach, S.C. for two weeks last month then joined the Canadian Circus, Inc.

ARTHUR G. WALLEUDA, electrician on Miller-Johnson Circus, and his wife who handled wardrobe, have left the show for other work.

EMMETT KELLY, Sr. was featured in a front page story in a recent issue of the Hayward (Calif.) Review.

BARON VON UHL has a white tiger cub, which was born at Elkhart, Ind. It is the seventh known to be in the country.

ART STENSVAD and JOE FLEMING visited the Carson & Barnes Circus at Norton, Kans. then saw King Bros. at Great Bend, Kans.

SMOKEY JONES, KARI and baby "Tika" will be playing Hawaiian dates between Aug. 9 and 24th.

The Troubled Days

Like all shows on the road this season Hoxie Bros. is suffering their share of problems. They have been combatting a lack of sufficient help and bad weather on a regular basis.

Not long ago their band sleeper burned and was declared a total loss. The clown costumes and band uniforms were rendered unwearable. At another time two trailers were said to have been wrecked.

At one stand someone forgot to load the elephants. The show units all pulled off the lot and some 100 miles away it was discovered that the elephant trucks were empty. A hasty retreat to the previous stand found the elephants contentedly grazing just as they had been left.

One good report is that the show's band has been increased from five to eight men. This group is turning out some mighty fine show music.

KARL WALLEUDA set a record for the world's longest wire walk at the Blue Water Festival in Port Huron, Mich. An entry will be made in the Guinness Book of World Records.

GUNTHER GEBER-WILLIAMS was featured on the July 31st Johnny Carson TV Show, where he introduced an elephant.

XAVIER, juggler and role bole performer, has left the George Matthews Circus for another job.

FISHER BROS.

by JOE FLEMING

We finally got to see the Fisher Bros. Circus, but it was a bad and rainy day. Even so the public came out and they enjoyed the show.

The circus looks good on the lot and all equipment is painted real well. The tent is old, but a new one has been ordered. The present top is a 60 ft round end with two 30 ft. centers. It has two rings and seats are 7 rows high, with no reserves.

The elephants are carried in an old Gainesville Community Circus van, while the former Diano hippo still lives in the same semi.

A tandem trailer with several cages is pulled by a light plant truck. A white bus pulls the pony trailer. The cookhouse bus pulls a second light plant, while the water tank is pulled by the snake show truck. Poles and seats load on a truck and tandem trailer, and the canvas is carried on a spool truck.

The organ trailer is red and white and is placed in the backdoor at showtime. Two cages, with the bally platform between them, make up the side show front. They are sidewalled to the side show as is the hippo den.

Brownie Silverlake handles the snake show, and Melvin Silverlake makes the side show opening and announces for the big top. The

a new law

The U. S. Senate has passed a bill which will protect crocodiles, whooping cranes and other threatened wildlife from being killed off

The vote was 92 to 0. The bill seeks to protect wildlife, fish and plants by federal action and encouraging states to set up their own protection programs.

HISTORICAL FACT

Bill and Mary Hasselbring and Thomas F. Whiteside were wire act performers on the Campbell Bros. Circus in 1966.

side show is a 30 x 70 and contain the half dozen cages, the hippo den, a five footed horse, a five legged cow, a four eared llama and the show's two elephants.

Peggy Null plays the organ and her daughter Toni plays the drums for the program, which features:

- Don Jose - cloud swing
- Pony drill
- Clowns
- Jane Randall - menage horse
- Brownie Silverlake - gorilla act (comedy parody)
- Little Gee Gee Null - ladder
- Clowns
- Jane Randall - dogs
- The Null Girls - acrobats
- Clowns
- Mike Gasca - rola bola/juggling
- Joe Silverlake and wife - juggl'g
- Jane Randall - liberty horses
- Melvin Silverlake - with the elephant "Dixie"

YEARS AGO

Sells Floto Circus - Pittsfield, Mass
June 15-16, 1919.

The circus arrived today from Framingham about 4:30 a.m. They are on one train of 14 flat cars, six horse cars, one stock car, seven sleepers. In all they have 44 wagons, one tractor, two autos and three carts.

The unloading was started as soon as the cars were set and everything was off the train by 12:30 p.m. They have eight elephants, six camels and a zebra.

The cars and wagons are all painted white, while the sleepers are white and yellow.

Big crowds were on hand to watch them unload and set-up the show, and all of the tents were up by 3 pm, but since it was Sunday they left the big top until Monday morning. Two elephants were used to pull wagons around the lot, while a tractor was bringing the wagons up from the cars.

All of the big top poles were painted on Sunday so the men were kept pretty busy.

On Monday a parade was given at

retail item

Something new is available on your grocer's shelves these days. It's the Ringling-Barnum Circus Snacks (pop corn) in two delicious flavors -- chocolate and peanut butter.

The 7½ oz. packages have the Ringling-Barnum name on every side as well as a photo of Lou Jacobs. Also featured on each package are some facts about the show, plus the entire route for each unit.

By saving three box tops one can purchase four old-time posters for just \$1.00. Another offer provides for the purchaser a free ticket to the circus, if he has two coupons and buys one regular priced ticket.

It's a good chance to see the circus at reduced prices -- and the pop corn is good too.

11 a.m. and was quite impressive. The cages were all opened and everything looked clean and neat. They had two bands, plus a clown band, also two air calliopes and the steam calliopo.

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CIRCUS Festival

The 14th annual Circus City Festival was held in Peru, Ind. on July 12-21. Peru, the long-time winterquarters for circuses of by-gone days, brings the circus to life every July.

Reports indicate that this year's show was the best ever and the local talent, trained by circus greats, was very good. Jim Hoover had the job of coordinating the activities of the circus, but Joe Anderson was the head trainer. It was his third year with the show.

Among the pros aiding the new performers were: Betty Hodgini, who taught swinging ladders and aerial acts; W. W. Wilno, taught trapeze work. (He is famous as an early-day human cannon ball who was shot 60 ft. into the air over two ferris wheels.)

The special Souvenir Edition of the Peru Tribune was filled with circus items of both the pros and the training of their circus personnel. Also included is an excellent article on Eva Kelly Lewis the widow of famous clown Joe Lewis.



It makes sense to read The Circus Report each week, no matter where you are.

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