

Calling the Roll of Sooner Classes

~1929~

Granville Norris, '29ba, Muskogee, and Dave Hilles, '21ba, Stillwater, recently were re-appointed by President Truman as United States marshals of their respective districts. Mr. Norris is marshal for the eastern Oklahoma district and Hilles is marshal for the western district.

~1930~

Mrs. Jewell Crouch Adams, '30, Shawnee, is a Red Cross assistant field director with a general hospital unit in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Fred W. Wallace (Virginia Ballard, '30ba) Norman, died in San Diego, California, September 14. Survivors in addition to her mother include twin sons and a sister.

~1931~

Jewell C. Adams, '31ms, Shawnee, has arrived in Hawaii to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross hospital social worker. Until her Red Cross appointment, she was district supervisor for the Oklahoma Department of Public Welfare, Oklahoma City. She also attended Trinity University where she received her A.B. degree in 1921.

Paul Emerson, '31fa, special instructor in art who arrived on the campus, is one American art teacher who can honestly include study in Paris, France, among his accomplishments. While a sergeant in the 604th Engineers Camouflage battalion, he was granted permission to attend evening art classes at La Grande Chaumiere, famed pre-war academy in Montparnasse.

Mr. Emerson will teach classes in sculptor, antique drawing, frechand drawing and art structure.

~1933~

W. C. Henry, '33-'37, and Mrs. Henry (Irene Shaul, '36ed, formerly of Norman), Evanston, Illinois, are the parents of a son, Charles Cole Henry, II, born September 18 in Evanston. This is their second child.

~1937~

Dr. John Y. Battenfield, '37med, Pryor, was named on the faculty of the University as head of the department of health. Dr. Battenfield has served in the medical division of the U. S. Army during the war.

Lt. Field Duskin, '37-'41, and Mrs. Duskin, Oklahoma City, have chosen the name, Robert Field, for their son born September 18 in Oklahoma City. Lieutenant Duskin was stationed at Fort Sill.

SMITH-BLACK: Annabelle Smith, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Samuel C. Black, Jr., '37-'39, Oklahoma City, were married July 15 in the post chapel at Quantico, Virginia.

Francile Clark, '37ba, recently took over the position of health director at the Setor School of Nursing, Gloesner Sanatorium and Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is in charge of the student nurse's health.

~1938~

KAISER-DEWEESE: Madeleine Kaiser, Pont a Mousson, France, and Lt. Edgar R. DeWeese, '38-journ, Hugo, were married in Pont a Mousson September 10, 1945. Lieutenant DeWeese was a member of the Sigma Delta Chi fraternity. He has been in service four and one-half years and overseas 15 months. The couple will make their home in Paris until his release from government duty at which time they will return to Hugo.

~1939~

THOMPSON-LONDON: Irene Louise Thompson, Maplewood, New Jersey, and Lt. Dean E. London, (SG) USNR, '39bus, Ringling, were united in marriage September 15 in New York City. Lieu-

tenant London was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity.

Lt. Russell Lee Holder, '39-'43, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Holder are the parents of a son, Russell Lee, Jr., born September 5 at Tinker field hospital.

GUMM-ROOP: Peggy Louise Gumm, and Lt. Gerald Cooper Roop, '39-'41, both of Oklahoma City, were married September 9 in Oklahoma City.

Capt. M. H. Sparks, '39bus, and Mrs. Sparks (Betty Lou Akers, '43journ) are the parents of a son, Sidney Markle, born August 26 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Captain Sparks is with the Military Cargo Division of Western Air Lines.

~1940~

Lt. Col. Jack Romerman, '40law, and Mrs. Romerman have re-established their home in Oklahoma City. Colonel Romerman has been stationed in New York City and was on terminal leave. He wears the DSC, Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart.

Henry M. Black, '40eng, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. Black are the parents of a son born May 4.

~1941~

Capt. John H. Cunningham, '41ba, Sebring, Florida, and Mrs. Cunningham (Jane Ann Kraft, '40he) are the parents of a son, William Allen, born August 25 in Oklahoma City.

BERRY-HUTCHINS: Marjorie Berry, Houston, Texas, and Robert Morris Hutchins, Jr., '41geol, were married September 29 in Houston.

Donald S. Will, '41eng, and Mrs. Will recently established a home in Long Beach, California. Mr. Will has been put on the inactive list of the army after many months of service in India. Mrs. Will's sister, Mrs. Sam Binkley, and Lieutenant Binkley, '29bs, '30ba, also make their home in Long Beach where Lieutenant Binkley is stationed at the naval hospital.

Earl F. Wilson, '41m.ed, is instructor of social science at the Nebraska School of Agriculture at Curtis, Nebraska. This is a part of the University of Nebraska. With him is his wife, formerly Mildred Glass, '41.

Minnie Jo Curtis, '41fa, recently took over a week-day morning program on KOMA, Oklahoma City, which features United Press and local news stories picked for the women's angle, fashion comments and everything of interest to women. Miss Curtis regularly interviews such personalities as Elizabeth Fell, representative of Lever Brothers, and William Bendix.

Charles A. Marrs, '41m.ed, Pawhuska, has been named superintendent of the Pawhuska city schools. He has been highschool principal for the past three years.

~1942~

M. L. D. Stone, '42m.ed., who is now president of the Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas, was appointed representative of the University of Oklahoma for the occasion of the inauguration of Dean Dewep McBrien as president of Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas on October 26.

Thomas Edgar Bachner and Mrs. Bachner (Irene Hoss, '42ba) announce the birth of a son, Thomas Edgar, Jr., born September 7 in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Bachner was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

WILSON-RICE: Esther Mae Wilson, Mattoon, Illinois, and Cpl. Elry L. Rice, '42ms, Edmond, were married July 28 in Mattoon. Corporal Rice also attended Central State College, Edmond, and was stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, where he was an instructor.

James E. Emery, '42fa, formerly of Shawnee and now of New York City, New York, recently appeared in the musical setting of "Hollywood Canteen." He is now writing and arranging music for motion pictures.

DECKER-PLUMLEY: Louise Decker, '42h.ec, Seminole, and Byron L. Plumley, Fort Wayne, Indiana, were married August 16 in Ardmore.

EVERITT-LOVELL: Virginia Ruth Everitt, '42-'45, and John E. Lovell, '42, both of Enid, were married August 29 in Wellington, Kansas. Mrs. Lovell is a member of Chi Omega and Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic fraternity for women. She also served as society editor and staff writer for the Oklahoma Daily. Mr. Lovell also attended Oklahoma Military Academy at Claremore. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Recently discharged from the army after having spent six months overseas, Mr. Lovell holds the Purple Heart and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Dr. Mortimer S. Faulkner, '42med, died August 9 in the Orange Memorial Hospital, Orange, New Jersey. Dr. Faulkner received his M.D. degree at the University where he was a member of Pi Chi fraternity and the Essex County Medical Society. He served his internship at Orange Memorial in 1942 and had been associated with the institution since.

~1943~

ANDERSON-HENDRICKS: Donna Evelyn Anderson, '43bus, Carnegie, and Wayne Edward Hendricks, Chicago, Illinois, were married August 25 in Chicago. Mrs. Hendricks also attended Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, and is an accountant for the Ellis Bohon company of Chicago. The couple will make their home in Chicago.

CROCKETT-LUBY: Beverly Ann Crockett and Lt. Michael A. Luby, '43, both of Oklahoma City were married September 7 in the Moody field chapel, Valdosta, Georgia. Mrs. Luby attended Oklahoma City University. Lieutenant Luby also attended Texas A. and M. college and received his wings in the Army Air Corps from Pampa Air Field, Pampa, Texas.

~1944~

Three new members have been added to the faculty of the college of fine arts at the University. They are Jean Drake, '44fa, Oklahoma City, who will instruct in piano; Lucille Rose, '45mus.ed, Norman, who will be on the staff of the voice department, and Doris Hendricks, Garnett, Kansas, a piano instructor.

KINZY-ELDRIDGE: Georgia Kinzy and Ensign John Rolfe Eldridge, '44, both of Oklahoma City, were married September 2 in Oklahoma City. The couple have established a home in Stillwater where the former was attending the Navy's oriental language school at Oklahoma A. and M. college.

Betty Jane Roberts, '44ba, Oklahoma City, has resigned her position with the Military Intelligence and has accepted a fellowship to the University of Minnesota. Miss Roberts will receive the Master's Degree in Public Administration.

~1945~

Phm. Roy Eddy Walker, '45pharm, and Mrs. Walker announce that a son, David Roy, was born on October 1 at Stillwater.

GAINES-SMITH: Ann Elizabeth Gaines, '42-'45, Oklahoma City, was married to Lt. Donald Eugene Smith, '45eng, Quantico, Virginia, September 1 in Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Smith is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Lieutenant Smith received his Army commission in June from the University.

BERNARD-SANDLIN: Thelma Elizabeth Bernard, '45journ, Comanche, and Hoyt N. Sandlin, USNR, Carbon Hill, Alabama, were married in Memphis, Tennessee, August 11. Mrs. Sandlin also attended Central State college, Edmond, and then transferred to the University where she was a

member of Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism fraternity; Kappa Beta, religious fraternity, the Cadettes and the YWCA.

SYMONDS-JOHNSON: J'Val Symonds, '44-'45, Tulsa, and Ensign Thomas G. Johnson, '45ba, Ardmore, were married August 4 in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Johnson recently completed her freshman year at the University. Ensign Johnson was a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi, honorary law fraternity. The couple was at home in Miami.

COWLING-SHIRLEY: Dorothy Cowling, '45ba, Ada, and Ensign James H. Shirley, Pauls Valley, were married August 31 in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Shirley was a Spanish major at the University and a member of Kappa Gamma Epsilon honorary fraternity. She also was state president of the Baptist Student Union.

KIRKPATRICK-CHESEBROUGH: Miss Ruth Kirkpatrick, '44-'45, Oklahoma City, and A/S Philip G. Chesebrough, '43-'45, Stockton, California, were married July 28 at Great Lakes, Illinois. Apprentice Seaman Chesebrough, who attended the College of the Pacific at Stockton, was under the V-12 naval training program at the University. He is now taking special training at Great Lakes.

Three O. U. Men Elected to Hall of Fame

By MRS. LUCILE W. HINSHAW, '20ba, '21ma
Dean Roy Gittinger has had a long and distinguished career as an administrative official of the University of Oklahoma under every president from David Ross Boyd to the present time. He has served the University in several capacities—as a member of the department of history, as registrar, as dean of undergraduates, as acting dean of the Graduate School, as dean of administration, and since 1941 as dean of admission.

Educational policies and plans have been developed in Oklahoma by Dean Gittinger's administrative services beyond the campus of the University.

For nearly twenty years beginning in 1923 he represented the University of Oklahoma at the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools serving as a member of the Commission on Secondary Schools. He has been a member of the Committee on Higher Institutions of Learning under the Oklahoma State Board of Education for many years and has taken active interest in the organization of junior colleges throughout the state.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Society of American Historians, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and Oklahoma Education Association (life member).

He has written a history of Oklahoma covering the period 1803 to 1906 entitled, *The Formation of the State of Oklahoma*. He has also written *A History of the First Fifty Years of the University, 1892, 1942*, and has contributed to different editions of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma in 1902, the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Chicago in 1906, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of California in 1916. The University of Tulsa honored him in 1929 with the degree of LLD.

Dean Gittinger has been the official to whom every president and everyone else in the university has turned for facts and wise counsel. He has given continuity to University administration and to education in Oklahoma.

Paul Atlee Walker, Vice Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and member of this Commission for the past 11 years, has made a distinguished record.

He was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1909 with the degree of Ph.B., and from the University of Oklahoma Law School in 1912 with the degree of LL.B. He was for three years principal of the Shawnee, Oklahoma high school. For three years thereafter he was instructor on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma.

He was chairman of the student committee which secured from the legislature and the governor an appropriation for the Law Building at the University of Oklahoma, and was the Alumni representative and speaker at the program dedicating the Law Building in 1914.

In 1923, he argued to successful decision in the Supreme Court of Oklahoma the celebrated split vote case, thereby saving the appropriations for the University and the other state schools.

For more than 15 years Paul Walker was connected with the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, serving as Counsel and Commissioner. He represented the State of Oklahoma in rate litigation and proceedings which brought about reorganization of the Oklahoma rates on grain, cotton, livestock, petroleum and other important commodities. He also instituted and prosecuted the Southwestern Cases, in which important rate reductions for the Southwest were obtained. These various rate litigations resulted in savings of millions of dollars to Oklahoma shippers.

During his eleven years' membership of the Federal Communications Commission he has served as chairman of the telephone division, during which time he conducted the important telephone investigation which has resulted in vast long distance telephone rate reductions. He has also served as chairman and member of numerous other important Commission committees.

Dr. Joseph P. Blickensderfer, scholar, renowned educator and editor, is now editor of the *Book List*, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Blickensderfer served in the U. S. Army during the first World War. He was graduated from Hobart College, with an A. B. degree in 1918, in absentia, while at war. He received the M.A. degree from Harvard University in 1920, and was an assistant in English at Harvard University and received his PH.D. degree from Harvard in 1925. He did research work under direction of Dr. George Lyman Kittredge at Harvard 1923 to 1925. From 1925-1929 he served as professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh. From 1929-35 he was professor of English at the University of Oklahoma. In 1935 he studied in Scotland and England with scholarship from American Council of Learned Societies. In 1937-42 he organized and became director of the Oklahoma University School of Letters. In 1942 the University Board of Regents asked Dr. Blickensderfer to accept the deanship of the new University College.

In September, 1944 Mr. Archibald MacLeish appointed Dr. Joseph Blickensderfer, then professor of English and dean of the University College, as editor of the *Book List*, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. The *Book List* has been called by Dr. Luther H. Evans, acting librarian, one of the most important and responsible undertakings of the Library of Congress. The *Book List* is the product of the Inter-American Conference for the

Maintenance of Peace, held in Buenos Aires in 1936.

More than 1800 titles were examined for the first issue of the *Book List*. Of these 500 were received for reviews and 132 were finally selected for inclusion in the initial publication. Now more than 400 experts in various fields make recommendations for accepting or rejecting eligible books.

Over 10,000 copies of the March issue were printed. Nearly 1000 quarterlies were distributed among delegates at the San Francisco Conference at the Conference Library established by the Library of Congress there for the meeting.

Dr. Blickensderfer is also the president of the Association for General and Liberal Education and editor of the volume on 18th century literature in the Scribner's English literature series.

Lieutenant General McClain has been active in military affairs for many years. As early as 1911 and 1912, we find him a private in Company M, First Oklahoma Infantry. A few years later he was made first lieutenant and served in this capacity during the Mexican Border incident in 1916 and 1917. From that time on his service was almost continuous and his rise steady and rapid.

Oklahoma takes great pride and satisfaction in the career which has brought General McClain to the front rank among the allied commanding officers of World War II, and especially in his specific campaigns of the Mediterranean and Western Fronts, which contributed largely to the final overthrow of the enemy.

During these campaigns he has received for personal valor and outstanding ability as a commander of men, the following honors: two Distinguished Service Crosses; 1 Distinguished Service Medal; 1 Silver Star; 1 Legion of Honor (French); 1 Croix de Guerre with Palm (French); 2 Bronze Stars for First World War; 7 Bronze Stars for Second World War; 1 Bronze Medal; 1 Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star Medal.

The splendid service he has rendered his country in the great hour of need has brought him fitting recognition from his own state, Oklahoma, from the Army and from the government of the United States.

Here's A Business for A Bright Boy

Faces wore red at the booth where engineers were distributing the pamphlet, "Engineer's Activities," when one eager freshman read it and returned saying, "I want to buy a membership card for the LKOT. Where do I pay my money?"

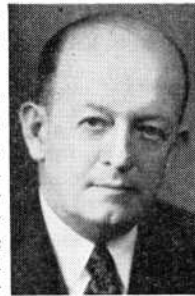
Former Regent in New Position

C. O. Hunt, '38ed, '40law, was recently made Secretary-Member of the State Insurance Board by Governor Kerr.

Mr. Hunt, who is a life member of the University of Oklahoma Association, was a practicing attorney at Purcell, Oklahoma, before entering the Army Air Forces in May, 1942. At the time of entering the Service he was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Hunt attained the rank of Captain in the Army Air Forces and was transferred to inactive duty on August 10, 1945, after serving approximately three years and three months.

The insurance job to which Mr. Hunt has been named, is important in that he is a member and secretary of the Board that controls most of Oklahoma's insurance rates, the licensing of agents and the admission and supervision of companies that sell insurance in Oklahoma. He states very frankly that his training at the University, particularly in the fields of insurance law and administrative law, is being drawn upon heavily in his new position.



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Sooner of the Month



HARRINGTON WIMBERLY

Sooner Federal Power Commissioner

By MATTY WILSON WILLIAMS, '25bs, Altus

In selection of Harrington Wimberly, Altus, to be a member of the federal power commission, President Truman chose one of Oklahoma's most active civic workers.

State democratic party chairman until his resignation following his appointment, Wimberly has been actively connected with democratic activities of the state for the past several years, and in his work as publisher of the *Altus Times-Democrat* in Altus for the past about twenty years has been identified editorially and otherwise with progressive movements of the state and his home town and county.

Since appointment by President Truman, Wimberly likewise has resigned from the Board of Regents of the University, from which institution he was graduated in 1924. Wimberly served on that board from 1940 to 1943 and was re-appointed last March by Governor Kerr for a seven year term.

Perhaps no one activity has been given more personal attention by Wimberly than that of the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children, with which he has been identified for many years. He started work with this society in 1931, when he was named director and for the past ten years has served as president of the organization.

In serving as president of the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children, he did not depend on his fellow workers to give the personal attention to individual cases which needed attention, but those most closely associated with him have long been conscious of his ever alertness in seeking out needy cases and seeing that they were cared for. This in many cases has required not only his personal financing the individual on many trips to and from the hospital, but he has spent much time

in personally traveling to and from the hospital, in Oklahoma City, taking such patients and members of their families. One time alone through public subscription in his newspaper, Wimberly raised a sum of a few hundred dollars to make possible new limbs for a less fortunate individual who was brought to his attention.

Wimberly entered newspaper business immediately upon graduation from the University in 1924, first as advertising manager of the *Times-Democrat*. Later he edited the *Cordell Beacon* in Cordell, for a brief time, and it was there that he met and married Myrth McCurley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCurley of Cordell. Later, in 1928, he returned to Altus and since 1929 has been publisher of the *Times-Democrat*.

He served as a member of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Press Association for five years and was president in 1937-38. He likewise served as a member of the board of directors of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association in 1940-41-42.

Wimberly has been serving for sometime as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, serving the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. His duties in this connection were as public interest director for the State of Oklahoma.

Wimberly became democratic state chairman in February, 1944, having served in that capacity until the time of his resignation in September, 1945.

He has been especially active in promotion of the Altus irrigation project which is due early in 1946 to place water on approximately 6,000 acres of land, the first of the 70,000 acre tract to be served. It was ten years ago that a group of Altus men, including Wimberly, H. T. Kimbell, Elmer Garnett, W. B. Gover, J. A. Walker and W. C. Austin, met and determined to carry through a program to get government officials interested in the project which will furnish water for the vast Altus-Lugert irrigation district. He has been very active at all times when problems arose in connection with forwarding of this agricultural development.

Locally he has long been identified with all civic improvement projects. He has served numerous terms as a director of the Altus Chamber of Commerce, which body he headed for one year, and likewise was president of the Rotary club one year, having been active in Rotary for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimberly are parents of two daughters, Janis and Mary Margaret, Altus school pupils.

Retirement Fund Prexy

Late last month as was reported, the Pittsburg County Alumni organized in McAlester and elected among their other officers Denver D. Kirkland, superintendent of the McAlester city schools, as their president. This organization is now well underway in completing several business items that were outlined and discussed by President George L. Cross and Alumni Executive Secretary-Manager Ted Baird.



DENVER D. KIRKLAND

Recently Mr. Kirkland has appointed special committees for the completion of the preliminary organization details of this Alumni Club.

In July, Mr. Kirkland was re-elected for the third consecutive year as president of the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System.

Ned Shepler to Succeed Wimberly As O. U. Regent

The name of Ned Shepler, '18, Lawton, has been added to the list of editors who are willing to take time out from the typewriter to serve as regent of their state university. Shepler, editor-publisher-owner of the *Lawton Constitution*, and son of the late John N. Shepler who preceded him as publisher, will be appointed a member of the Board of Regents to succeed Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus, Governor Kerr has announced.

Wimberly, *Altus Times-Democrat* editor and publisher, resigned his regent post recently when he was appointed a member of the Federal Power Commission. Wimberly was then serving his second term as a regent, and another editor, Joe W. McBride, '28 bus, Anadarko, *Anadarko Daily News* is now on the Board of Regents.

Shepler was managing editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* but left school in 1918 to serve in World War I. When the war ended he took charge of the city desk on the *Constitution*. When his father died in 1919, he and his brother Fred became publishers. Fred died in 1942, and Ned became sole publisher.

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Now president of the Oklahoma Associated Press Editorial Association, Shepler served as president of the Oklahoma Press Association in the year 1931-32.

Since he was a small schoolboy and began as apprentice on the *Pawnee Courier-Dispatch*, edited by his father, Shepler has been intrigued by newspaper work. He edited the yearbook in Lawton High School, from which he was graduated in 1915. In high school he spent his spare time in the *Constitution* backshop, feeding presses, sweeping out and melting metal.

Shepler married Mrs. May B. Terwilliger in 1922, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Bill F. Bentley, who has a son, Donald Shepler, 5 months old.

Although he has never held public office, Shepler has always been active in civic affairs. He has served 20 years as director of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of its military affairs committee. He is a Mason, a Methodist, member of Kiwanis club, American Legion, Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity and Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Correspondence (Continued)

From all of the high seas early in October, Lt. David C. Mathews, USNR, writes:

... Just to give you the "scoop" and ask a couple of questions. We are on our way to Sasebo, Kyushu, where this will be mailed. Aboard is another Sooner, Second Lt. Robert S. Rizley. He went to O. U. in '42 and plans to study law there. Homer Simmons follows us and is going into Nagasaki. They plan on sending us to Zomboanga after we unload. I'm hoping to get off before then as I have 52 points. Forty-nine is the necessary number "Navy style."

... I think I shall be home at least by Christmas. If you hear of any thing let me know. I doubt if there are any vacancies at mid-term so I might as well take this next semester of "Education" as I lack 21 hours for a "lifetime." I'd like to get squared away soon, though, as I hate to be idle. May run for the legislature but doubt it. There is certainly no future there.

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