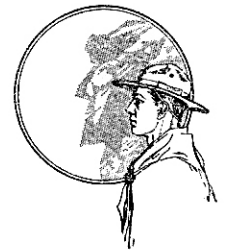




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Large Numbers Witness Courts Of Honor

Do you realize that over a thousand people witnessed our Courts of Honor in various parts of the Council during the past month? This means that a thousand people have become a little better acquainted with one of the finest phases of Scouting.

The interesting thing about these Courts was the uniform high
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Good Turn Contest

Several unusually good "Good Turns" have been received for entrance in the Good Turn Contest announced in the February issue of *The Mess Kit*.

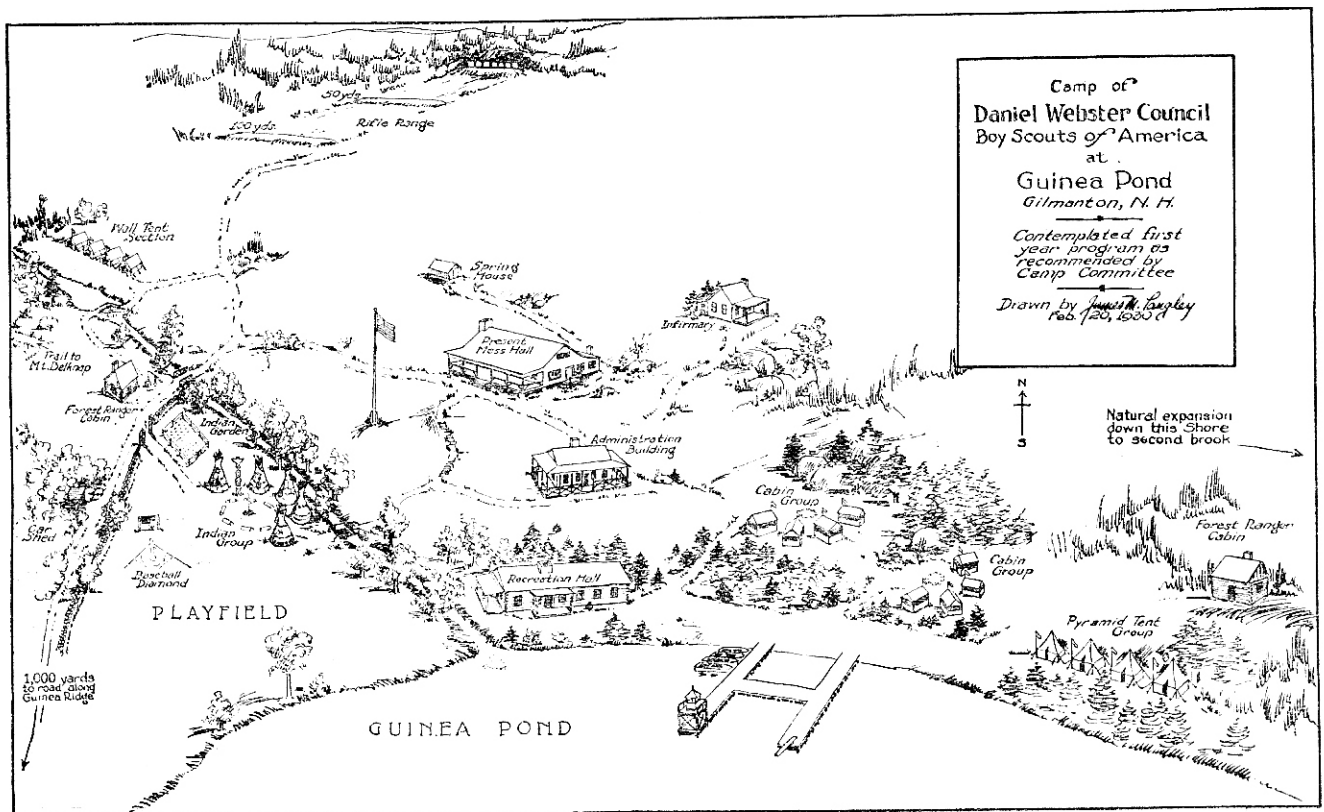
This contest may easily be divided into two main divisions; the first being the *Troop Good Turn Contest* and the second, the *Individual Good Turn Contest*.

The Troop which sends in the
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Old Manchester Council Site Selected

The Camp Committee, with the Scout Executive, carefully studied ten proposed sites on which to build a camp which could be a credit to the Boy Scouts of America, and to the great state of New Hampshire with its wonderful recreational program.

The services of Fred C. Mills of the National Headquarters Camp-
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Why Camping?

As the season for camping approaches this is the question asked by every Scout and particularly by the Scout's parents. Most parents (there are exceptions) are wondering just why they should let their boy go to camp, and if he will be safe while there. To settle their doubts on the first question, there are numerous reasons why a boy should go to camp. In the first place, he likes it. Unless a boy is abnormal he derives great enjoyment from his week or summer in camp. Swimming, hiking and living the life of the great outdoors appeals to any boy.

The time in camp will undoubtedly do a boy good. He is living a healthy life from the moment he arrives until he leaves. All the work and play of a camp builds him up and enlarges his respect for real work and real play.

Above all one meets other boys and this is one of the great advantages of a large camp. He makes friendships with boys who he otherwise would have never seen. Friendship of this kind should exist.

Regarding a boy's safety at camp; there is no safer place for a boy. While in swimming he is constantly watched by competent life-guards and is much safer than when swimming at some beach or summer resort.

Doctors are in camp constantly and the boy receives medical attention that safeguards his own health and the health of every other boy in camp.

Programs are carefully prepared by men trained in this work and play which the boy likes is constantly being carried on.

This summer the Daniel Webster Council Camp will be one of the finest in New England. Under the leadership of Chief Scout Executive Lewis many new and unique ideas are to be carried out. The Scouts are already anticipating the fun that is coming.

Just think of an evening around the campfire. The cheery fire, stories, and the satisfaction received from good fellowship.

Come on, Scouts! Let's make this the most successful camping we have ever known.

Large Numbers Witness Courts Of Honor

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standard of conduct on the part of the Scouts, and the facts and figures of their achievements.

Perhaps you didn't know that there were 407 Scouts participating in these various Courts of Honor, and that the total number of Merit Badges awarded was 176. Besides these awards, there were 11 Star Scout, 29 First Class Scout, 56 Second Class Scout, and 49 Tenderfoot awards. Oh, yes! We mustn't forget the Eagle award that District Commissioner Morrill pinned on his own son, George Merrill, Junior.

Now a lot of nice things have been mentioned, so, I think that it's time for a few kindly constructive remarks. Out of the 407 Scouts represented, only 249 were in uniform, but 18 out of the 20 Scoutmasters were in uniform. Too many of you fellows didn't bring your folks with you to see you receive your awards—don't forget they get a big kick out of your advancement. There were 36 Troop Committeemen present—they would enjoy the Courts a lot.

The thing that gave the greatest thrill to the greatest number of Scouts and guests were the investiture ceremonies—let's make them a vital factor in our Troop activities.

—H. Raymond Danforth,
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Camp Manning Building Program

The Executive Board has approved of the following plan and suggested cost of the Camp buildings this year:

I WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

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6 canoes — 6 boats.....	700.00	
	<u>1,700.00</u>	\$1,700.00

II BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

1 Roosevelt Cabin (30' x 70') (Recreation Hall, equipped for winter use; also to house Canteen, Postoffice, and Bank).....	\$5,000.00	
Infirmary (26' x 20') (Gen. office Private Room—Dormitory for 5).....	800.00	
Administration Building (25' x 20').....	800.00	
U. S. Forest Service Rest House (26' x 14').....	800.00	
Garage Shed.....	400.00	
Range, Pots, Pans, Etc.....	400.00	
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There are a number of friends of the SCOUT Movement who would like to demonstrate their confidence by contributing a building or piece of equipment and these friends of the Movement may get in touch with members of the Camp Committee or Scout Executive, J. Hamilton Lewis, at the Headquarters, and detailed information will be gladly furnished.

Already friends have contributed

- The Waterfront
- The Administration Building
- The Infirmary.

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ing Department who has had a wide experience as an expert in surveying camps all over the country was secured to assist the committee and Capt. Mills spent a great deal of time personally inspecting and analyzing several of these locations.

The reports of both Capt. Mills and Executive Lewis show an enthusiastic endorsement of the wisdom of the old Manchester Council and Mrs. Robert L. Manning and Mrs. Charles B. Manning in securing that beautiful site know as Camp Manning at Gilmanton Iron Works, on Guinea Pond. These reports were unanimously accepted by the Camp Committee and subsequently by the Executive Board of the Daniel Webster Council, with their deep

appreciation for the gift from the old Manchester Council.

Camp Manning, as it will always be called, is an ideal location, just off the beaten track and yet very close to main arteries of travel. It is centrally located to all parts of New Hampshire. The Camp Committee has increased its holdings by having bought up five sixths of the property surrounding the lake and there are no buildings in sight from the camp. Notice on the map of the property, the marks which show how much the Council now owns of the lake frontage.

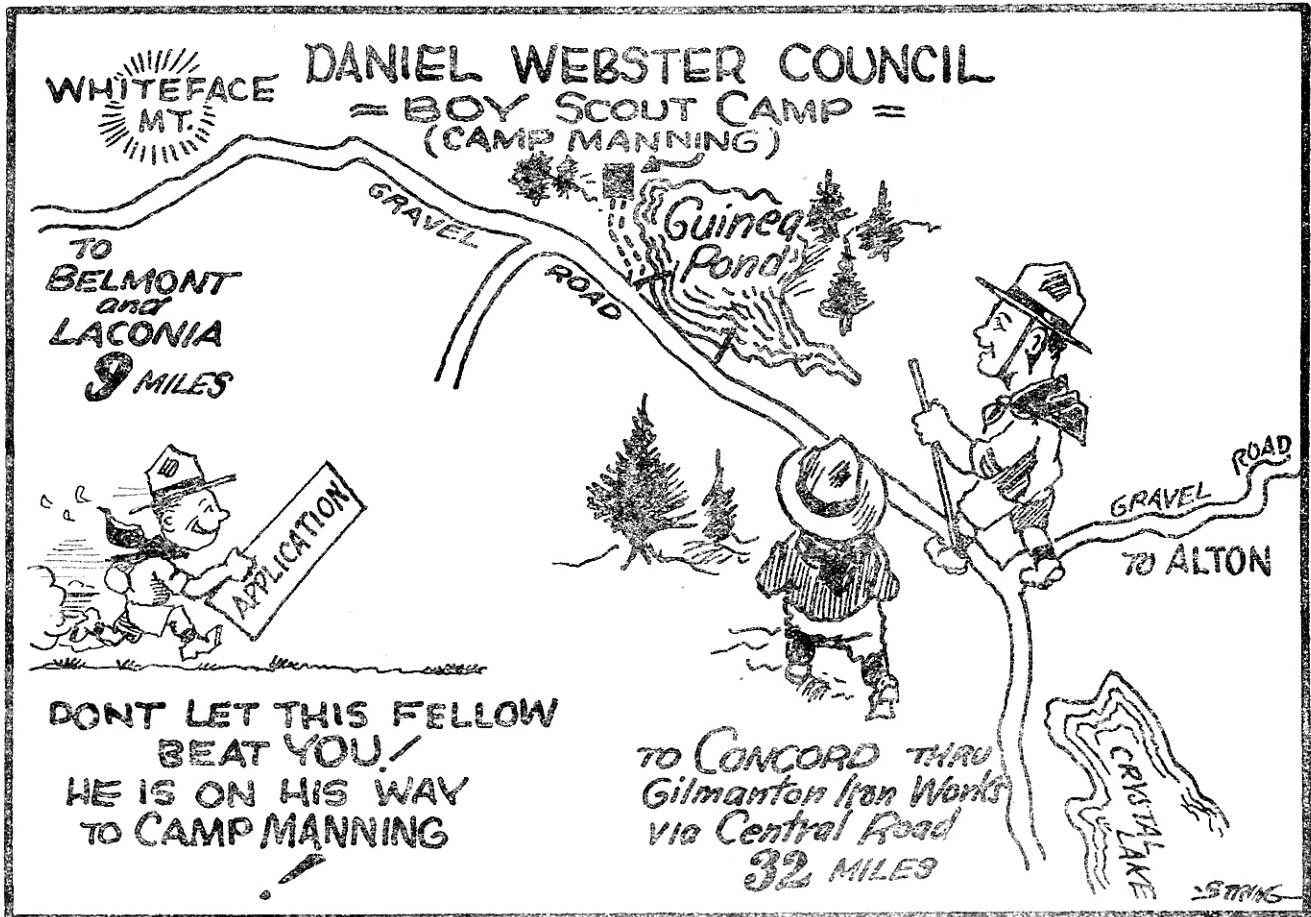
Within a half-hour's hike is Tenderfoot Peak which offers a magnificent view of the surrounding terrain. Belknap Mt. is another hour's hike and numberless other interesting hikes will find joy and zest in the views and inspirations gained.

A smooth, sandy beach is the

approach to an excellent swimming beach which will be enhanced this year by an "H" wharf, diving tower, chute the chutes, spring-board, etc., together with a fleet of boats and canoes.

The "H" wharf will embody the latest methods known to aquatic directors, in providing safety measures. The "Sinkers" and "beginners" will have their own space in the land side part of the "H" where they can be supervised and watched on four sides; the "50-yard", "100-yard", and Red Cross Junior and Senior Life Savers will all have their regular assigned positions on the "H" wharf. Eternal vigilance on the part of a trained life saving expert and a staff, all of whom will possess the American Red Cross insignia of proficiency, will supply the necessary addition to the safety

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Camp Committee

The Executive Board, because of the great importance of having an excellent Training Camp, drafted some of the most important members of the Council to serve this year on the Camp Committee.

John G. Winant, as President of the Council, is ex-officio a member of all Committees.

The list follows:

Arthur O' Shea, Chairman Laconia

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

J. H. Haggerty	Nashua
Francis P. Murphy	Nashua
J. Mitchell Ahern	Concord
Thomas Cheney	Laconia

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

James M. Langley	Concord
Richard W. Sulloway	Franklin
John McLane	Manchester
Stewart Nelson	Concord
Harry A. Gregg	Nashua
Ellsworth Rollins	Laconia
Henry Arwe	Keene
Chas. L. Jackman	Concord
Harold Owen	Concord
Edgar Hunter	Hanover

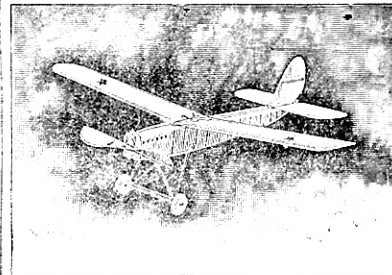
EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Ralph Reed	Manchester
H. S. Wonson	Manchester
W. Earle Goss	Franklin
C. S. Emerson	Milford
Albert Kellogg	Claremont
Thomas N. Troxell	Concord
Joseph W. Epply	Manchester
John H. Foster	Concord

SANITATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. T. H. Huckins	Tilton
Eaton D. Sargent	Nashua
Albert J. Precourt	Manchester
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measures taken here. Only Scouts who pass very rigid examinations will be permitted in the boats and canoes and then a safety patrol will be on the lake on guard.

Every member of the staff will be selected for being especially proficient and expert in his line and each will be under the personal supervision of Scout Executive J. Hamilton Lewis who has had 17 years experience in building and maintaining boys' camps and who is the father of boys himself.

The picture of the camp shows the tremendous impetus needed this year on making this camp outstanding. At the present time, the Mess Hall and the ten cabins are on the property.

The Camp Committee plans call for *quality* production rather than *quantity*.

"Results Count" has been selected as the motto.

This year the camp is to be limited to 100 Scouts per two week periods. The wise Scout is going to see that the inclosed card is filled out and sent to Headquarters at once. First come, first served.

Already some applications are on file.

Why not get the Scoutmaster to sign up the whole troop and under his leadership, take over one of the Camp Divisions.

A camp trained boy is the backbone of a troop. Scouting is most all "outing". Get your training program help from the Council by signing up quickly.

Lincoln; The Boy Scout's Ideal

It is fitting that we think for a moment now and then of Abraham Lincoln, that great lover of boys. A man of the people—the story of his rise from log cabin to White House is one that every Boy Scout should know. What makes Abraham Lincoln a man who

should be an inspiration and ideal for every American boy? To answer this question, we must consider a great many reasons. However we are thinking of Abraham Lincoln, the Scouts' great ideal, and what greater reasons could we consider than those named in the Scout Law, which says that a Scout should be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent?

Abraham Lincoln never could have guided this country through the Civil War if he had not been faithful to the trust which the nation had given him in the time of need. So also throughout that time he maintained his loyalty to the Union and to the principles upon which it was founded and for which it then stood.

Beyond a shadow of doubt, Lincoln had plenty of chances to be both helpful and obedient during his youth in the wilderness. There was always work to be done in his home, and as he was the oldest boy, he undoubtedly helped his father with a great deal of the work.

Lincoln is known as one of our most democratic presidents. He was friendly and kind to the sick, and to the soldiers who affectionately called him "Father Abraham". Another tribute to his kindness is the number of soldiers sentenced to death whom he pardoned.

Although he was a backwoods lad, he learned from his mother, from his step-mother, and later from one of his teachers, a sense of courtesy which always characterized him. He was especially courteous to women and children.

Abraham Lincoln was probably about as cheerful as any man could have been in his place as president. He was famous for his witty stories which he told very frequently to illustrate something which he was saying. In cabinet meetings and on many other occasions his sense of humor saved the day.

Lincoln was thrifty and honest.

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Early in his career, a store in which he was a partner failed, and the other man in the venture disappeared. The sum lost was eleven hundred dollars, small as such debts go, but it seemed the work of a life to him to pay it, but he finally did. He was thrifty not only financially but mentally, making use of everything that he read or heard.

He was brave, in daring to do what he thought was right, even though it was against the will of many. In his second inaugural address he said, "with malice toward none; with charity for all: with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

Finally Abraham Lincoln was reverent—reverent toward God, toward motherhood and reverent to the institutions of his country.

—Lawrence L. Barber, Jr.
Troop 7, Nashua, N. H.

A Word From The President



John G. Winant, President of the Daniel Webster Council, says, "I want to see every Scout and all the Scouters possible attend Camp Manning this summer. The Camp Committee is working hard to have a camp we can be proud of. Scouting is essentially an out-door program. Play it."

The Future of Camp Manning

The Committee have planned to carefully survey the situation this summer and plot out a Five Year Program.

At present, they are tremendously interested in making available as soon as they have the funds a Historical Unit, to be composed of replicas of the following:

- Daniel Webster Homestead
 - Lincoln Cabin
 - Edison's Laboratory
 - General Stark's Birthplace
 - Hoover's Birthplace
 - General John A. Dix's Birthplace
- and also the following other necessary building and needs:
- 4 Adirondack Lean-tos
 - Craft Shop with adequate tools
 - Museum and Zoo
 - Handicraft Building
 - Sea Scout Dummy Ship
 - Fireplace in Mess Hall
 - 4 Pyramid Tents.

Camp Staff

It is too early to have the Camp personnel lined up, but the budget, already approved, calls for the following departments and directors in addition to the Scout Executive and his Assistant, who will be the Chief Director:

Scoutcraft—Will include the *Director* of this Department who will have charge of the Camp Merit Badge faculty and all Scout tests in Camp.

His *Assistant* will teach such special things as wood carving, making bows and arrows, metal work, Indian beadwork, leathercraft, etc.

Forestry Department—We hope to have a real trained Forester on our staff who will establish training classes in conservation, forestry, which will include actually planting and pruning trees and all the fun that goes with it.

Waterfront Department—Will include the best teacher of swimming we can find and a well trained assistant, both of whom will be qualified Red Cross lifesaver.

Not only will boys who can't swim be taught the proper way, but those who can will have an opportunity of improving strokes, learning new strokes, speed-swimming, high and fancy diving, etc.

First Aid Department—We will have a well qualified First Aid man in charge of the modern infirmary, and expert physicians will be in daily attendance at the Camp.

Camp Fire Athletics—We will have a director in charge of this work. Who has sat on a starry night close to the embers of a camp fire, listening to a tale of adventure, and has not had his soul gripped with the greatness, glory and beauty of all things and felt a humbleness of spirit as the leader says in conclusion, "Now may the great Spirit watch over us as we leave this Council fire and go to our tents and lodges."

Banker and Postmaster—Always necessary,—for what is a camp without a canteen, a bank to put our money in, and someone to get those packages from home?

Hike Master—And of course this man is going to be popular, for, with six or eight Scouts to a party, we will have great trips going to Mt. Belknap, to the birthplace of Daniel Webster, and camping out in pup tents.

Camp Clerk—To have charge of Headquarters and to handle all the different things necessary to make the Camp a success.

Cook and Assistant—*Of Course*,—because what's a Camp without plain wholesome food and plenty of it?

Have you ever wondered what the other Troops in the Daniel Webster Council are doing? Have you ever wished that you could find some way of "keeping tabs" on what the Council intends to do?

If you have, here is just what you have been looking for. *The Mess Kit* gives you all this information. As the Official Scout Paper of the Daniel Webster Council it not only gets the first chance at the plans of Headquarters, but it receives interesting items from the different Troops in the Council through the records kept at headquarters.

The Mess Kit offers you the chance to become better acquainted with the activities of other Scouts. Do you accept?

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Camp Supervisors

The Camp will be under the personal supervision of Scout Executive, J. Hamilton Lewis, who has had many years' experience in all types of camps, including Y. M. C. A., private, boys' club, and Boy Scout camps.

His last camp at Springfield, Mass., has established an enviable record and is rated A-1 by the National Headquarters. It was picked by the Red Cross for its only Training School in New England, and its waterfront layout has been proclaimed by the Red Cross as the model for all camps in the United States, no small credit for this going to the work Mr. Lewis put into it.

Mr. Lewis has put seventeen years into camp work, is married and has boys of his own.

His assistant, H. Raymond Danforth, will be the Camp Director.

Mr. Danforth is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and the National Training School for Scout Executives, resigning his position as Principal of the Keene High School to become Educational Director of the Daniel Webster Council.

Good Turn Contest

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best "Good Turn" which was performed by the Troop as a whole will be awarded a forester tent, while the Scout who sends in the best "Good Turn" which he has performed as an individual will receive his choice of an Official Scout Knife, or an Official Scout Axe.

For the benefit of those who did not receive the February issue of *The Mess Kit* we are re-printing below the requirements for this contest.

"Good Turns" for entry in the *Troop Good Turn Contest* should be written on one side of the paper and headed "Troop Good Turn Contest" while entries in the Individual Contest should be headed "Individual Good Turn Contest."

Entries for either contest must be signed by the Scoutmaster.

All "Good Turns" for either contest must have been performed during the contest period (February 1st to April 26th).

The Staff of The Mess Kit shall be the judges of the contest.

All reports of either class of "Good Turns" should be sent to Good Turn Editor, The Mess Kit, 26 Trenton Street, Manchester, N. H.

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