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August 1998	Early Oatley Businesses	General discussion Vera Thompson Bruce Fletcher Merle Stone Owen O'Brien Ray Stevens Gwen Fryett

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OATLEY HERITAGE GROUP

MEETING DATE: 28 Aug 1998

TOPIC : Early Oatley Businesses

PAPERS BY: Hera Thompson

Map of Oatley Businesses

"Dunsmore's Pharmacy News Vol. 20"

"Bay News no. 42, March 1954"

Received subsequent to meeting:

A. Bruce Fletcher (2 letters)

Owen O'Brien

Merle Stone (née Small)

Ray Stevens

Gwen Fryett

Radio Theatre.

2 Nov. 1942 - Art Deco

Rev. R.O.A. Aust 390 people
Nola Colborne
Hidden - television

put them out of business
- closed Phil Doyle
located in Letitia St opp. the Library (School of Arts)

Nicki Waters m. Richie Jenham

[Mortdale - before the war,
Open air theatre
very early days.
A memorial plaque at
end of Mort. Rd +

now ~~part~~ of belonging
to R.S.H.

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AUGUST 1998 NEWSLETTER

Please take note of the Dates of our future meetings:

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 1998 at 10:30 AM
In the Band Hall at the rear of the Oatley Library

Topic " EARLY OATLEY BUSINESSES"

THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1998 at 7:30 PM.
In the Uniting Church Hall, Frederick St., OATLEY

Topic " The ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SILVESTER AND HIS CASTLE"

This will be presented by Mrs. Betty Goodger.

Member, you will note that the meetings of the Heritage Group are held during the day time in the winter months, and in the evenings in the summer. By having meetings in the day and night it allows those members to have a choice of attending.

The topic for August being " Early Oatley Businesses", will you please put on your thinking caps, and remember the many corner stores which were once in Oatley, and also we ask for the many "backyard" businesses which were once in existence. The object of this subject is not so much the names of businesses which have changed hands over the years, but, the name and situation of those which are no longer in existence. We can all remember the many "corner" stores, but do we recall the Gymnasium; the funeral director; the bakery; Hogarths Estate agency, and so many other places. Many places of business were conducted from the spare room in the house or shed- how many were there in West Oatley?

"Early Oatley Street Names"- the subject for discussion in May was an outstanding success. Thanks are extended to those who made the effort to provide such important and in many cases previously unknown, to most, derivations of street names, and changes due to the geography of Oatley.

Special thanks are due to Betty Goodger and Jan Crane for the depth of the information provided. Betty Goodger settled for all time the suggestion that the streets of Oatley East were named for the children of James Oatley- THEY WERE NOT. Jan Crane provided many maps and information on the sale of land.

Many remember the time when we travelled by train and saw a sign which said " X miles to Griffiths Bros Tea". Little did we realise that the same Charles Cecil Griffiths, bought the Oatley grant from James Oatley, and named the streets of East Oatley for members of the Griffiths Family. We learnt that many streets in West Oatley were named for prominent citizens both in and out of Australia.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Ion Sloggett the Reference Librarian of Kogarah Council who provided maps of the area and the development of this suburb. Also he gave us a view into the future and St. George Images Digitisation Project for the cataloguing of the Rockdale and Kogarah Local Histories collections.

The Oatley Heritage Group is making a valuable contribution to this collection and all the material presented at our meetings will be catalogued.

Why not come to the Oatley Heritage Group Meetings and be part of this exciting experience. Please pass on others the knowledge which you and your family have of Oatley; and also enrich the knowledge of future generations by your input.

WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 28th AUGUST, AT 10:30 AM.
NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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V. Thompson
Letitia

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1998
Mrs. V. Thompson (formerly long time resident
7/1 Letitia St of Annette St.)
Oatley.

Early businesses of Oatley

By Vera Thompson, 1998*

Mr. Arnold, hairdresser, where the Medical Centre (*Oatley Village Medical Clinic*) now is.

May English, fish shop, also where Medical Centre now is— only fresh fish being sold.

Avery's, shoe repairs, where the chemist now is (*Cameron Stewart's pharmacy, corner Frederick and Letitia Streets.*)

(The above being three of the four identical adjoining shops facing Letitia Street opposite the Uniting Church, which in 1998 comprise the Letitia Street frontages of The Corner Pharmacy and the Oatley Village Medical Clinic)

Mr. Barnett, dentist, where Mr Deveny now is (*upstairs, corner Frederick Street and Oatley Avenue, entrance from Oatley Avenue*). Mr. Barnett was the father of Vern and Knight Barnett, played the organ at "the Prince Edward" (*theatre- in the City*)

Also Larkins had a grocery shop about where Maria and Mick have their fruit shop (*Mick and Maria Ferraro's fruit shop and store being on the northern side of Frederick Street - No. 18*).

Mr. Canning, shop (general store) Annette Street (No. 33 – immediately north of the present Charles Street reserve). Miss Milsop, and previously to Miss Milsop, people by the name of Ogg, had it.

(Miss Milsop also ran the tuckshop at Oatley Public School – southern end of its Letitia Street frontage – in the 1940s)

*(*Mrs. Vera Thompson was a long time resident of 38A Annette Street along with her husband and sons. In her final years she resided at 7/1 Letitia Street, Oatley.)*

Reminiscences of an Oatley West Shopkeeper
1949 - 1954

by Noela and Wes Bentley 2001

July 1949 was the beginning of a new adventure for Noela and Wes Bentley.

Married just 4 months we managed to find a house to rent in Oatley, at 56 Letitia Street. For 30/- per week, we had the 2 front rooms and the use of the kitchen, bathroom and laundry. This grand old house had been Judds, of Judds Brickworks (where the senior high school now operates). Although it had huge rooms with high ceilings and french doors, it was completely bare except for the wood chip heater in the bathroom, the old fuel copper and many more inconveniences. However we thought it was just "Christmas" as at that time any accommodation was hard to find.

1949 and 1950 were known as the "Years of the Fleas". Our rooms had not been used for many years, we laid lino over the boards to provide some warmth through the winter, but in doing so disturbed the flea eggs that had been lying dormant! I vividly remember the nights sitting up in bed catching fleas which were in the brand new fluffy blankets that had been a wedding present. An unforgettable experience!

Our first daughter, Jill, was born in December bringing us great joy. I remember washing nappies. The water pipes were very old, and on occasions, having spent ages boiling up the nappies in the old brick covered fuel copper, the rinsing water would turn brown and the procedure would have to be started all over again!

With our deferred pay from the Army we decided to purchase a small lock-up business at 71 Mulga Road Oatley West. Wes had been a grocer / small goodsman by trade before the war and we liked the area and thought it had potential.

The shop was a mixed business with milkbar, cool drinks, confectionery and ice cream, some groceries and even a small stock of haberdashery items. The position was good for passing trade at the top of the hill in Mulga Road (presently occupied by a seafood restaurant). During the week our customers were people on their way home from the railway station after work, and on weekends we were busy with young couples coming past on their way to blocks of land where they were building their dream homes. They came with all manner of construction materials, including bags of cement, when they were available from Diments Hardware at Hurstville.

We worked hard, the hours were long and 7 days a week and many goods were rationed - tea, butter, biscuits, tinned goods, cigarettes and tobacco being a few. Noela made brawn which was very popular with the customers. We bought bricks of ice cream, sliced them, pushed a stick in one end and covered them with warm chocolate. What a messy job that was and we had

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plenty of accidents dropping the lot in the basin of chocolate! As they sold for 6 pence each we didn't make much profit, but they were always popular - the start of the present day Magnums!

During 1949 the coal strikes caused many blackouts. This created problems for us with the refrigeration and the shop being dark and gloomy, lit only by candles and kerosene lamps. At this time it was illegal to sell grocery items at weekends and they had to be locked away. What a crazy law that was. It meant we had to board up the grocery shelves every Friday night and unboard then on Monday. Of course if we knew you, the sale went ahead from "under the counter"!

On one side of our shop was Mr Fred Ogle's tailoring business where he sat cross legged on a table in the window sewing and finishing men's suits by hand. Each day he would disappear at 4.30pm for his walk to the Oatley Pub for his schooner.

On the other side Russ Marsh had his fruit and vegetable shop employing 2 lovely old ladies.

The Gardeners - Mr, Mrs and family - had the opposite corner shop where the Oatley Medical Centre now stands. It was an old time grocer's shop where one was served as you sat on chairs at the long wooden counter. Their daughters were wonderful in taking our baby for walks to allow Noela to lend a hand at the shop when business was brisk on Sundays.

The Leslie brothers had a butcher's shop half way down the hill. Their meat was very tender and I remember chops being 4/6 pound, which we thought was an exorbitant price with the average wage at only 8 pounds a week. Swinbournes had a small grocery shop next door where now is the hairdresser.

Some of the families nearby were the Heatons, Keatings, Taylors, Hands, Walkers, Falconers, Donaldsons, Rushworths, Allertons, the Stevens brothers and the Lawlers, to name just a few.

Ronnie Parkes, the local deliveryman from Edwards Bakery, arrived every day on his horse and cart. He would come into the shop with a great basket of fabulous smelling fresh bread on his arm, though he was always wary of our kelpie dog who kept guard on the pram. Dogs were allowed to roam free then.

In June 1950 we rented Noela's brother's garage in Park Ave Oatley West for 1 pound a week after he moved to New Guinea. He had purchased the land in 1949 for 30 pounds! There was no water laid on, but no worries about that as it was one of the wettest years on record and as we had no guttering our water was caught in a bucket at the back door! Our laundry and toilet were about 10 yards away with our bush shower. Three jugs of water, pull the string and down came the water!

We often recall the Sunday in 1950 when Pat Mullane, having just completed University, came into our shop with his young bride on his arm and inquired

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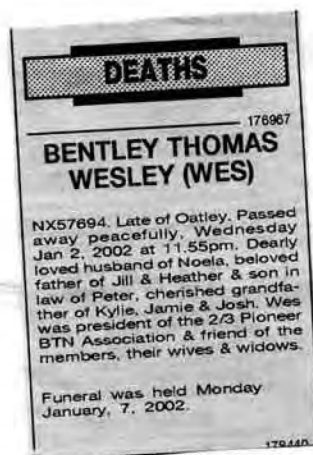
as to whether we thought this would be a good area to open up a chemist shop. We assured him that it would be with the number of young couples with babies and toddlers. He soon opened in an old shop where the Oatley West Cafe is now and didn't look back, moving later to the corner shop he built. Pat was a friend to all and offered advice to anyone that required it. Sadly he died all too young, a great man.

Oatley Park was a great escape from work and the tiny garage we lived in for 18 months. The roads were unmade and very rough, but we pushed our old wooden strollers down to Sandy Swimming Baths where most of the children learned to swim. How lucky we are to have to have such a natural untouched spot so close, in spring a riot of colour with all the beautiful native plants and trees, still as beautiful now as it was then.

In 1951 we were able to purchase a home in Mi Mi Street for the princely sum of 3,600 pounds. Our second lovely daughter, Heather, was born there and 50 years on it is still our home. We love spending time in our native garden and Wes enjoys many hours in his vegetable garden keeping us supplied with lovely fresh produce.

Many of our customers became our friends, still referring to No. 71 as "Bentley's shop". Our roots were established and apart from a two-year posting in Darwin with Qantas after selling the shop, we are here to stay in Oatley.

Sydney's best kept secret



August 21, 1998

GWEN FRYETT rang in some information, which may be of interest.

Mr. ^{KATER?} Kater was the Post Office manager near the station.

Mrs. Seymour had a haberdashery and materials shop in Frederick Street.

Back of Frock Shop in Oatley Avenue was the Bootmakers Shop

Jessie Harrison married Matt O'Brien who had a Produce shop in Oatley Avenue.

Gwen remembers, when living in Wyong Street, running to catch the steam train at Como station by going over the railway bridge and hearing the toot of the train coming from Sutherland.

Her neice's family lived in Letitia Street. The name of Allerton.

Gwen is very happy to receive the Newsletters but is not able to come to meetings. She said she is 88.

TOPIC: OATLEY WEST BUSINESSES

Note on Charles Small: Shop opened approx. 1916 at corner of Waratah St. and Woonona Parade as grocery shop. Closed about 25 years ago.

P.Erfel: Ray Stevens remembers his shop as a Delicatessen. This shop closed after WW1. The shop was situated on Mulga Road.

JewfishPoint Block: Grocery, Butcher, Chemist, Greengrocer and Hairdresser all with Living quarters upstairs. Original shops built 1950's.

Hogarth's Real Estate Agency: where Gospel Hall is situated at River Road.

Millers Mulga Road Stables became a Motor Garage owned by Peter Riley previously owned by Arnold Wright. Old Mr. Riley came from Casino.

Earl Leggett was employed by his brother, who had a Photography shop on Mulga Road. Earl had the first run whereby he picked up films for developing. It was said that chemicals were found underneath after the shop was vacated.

Ogle the Tailor: Mr Ogle ran his business for a long time next door to the Leggett shop. He was almost a fixture in the street. His son, Barney Ogle, is spoken of by many who knew him at the Swimming Club and elsewhere.

Sapper Rawlings had a fruit shop

Clutterbucks had a grocery store.

Colin Hercombe had the first shop at Waratah Street and Mulga Road and a Butcher shop was next door. (Now, a chicken shop).

There was a grocery, run by Gardeners. A Hardware Shop on corner Woronora Pde

On Georges River at Jewfish Bay was Prior's Boatshed, handed on to Callows, Mahers and Blands.

Mi Mi Street Pre-School was run by Misses Allen - established 68 years ago.

Benny Shaw made furniture also reputed to be S.P. Bookie.

Belcher's in '20-'30 had a shop?

Lena Mallard had a Florist Shop in Myall Street

Mr. York had an Observatory cnr. Woonona Pde and Gungah Bay Road.

Mr Craven would deliver the milk

Mr. Chopping made home brew which at one time blew up and broke some windows in Swimming Club hall.

Mr. Fisher had a haberdashery store. He would put out the lights early and no one knew if he was there or not.

No doubt there are some missed but we may come back to this topic another day.

Ray Stevens

26.2.1999

CHARLES SMALL ---- GROCER

As early as 1916, probably earlier than that Charles Small had opened his grocery shop on the corner of Waratah St. & Woonona Pde., Oatley. *Some 25 years ago.*

His customers would lodge their weekly orders Monday to Wednesday & delivery would be on Thursday. How we looked forward to that day as we knew that in the order, but not charged for, would be a little bag of boiled lollies.

When school holidays were on I would help with the deliveries & first job was to harness "Ginger" to the cart, then load up with the boxed orders which Grandpa had made up the night before.

Deliveries were far & wide. In the morning over to Blanche, Russell & Annette Sts., then down to Neverfail & Gungah Bays. Afternoons we went to West Oatley, Jewfish Pt., Mortdale & as far as Penshurst.

I also remember occasions when my parents were going out & I was left with Grandpa & Grandma that a box of butter had been delivered that day & I would wrap the pats into their 1lb. & ½lb. papers after Grandpa had weighed them & patted them, with wooden paddles, into the right shape & then packing them into the big ice chest ---- No fridges in those days.

I also remember in school holidays, on Friday nights & Saturday mornings helping in the shop weighing sugar, onions, potatoes & all types of poultry food.

What about the delivery trucks --- the big red Arnott's vans & the Model T Ford vans of Mick Simmons.

Those were the days.

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6th March 1999**

Dear Norma & Russell,

Thanks for the note on your Christmas card and subsequently from the Oatley Heritage Group enclosing the November 98 & February 99 Newsletters.

From the latter I know of your recent by-pass surgery Russell and I hope very sincerely that you are making good progress and feeling less sore and more able to get up and do a little. I'm sure you've had great nursing from Norma!!

I must and do apologise for not answering earlier and I see by now your meeting where you were to look at Business Houses of Oatley West has come and gone. I hope it produced some interesting information.

In the early days the only one I remember on "the other side of the line" was Mr. Windsor's Grocery store on the corner of Mulga Road & Waratah Street. He was related to the Davidson family by marriage I think. He used to deliver groceries to us including a bag of boiled lollies.

My Grandparents, Charles & Mary Ann Small also had a grocery store attached to their home on the corner of Waratah Street & Wonoona Parade. I only have a vague personal memory of it and am hoping your members will be able to tell me more. From my Dad (Alex Small the youngest of 6 children) and other family members (Charl Small and Marie Blackwell Nee Small) who lived next door to our grand parents I know that Thursday was delivery morning and Grandpa would harness "Ginger" to the cart ready for loading the orders. "Ginger was stabled in a paddock at the back of the house. They were very large blocks in those days. I believe they have been subdivided and houses now face Wonoona Pde.

Charles & Mary Ann had purchased the block of land and had their brick home built for them ready for the move to Oatley. A Mr. Lawson of Eastwood was the builder while his brother, a plumber and friend of grandpas' also worked on the house. Both Grandpa and his friend were deacons in the Redfern Congregational Church. The move to Oatley took place on St Patrick's Day 17th March 1915. The date was particularly vivid in my father's (Alex aged 13) memory on two counts. Firstly because when the carrier arrived to load the family furniture and belongings they asked for double the money because of it being St Patrick's Day. Grandma a staunch Congregationalist, not to mention a "canny" Scot told them in no uncertain terms they would not be receiving extra money and sent them on their way. A second removalist was found and so the move went ahead as planned. The second reason for Dad's memory being so definite was that he rode his elder brother's (Charles) bike to Oatley, leaving at the same time as the removalist truck but arriving more than half an hour ahead of it.

A shop was added to the house in 1920 and both Charles and Mary Ann conducted a successful business there till around 1935. My Dad Alex Small "kept the books" for his parents as he had become an accountant. After his marriage when he left the family home,

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moving to 30 Annette Street to live he would have one night a week working on them at Grandpa's.

Charles and Mary Ann were regular attenders at the Oatley Methodist Church morning service as there was no Congregational Church in the area. One of their family members always drove them to church

In about 1935 Charles & Mary Ann retired to a home on the corner of what is now called Boorara Ave and Victory Road Oatley to be closer to their only daughter Bess Andrews who lived with her family at 48 Llewellyn St Gungah Bay. I don't know the number of either of Grandpa's homes and would be most interested if anyone can tell me.

Both Charles and Mary Ann died in 1939 having lived most of their adult life in Sydney. Both had come as immigrants, Charles arriving in 1884 when aged almost 21 and Mary Ann in 1885 aged 23. They married on the 24 December 1886 in Burton St Darlinghurst.

I hope Russell other information about Charles and Mary Ann may have come to light and that you will be able to pass it on to me. I'd be most grateful.

I notice Alex Leach is Vice President of your Heritage Group. I remember him well as a curly headed boy living in Rosa Street, just up "the goat track" from Annette St where we caught the bus to the shops and station. Please say "hello" from me.

My maternal grandparents were Alfred and Annie Ward who came to Oatley from Marrickville around 1904 with their six children. Four more were born while in Oatley.

They had 3 homes in Oatley to my knowledge. The first one was Porter's house in the old railway cutting off Neville Street and Oatley Avenue and opposite the Oatley Public School where the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides hall was standing last time I was in Oatley. I'm not certain if "Porters" refers to it having been the railway porters residence or if someone by that name owned it. I don't know the time slot of their moves and I'll be glad of any information any other person might have. The next house was on the corner of Oatley Avenue and Charles Street at the top of the hill to Neverfail Bay. While living there a large block of land at 34 Letitia Street was purchased and a substantial brick home was built on it. The family moved into this circa 1916. Both grandparents lived there till their deaths, Annie in 1943 and Alf in 1946. It was used by Dr. Muir as a surgery for sometime till being demolished for the block of home units which I believe still stand there today.

Grandpa tried his hand at many things to earn a living for his large family. He was always a firm believer in private enterprise and owned and worked his own businesses all his life. At varying times he had oyster leases in Neverfail Bay, purchased and rented several cottages, 4 of them being in Letitia Street but the longest lasting and biggest business was his carrying and storage business. He had 2 trucks going to the Sydney markets daily returning with produce of fruit and vegetables for the various shops from Arncliffe to Oatley. He took his son in law Jack Chapman into business with him at some stage. At the back of the house was a huge storage shed where furniture etc was stored till delivery was made. The trucks were also made available for carrying people on picnics and outings.

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Their eldest son Harry Ward and four of their daughters made their homes in the Oatley area. Harry and his wife Ivy moved into his parents home when the move was made to the newly built home at 34 Letitia Street. Beryl Chapman lived in Letitia Street. Her husband Jack going into business with Alf, Alma Brierley lived in MiMi Street, Gwen Smith in Myall Street and Leila Small in Annette Street. Leila was my mother who married Alex Small.

An uncle of Alf's called Henry (Harry) Ward also lived at Neverfail Bay and I think he had oyster leases.

I've rambled on far too long Russell but hope something of what I've written is of interest to you. Most of my story is from memory or what has been passed down through the family. This source I know is at times not necessarily always totally correct.!!

Cheers now and I'll look forward to hearing from you sometime.

Kindest regards

Mesle & Ralph Stone

Early businesses in Oatley.
(Additional to my earlier submission)

1. Mr & Mrs Dinstead. Ham & Beef shop where
Bottle Shop is now - about 1930 -
Cnr Frederick & Latitia Sts.
2. Mr Charlie Bradley, Garage, Service Station
Cnr Rosa St & Hurstville St. Later
Mr Mat Millington operated this site
until absorbed into Page Manufacturing
property, now Hoopers Stationery store.
3. Ward & Chapman, carriers Oatley - Sydney
Daily service. Mr Jack Chapman a well
known Oatley identity
4. Mr Tom Davis opened a stall called
"Uncle Tom's Cabin" on the entrance above
the steps on Oatley Railway Station
selling Cigarettes, Tobacco & Confectionery.
during the early depression years.
Mr Davis later went into another
venture from his residence in
Ada St as an Oyster Vendor supplying
shops & early clubs in the Western
suburbs - 1935 on
5. Nearby, also in Ada St, Mr Reg Gosh had
a fibrous plaster works. Specialised in
fancy & floral design cornices etc.
- 1930

Owen O'Brien 18. 8. 98

Sunstrip Van Park
Pacific Highway
Swansea NSW 2281
May 4 1998

Mrs. Stephens
22 Kitchener St.
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Dear Mrs. Stephens

Thank you for sending me the newsletter for May. It does keep me in touch although I would very much love to attend the meetings but my health is not the best and the distance also prohibits me from attending

It brings back memories of my childhood when you talk about the Cuthbertsons as we lived at 76 Rosa Street (later 90). My father bought one acre between Rosa and Annette when he came back from the 14-18 War, and you'll already know that my grandfather bought the block at 48 Annette Street in 1908. Also his brother owned many blocks in Oatley including several in Letitia along where they built the picture theatre. Also, he had several blocks in Russell Street and he owned the old Queen's Hall and the boat hire and picnic grounds. At 48 Annette my father had the boat shed where he built many ^{boats} ~~votés~~ from 1912 onward. Later known as "Fletcher and Son" when me and my brother joined the business. I married an Oatley girl from 15 Kitchener Street, and on February 14, 1942 we went to Penshurst. I was born at 76 Rosa on September 25, 1921. The girl I married was Esther May Bates. When my father died in 1948 I carrying on the business at 48 Annette until my grandmother died on September 1, 1951, and as my father had pre-deceased his mother, the property went to his sister who lived in Canberra and sold the block for £3000. It now consists of three blocks. I notice the name Leach mentioned in the newsletter. Both Esther and myself remember that name. Of course, in those days we knew just about everybody on the Rosa Street side of the line and even a few over the other side.

Here is something for you to investigate: right at the start of Rosa Street the Mortdale end was a small metal stamping factory owned by Mr. Page of Page signs. In the 20's and 30's Mr. Page used to stamp out motor car registration plates for the whole of Australia. Bill Phipps from Algernon Street was an engineer there. Bill Phipps Jr. was employed as a boat building apprentice at our boatshed. I think young Bill lives in Boundary Road Mortdale or one of the streets running off Boundary Road. Bill Snr's mother lived in Algernon Street for as far back as I can remember. One day if my health improves I would like to go to one of your meetings.

Sincerely

(Sgd) A B Fletcher

A. Bruce Fletcher.

EARLY BUSINESSES IN OATLEY

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THE SECRETARY
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DEAR MRS STEVENS:

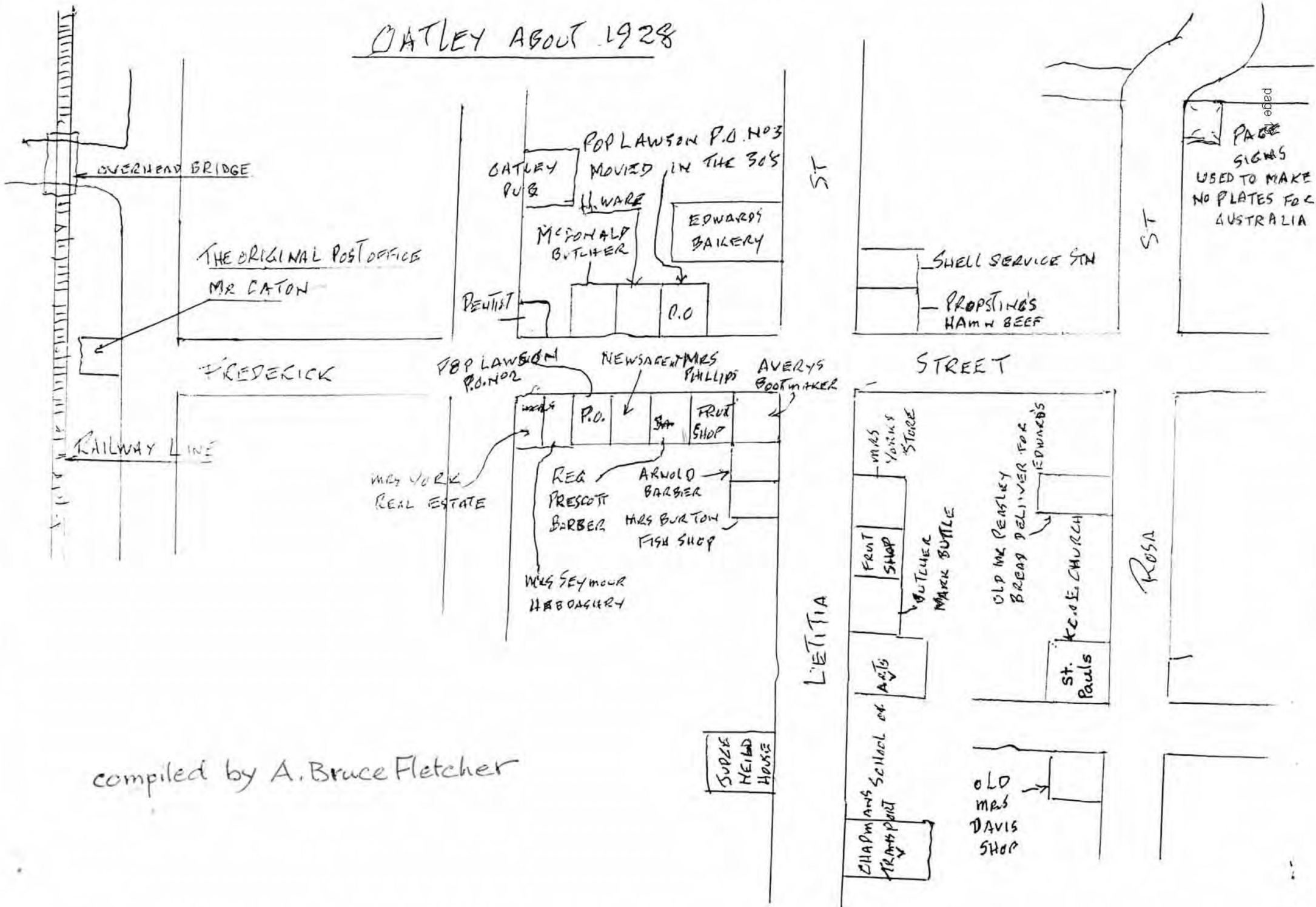
I HAVE DRAWN A MAP OF OATLEY SHOPPING CENTRE
ROUND ABOUT 1928, ON THE BACK OF YOUR NEWSLETTER
THIS IS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF MYSELF AND WIFE, FORMALLY
ESTHER MAY BATES WHO LIVED AT 15 KITCHENER STREET
IN THOSE YEARS, AND I LIVED AT 76 ROSA STREET LATER
WARRIE N° 90. ALTHOUGH MY HEALTH HAS IMPROVED IT
WOULD STILL BE A HASSLE FOR ME TO GO DOWN FROM
SWANSEA TO YOUR MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH I WOULD VERY MUCH
LIKE TO MEET SOME OF THE OLDIES LIKE RUSSEL GIBBS ETC
ANYWAY CIRCUMSTANCES MAY PERMIT ME & MY WIFE
TO ATTEND A MEETING IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY



A. BRUCE FLETCHER

CATLEY ABOUT 1928



compiled by A. Bruce Fletcher



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THE GUNGAH BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETS ON FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. ALCOCKSON - 75 YARRAN ROAD, on Monday, 1st March, 1954, at 8 p.m. sharp.

Oatley Taxi Service:

Following were complaints about the lack of taxi service in Oatley the last meeting discussed this matter fully. Frequently residents have waited at Oatley Station for a taxi without success, finally tramping home on foot.

Under the present zoning system it is acknowledged that the taxi driver is within his right even if he concentrates at Mortdale but considering the fact that there is already an efficient taxi service from Mortdale Station, the residents of Oatley do expect a fairer deal. A few Oatley people who are very weary at night are now forced to leave the train at Mortdale if they want a taxi ride home, and it costs them approximately an extra shilling for this inconvenience. Can this be considered fair and reasonable when originally the idea was that the taxi would cater for citizens of Oatley? (See concluding paragraph over leaf)

Land Resumption:

The Mayor, Alderman Mallard, has again been approached in regard to the resumption of land in Yarran Road for a children's playground and has reiterated his previous remarks that the Council should do something about its resumption. Once again he intimated that a letter should be written to the Council - the new Council this time, and this has been carried out. As the new Council is now well entrenched it is to be hoped that it will be able to come out into the open in regard to this matter and make some constructive offer or suggestion. The Association has done everything which Alderman Mallard has suggested - raised money, written letters, etc. It is understood that the Council has a blanket over the area for it to be used as a children's playground, and considering this as well as the fact that the Association is prepared to offer financial assistance, if

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necessary, it is to be hoped that the Council will see its way clear to

Taxi - (Contd.)

Following the representation to the Department of Motor Transport, a letter has been received stating that investigations are being made as to whether a hire car or restricted taxi would be suitable for the area. It is felt that we are getting closer to a satisfactory conclusion which will benefit the community as a whole.

Road Safety:

Branches of the Road Safety Council have been formed in various areas and a letter has been received by the Progress Association stating that when a branch is formed in this district, the Council will contact the Association which has offered its assistance in the formation of such a branch.

Autumn Flower Show:

The Oatley Home Gardeners' Club in conjunction with the Oatley Methodist Ladies Church and will hold an Autumn Flower Show in the Oatley School of Arts on Saturday, 27th March, 1954, from 2 to 4.30 p.m. A special feature will be a display of flowering tuberous begonias by local growers. Come along and spend an enjoyable afternoon.

Help a worthy cause and improve your garden knowledge. Why not become a member of the Oatley Home Gardeners' Club?

Monthly meetings are held in the Methodist Church Hall, Frederick Street on the second Friday in each month, when expert horticultural lecturers are in attendance.

Subscriptions:

Mrs. Crawford hopes to be able to call in the near future on those residents whose subscription for the year is still outstanding.

Remember the subscription for membership is only 2/- per year.

A cordial invitation is extended to those new residents in the area to join and come along to the next meeting.

Public Libraries:

Hurstville Council is being asked what is being done, if anything, about the formation of a public library. Many areas have already a well established public library, and enquiries have been received regarding the establishment of one in this area.

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SOME NEW LAUGHS.

BIGGER THE BETTER.

Talkative Lady: "A big man like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching little fish."
Angler: "Perhaps you're right. But if this fish had kept his mouth shut he wouldn't be here now."

Judge: "What have you to say for yourself?"
Prisoner: "I say I wish I was in a place where there were no traffic cops."
Judge: "Granted. Sixty days."

GENTLY DOES IT!

"Is this the speedometer?" asked the pretty girl, tapping the glass with her finger.
"Yes, dear," he replied.
"And that's the clutch?"
"That's the clutch, darling," he said, jamming on his brakes to avoid a fast approaching taxi.
"But what on earth is this?" she enquired, at the same time giving the accelerator a vigorous push with her foot.
"This, dear," he said in a soft celestial voice, "is heaven." And picking up a harp he flew away.

Lady (viewing pompous gentleman): "He's a baronet, eh? How did he get his baronetcy?"
Friend: "Tobacco."
Lady: "How many coupons?"

"Good morning! I'm travelling in ladies' underwear."
"Well, I should keep quiet about it if I were you."

Skipper (to newly recruited sailor): "I suppose it is the same old story—the fool of the family sent to sea?"
Sailor: "Oh, no sir, that's all been changed since your day."

A man who had been celebrating with his friends a recent happy event in his family, continued on to the Registrar's Office, where he stood for a moment collecting his thoughts.
Then he said to the Registrar: "Gentlemen, I've come to register my twins."
"Why do you address me as 'gentlemen'?" I'm alone here," said the Registrar.
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Teacher (to boy sniffing): "Have you a handkerchief, boy?"
"Yes, sir, but muvver says I mustn't lend it."

First Darkie: "Wha fo yo' named yo' baby 'electricity,' Moses?"
Second Darkie: "Well, mah name am Mose, and ma wife's name am Dinah, and if Dinah Mose don't make electricity, what does dey make?"

TAKE BACK YOUR TORNADO.

The possibility of a landslide so intimidated the inhabitants of a little village that one couple decided to send their son, aged nine, to an uncle until the danger had passed. Three days later they received a telegram: "Am returning boy. Please send landslide instead."

"What is the matter, my little man?" asked a sympathetic stranger of a small boy whom he saw crying in the street.
"Please, sir, my dog's dead," sobbed the boy.
"Well," said the man, "you mustn't make such a trouble of it. My grandmother died last week, and I'm not crying."
"No," said the boy, "but you didn't bring her up from a pup."

IT'S TRUE!

By Wiley Padan

ALLAN JONES, WITH THE AID OF HIS FATHER, BUILT AN ELABORATE MOVABLE STABLE FOR HIS HORSE --- SORT OF A TRAILER IDEA.

JEANETTE MACDONALD HAS RESUMED HER DANCING LESSONS WITH ALBERTINA BASCH, WHICH SHE STARTED 16 YEARS AGO. IN M-G-M'S "THE FIREFLY", SHE IS SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A DANCING STAR!

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DOUBLE D EUCALYPTUS EXTRACT

The manager of the local g party was making a stirring "Think of the good the g pany has done," he cried, were permitted a pun I sho 'Honour the Light Brigade.' And a customer immr shouted: "On what a cons made!"

Jimmy had been sent to be mother for using a naught When his father came home him up to punish the boy. "I'll teach him to swei roared, and started up the He tripped on the top step, a his wife held her ears for moments. "You'd better come dowi she called up after the i cleared somewhat. "Jimm: enough for his first lesson."

"Just think, Jane has gone Blackheath for her lungs. "Poor dear, she's so minded that she is always fo something."

SCHOOL-BO HOWLERS

Mushrooms always grow i places, and so they loo umbrellas.

Rhubarb is a kind of cele bloodshot.

Gross ignorance is just i as bad as ordinary Ignorance

The liver is one of the organs.

Vacuum is nothing with sucked out of it, put up in bottle. It is very hard to g

A buttress is a billygoat's An egg is a chicken not yet

The feminine of cowboy : maid.

Crematorium. French for

A magnet is a thing you'll a bad apple.

Household Hints

by "SUSIE"

To add a touch of variety, use cocoa as you would nutmeg for junkets, custards, etc. It is more decorative in appearance and imparts a different flavor.

To ensure foot comfort during hot weather or during strenuous exercise, the inside of shoes should be generously dusted with boracic acid.

A quick and simple way of separating the yolk of an egg from the white is to crack the egg into an ordinary pie-funnel. The white will flow through without breaking the yolk.

Keep in the kitchen a bottle of Double "D" Eucalyptus, which heals burns and scalds. It takes away the pain and the burns rarely blister. One application is usually sufficient.

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Yours faithfully,

"Oppy"

(Signed)

Sometimes jellies are a trouble to "set." No difficulty will be experienced, however, if a teaspoonful of sugar is added when making, and a teaspoonful less of water.

To sweeten a teapot, wash it out well with borax and water. This applies equally well to a teapot which has not been used for a long time, and which has become unpleasant from lack of proper washing out.

When tying down jampot covers, dampen the string. The knot will not slip in the process, and when dry the string will shrink and tighten.

Double "D" Eucalyptus will remove tar or grease-marks from the most delicate materials with comparative safety. Rub the affected part with a soft rag dipped in the Eucalyptus.

White tennis shoes are cleaned more quickly and easily, and less messily, if an old tooth brush or small nail brush is used instead of a rag.

If you're proud of your jams and jellies, don't put them away on a top shelf of the cupboard. It's the worst place to choose, because heat rises and this may cause fermentation.

Bran makes an excellent dry shampoo if you have a cold and do not want to wash your hair. Warm the bran in the oven, rub well into the hair. Brush out with a stiff brush, and the hair will be found glossy, clean and free from grease.



ELISSA LANDI, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer featured player, has a novel way of planning her wardrobe. She first purchases the proper hats appropriate with the season, then the gowns and accessories to go with them.

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The weekly cleaning of the sink should include the pouring down the waste pipe of two kettlefuls of boiling water containing soda, followed by a cold rinse, and finally, a disinfectant solution.

When cleaning windows or mirrors add a teaspoonful of Double "D" Eucalyptus to the water. It quickly removes all specks, grease-marks and spots, leaving them brilliantly clean.

Ordinary washing will not always remove egg stains from silver. But it will easily come off if you try salt. Moisten a cloth, and dip it into salt. Rub the silver gently. The stain will come off immediately. Then wash as usual.

When scrambling eggs, flavor with some grated cheese. When cooked, put the mixture on separate rounds of toast, make a well in the centre of each and fill with tomato sauce.

Tomatoes which have become soft and over-ripe can be made quite firm again if they are placed for a short time in a bowl of cold water to which a little salt has been added.

A wooden match is better than a pen for addressing parcels.



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Hints for the Motorist

DON'T indulge in excessive speed. The looks clear frequently carries some unexpected consequences.

DON'T pull out to overtake and pass a vehicle when nearing a bend in the crown of a hill. This is most dangerous a fruitful source of many smashes.

DON'T ignore side streets, even if traveling on a main road; there are fool drivers who drive side streets regardless of consequences.

DON'T drive with inefficient brakes; ability to pull up quickly may depend on the lives of others.

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Chorus

DOUBLE "D" SONG

Words and M
by Fred Webl

VOICE

PIANO

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of eight systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/4. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like '7' (likely fortissimo).

Lyrics:
 Double "D" Double "D" Double "D" Eu-cal - ypt-us The pure strong Eu
 -ypt-us with the sweet fresh smell Take some home today It is worth the price
 And I'm sure you'll say That's good ad - vice Double "D" Double "D" Doubl
 "D" Eu-cal - ypt - us What you'll need it for it's hard to tell
 It is called the rem-ed - y of a dozen diff'rent uses So if you hav
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1940s
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LETITIA ST

Corner shops fronting Letitia St — one person
a bootmaker

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1940s McDonald's butcher 16.

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until 60s?

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3. Mrs Seymours Haberdashery until 1960s

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