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## Shelby Electric Cooperative Member to Head Cooperative State Association

**F**ormer State Senator and long time cooperative member N. Duane Noland begins his new job as the President and CEO for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) based in Springfield, Illinois this month.

The AIEC represents 24 electric distribution cooperatives, of which Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) is a member, two generation and transmission cooperatives and six telephone cooperatives.

Mr. Noland, whose family has been members of Shelby Electric Cooperative since 1951, serves as Vice-President of Noland Farms, a Centennial family farm in Macon and Christian Counties. His family still resides in rural Blue Mound. He says his family will maintain strong roots in the region.

"We are proud to have Mr. Noland as our statewide leader," said Shelby Electric Cooperative Board Chairman Darrell Shumard. "He embodies the core principles of Cooperatives; Integrity, Innovation, Accountability and Commitment to Community. I know Duane will work hard with cooperative leaders to meet the ongoing challenges.

He has a proven track record of service to rural Illinois," added Shumard. Chairman Shumard sits on the AIEC Board and was part of the hiring process along with the other AIEC board members.



**Duane Noland**

An active civic and agricultural leader, Noland has served on the board of directors of organizations such as Millikin University, Decatur Memorial Hospital, the Grain & Feed Association of Illinois, Macon County Farm Bureau Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

He served as a state lawmaker from 1990 to 2003, including four terms in the Illinois House and two terms in the Illinois Senate. Noland did not seek re-election in 2002, due to legislative redistricting. Prior to accepting his new position, Noland served as Vice-President of Hickory Point Bank and Trust.

He is replacing retiring President/CEO Earl Struck who served 27 years at the AIEC, previously as their Director of Government Relations before taking the CEO's position in February 1994. "I congratulate the AIEC board of directors on the wise decision they've made in hiring

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# Halbrook Auto Body Shines in New Energy Efficient Facility

## Facility to be featured in a January 18, 2006 Webcast

In 1987 Halbrook Auto Body opened for business in Shelbyville, Illinois. The one-man shop soon became well-known and business continued to grow. Brian Halbrook now has six full-time employees and one part-timer. However, his successful growth called for more than just additional manpower; he needed a new location to accommodate the number of vehicles repaired on a daily basis. On Sept. 1, 2005 Halbrook opened for business in his new facility on the west side of Shelbyville on Route 16.

When he first decided to open a larger facility not only did Halbrook need help from Shelby Electric line crews for his electrical service, he also wanted to discuss ways he could minimize his energy use while keeping his shop a healthy and comfortable place to work. Taking his needs into consideration, Chris Spears, Member and Public Services Manager, suggested Halbrook contact the Small Business Smart Energy Program's Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) team to see if its free technical assistance services could improve on his new building's design. Building envelope, lighting and HVAC energy savings measures were evaluated. The energy conservation measures that Halbrook installed into the 12,000 square foot facility will save him more than 12,042 kWh of electricity and 210 therms of natural gas annually. These savings will result in nearly \$1,200 in annual cost savings just from making energy efficient improvements to his original design. Furthermore, these improvements will all pay for themselves in less than one year.

"I have been very pleased with the level of support provided to Halbrook Auto Body through the SEDAC and I would certainly recommend the program to others. It has never been as important as it is now to make sure that a building is designed to be energy efficient," noted Spears. To be eligible, a business must be a for-profit business, with a facility that is larger than 8,000 square feet and/or have a minimum of \$50,000 in annual utility costs. Facilities with multiple locations larger than 5,000 square feet will also be considered.

When asked about his thoughts on his efforts, Brian humbly replies, "We strive to get it right the first time in our business, and that's what we've done for our building, too."

For more information contact the SEDAC at (800) 214-7954, visit their Web site at [www.sedac.org](http://www.sedac.org) or email them at [info@sedac.org](mailto:info@sedac.org). If you're interested in the viewing the Web cast go to <http://webcast.sedac.org> for more information.



Halbrook Auto Body's new location on Route 16 just west of Shelbyville

# Doug Rye Says:



Doug Rye

## As energy costs rise, so does interest in energy efficiency

**Well, folks, it has finally happened. Since 1975, I've been saying that America and the world would face a serious energy crisis in my lifetime. And I believe that time is now. Simply put, demand for fossil fuels is exceeding supply. This is evidenced by the rising prices of gasoline, natural gas and electricity. With energy costs increasing at alarming rates, it is not surprising that interest in energy efficiency is soaring as well. In fact, calls to my home office have doubled in recent months.**

With natural gas bills expected to rise up to 30 percent this winter and with electric bills also on the rise, the most pressing question right now is: "How can I get through the winter without mortgaging my house to pay the heating bills?" Although I can't do anything about the rising energy costs, I can give you some time-honored tips that will hopefully help you use less energy and, therefore, lower your bills.

So where do you start? First you must identify the problems in your home and I often say that the three biggest ones affecting the comfort and energy efficiency of your house are 1) air infiltration, 2) air infiltration, and, yes, you guessed it, 3) air infiltration.

The total air infiltration in an average house is the equivalent of having a door or window open every day of your life. Just think with me for a moment. If you can keep the cold air from getting in, it won't take as much to heat your house, not to mention the fact that you would be a lot more comfortable in your home. So where does the air come in? Think of it this way. Anywhere an ant can get in, air can get in. Here are a few major problem areas:

- Where your wall touches your slab.

- Cracks between the wood framing in your home's walls.
- Around electrical receptacles and light switches in your house, even on interior walls. (When the north wind is blowing, go feel the electrical outlets and switches on your north wall.)
- Holes and leaks around your sink plumbing.
- Gas and fireplace flues.
- Recessed can lights that are not IC-rated. Between 3 and 10 cubic feet per minute of air will pass through one of these lights. A typical plastic garbage bag is 3 cubic feet. So that means that three garbage bags full of air can leak out of one of those lights every minute.
- Leakage in ductwork can be major. Leakage in the return air system of your heating/cooling unit can especially be a problem during the winter as it lets the cold air into your house. In the average house, gigantic amounts of air enter through this system.

So how are you going to stop the cold air from penetrating your home this winter? The solution is mostly labor and a little bit material. Now, say this with me. "Caulk it. Caulk it. Caulk it."

For big holes, such as those under the sink, simply use expandable foam. For the smaller cracks, use a clear siliconized caulk. For electrical outlets and light switches, install the insulated foam gaskets and childproof plug inserts. Installing cellulose or foam insulation in your attic will also help reduce air infiltration from your attic space. For existing homeowners who have less than eight inches of fiberglass insulation in the attic, I recommend that you add cellulose insulation over the fiberglass to a final insulation depth of 12 inches. Cellulose insulation, which is made from recycled newspapers, or foam insulation will greatly outperform the more conventional fiberglass insulation.

These products can be purchased at most home centers. There are also professionals who can test your home and correct the problems. The surest way to find the leaks is through a blower door test, which reveals where all the leaks are, even those you can't see. Your local electric cooperatives also do free energy audits of members' homes.

*Doug Rye, the "King of Caulk and Talk" can be heard on the radio stations across the country, including Illinois, on his syndicated radio program "Home Remedies". Visit his website [DougRye.com](http://DougRye.com), email him at [info@philliprye.com](mailto:info@philliprye.com) or call him (888) Doug-Rye if you have questions or want more information. Reprinted with permission from Doug Rye.*



## Honoring Our Area Military Personnel

**P**rivate First Class Martin Carlen is from Shelbyville. He graduated from Shelbyville High School in 2005 and finished basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. Carlen will be stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. He is a Calvary Scout. Martin is the Son of Kevin and Debbie Carlen of Shelbyville and Bev Carlen and Dave McGuire of Rochester. He is the grandson of Hazel Carlen, Taylorville, Mary Jeffers, Sullivan and Bill and Frances Whalen of Morrisonville, Illinois.



Kevin is a lineman at Shelby Electric Cooperative and Debbie is an Engineering Assistant at the cooperative. Martin was recently deployed to Iraq.

**If you have a family member or friend who is currently serving in the military, please send us their name, rank and where they are stationed and we will try to feature them in an upcoming issue. (Pictures can be used but must be of good quality.) Send information to Military, P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, IL 61938 or P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565.**

# Member Exchange

## For Sale

- Male and Female Beagle puppies, full blooded, tri-color, 8 weeks old, shots and wormed, \$100 each. Call (217) 768-3731 or (217) 620-0333.
- 1997 Ford Taurus, white, approximately 97,000 miles; 1996 Dodge Dakota pick-up, white, approximately 102,000 miles, both utility company owned with maintenance records, seller will accept sealed bids with a \$2,250 minimum on each item through Jan. 31. Call (217) 235-0341 and ask for Russ or Debbie.
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- 97 GMC Safari, 135,000 miles, AWD, TV/VCR, power sofa, seats seven, radio w/cassette, runs good, \$3,700 obo. Call (217) 774-1356 or (217) 825-5883, leave a message if no one answers.
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- Used corn planter plates, IH, JD & AC, various sizes & quantities, good shape. Call (217) 783-2278.
- 1984 Chevy 3/4 ton pickup; 1985 1 ton pickup; 2- 800 MHz 2 way FM radios, hand held, charger, holster and adaptor mic; 2- 800 MHz, 2 way mobile radios. Call (217) 879-2753.
- Puppy dog, lab/golden retriever mix, friendly and playful. Call (217) 562-3060.
- Aluminum topper, front & rear window, ladder rack, side toolboxes, fits 1997-2004 Ford short bed. Call (217) 412-8188.
- Water pump 1/2 hp, Myers brand, two years old; reservoir bladder tank, ACE brand, 1-1/2 years old, tank is 20" tall and 14 round, water filter, they are all in excellent condition, asking \$150 for both. Call (217) 774-5326 if no answer, please leave message.
- 2002 Gulfstream Innsbruck Supreme 26' 5th wheel camper, like new, supreme package, lots of extras, 8' slide-out, \$18,500. Call (217) 783-2766.
- Air hockey table like new 5'x30", \$35; Solid oak entertainment cabinet, 30" h x 52"l x 17"d, \$150; Little Tikes art desk w/light easel and chair \$40; end table with marble like top, \$15; 6'x6'x12' dog cage, \$30; Francoma Christmas collection plates, six from the 1970s. Call (217) 562-3060.
- 1997 16' Jon boat with haul-rite trailer, \$2,500. Call (217) 783-2766.
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- Firewood, 6' bed pick-up load, \$45, 8' bed pick-up load \$60, non-tiered. Call (217) 345-9776.
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■ Smooth 30" electric cook top, \$75; brown GE electric oven, \$75; 5' vanity with sink, \$50; two 40 gallon electric water heaters, \$25 each; two 36" mirrors, \$20 each; ceiling fan with light fixture, \$75; hardware and miscellaneous. Call (217) 234-8566.

■ Briggs & Stratton 5 hp "Mighty Mac" chipper/shredder, reduces to mulch: wood, branches, leaves, garden waste, etc. \$75. Call (217) 728-4166.

■ 1995 2-axle light blue horse trailer includes padded stall divider with bumper hitch, extra storage compartments for supplies, \$900 or best offer. Call (217) 345-4048 after 5 pm.

■ Massey garden tractor, 18 hp hydro, 54" deck, rebuilt deck and motor, good condition, garaged; Round up tank, 120 gal. pump-meter, hose & nozzle, 12 volt, like new; chrome dress up engine kit, new 2.2 Chrysler prod; new Delta bath & shower faucet, duel knobs; auto & truck radiator repair equipment, tank, flow & test stations, cradles & lifts, miscellaneous hoses & fittings, hot water pressure washer included; Cobra 40 channel CB; JD starter diesel comp. utility tractor. Call (217) 895-3171.

■ Double decker breeder cages with powder coated pens, original cost over \$200 selling for \$75 each stack, great for rabbits, ferrets & cats, must see to believe. Email us willowcreek@consolidated.net or call (217) 345-4048.

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■ Snow chains for JD (or other tractors), like new, 12" (might be 13") x 50", \$25.00. Call (217) 345-3780.

■ 1985 white Easy-Go golf cart, batteries 2 years old, \$350 or best offer. Call (217) 268-4704.

■ 1974 Chevy Malibu 4-door, runs good, 150,000 miles, \$500 or best offer. Call (217) 539-4509.

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■ Christmas dishes, 3 - 18 piece sets new in box, 4 dinner plates, 4 salad plates, 4 mugs, 4 soup bowls, 1 salt & pepper shakers /set, \$25 for all 3 sets, cute snowmen/tree design, call (217) 840-8944 or e-mail Sonjamcandrew@cmeccwildblue.com for info or pictures.

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# Party Snack Recipe Ideas

## Stuffed Mushrooms

**Prep Time:** 15 min

**Total Time:** 35 min

**Makes:** 8 servings, 2 mushrooms each

2 cups Stove Top Stuffing Mix for Chicken in the Canister  
1 cup hot water  
16 large mushrooms (about 1 lb.)  
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine  
1/2 of a small green pepper, finely chopped  
1/2 of a small red pepper, finely chopped  
2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

**PREHEAT** broiler. Mix stuffing mix and hot water in medium bowl; cover. Let stand 5 min.

**REMOVE** stems from mushrooms; chop stems. Cook and stir mushroom caps in 3 Tbsp. butter in large skillet until lightly browned. Arrange in shallow baking dish.

**ADD** stems and peppers to skillet; cook and stir until tender. Stir into stuffing. Spoon into mushroom caps; drizzle with 2 Tbsp. melted butter.

**BROIL** 5 to 7 inches from heat 5 min. or until heated through.

## Pear & Smoky Swiss Appetizer

**Prep Time:** 5 min

**Total Time:** 5 min

**Makes:** 12 servings, 1 topped cracker each

12 Triscuit Crackers  
1 medium pear, cut into 12 thin slices  
6 oz. Kraft Hickory Smoked Pasteurized Process Swiss and Cheddar Cheese, cut into 12 thin slices  
2 Tbsp. apricot preserves

**TOP** each cracker with 1 pear slice, 1 cheese slice and 1/2 tsp. preserves.

## Celebration Crostini

**Prep Time:** 10 min

**Total Time:** 13 min

**Makes:** 24 servings, 1 piece each

1 loaf (12 inch) French bread, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices  
1/2 cup Kraft Free Honey Dijon Fat Free Dressing  
2 pkg. (6 oz. each) Oscar Mayer Fat Free Oven Roasted Turkey Breast  
1-1/2 cups shredded Cracker Barrel 2% Milk Reduced Fat Sharp Cheddar Cheese  
1/3 cup Claussen Sweet Pickle Relish

**PLACE** bread slices in single layer on baking sheet. Lightly spray bread with cooking spray. Bake at 350°F for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

**SPREAD** each bread slice with 1 tsp. dressing. Fold each turkey slice in half, then into thirds to form triangle; place 1 on each toast slice. Sprinkle with cheese. Top each with 1/4 tsp. relish.

**BROIL** 4 inches from heat 3 minutes or until cheese is melted.

## Mexicali Appetizer Meatballs

**Prep Time:** 30 min

**Total Time:** 45 min

**Makes:** 16 servings, 2 meatballs each

2/3 cup A.1. Original Steak Sauce  
2/3 cup Taco Bell Home Originals Thick 'N Chunky Salsa  
1-1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 egg  
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs

**PREHEAT** oven to 425°F. Mix steak sauce and salsa.

**MIX** meat, egg, bread crumbs and 1/3 cup of the steak sauce mixture just until blended. Shape into 32 meatballs, each about 1-1/4 inches in diameter. Place in single layer in shallow baking pan.

**BAKE** 12 to 15 minutes or until cooked through. Serve remaining steak sauce mixture as a dip for the meatballs.

## No-Bake Classic Snack Mix

**Prep Time:** 10 min

**Total Time:** 13 min

**Makes:** 14 servings, 1/2 cup each

3 cups Post Spoon Size Shredded Wheat Cereal  
2 cups popped popcorn  
1 cup small pretzels  
1/2 cup Planters Cocktail Peanuts  
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted  
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt

**TOSS** cereal with popcorn, pretzels and peanuts in large microwavable bowl.

**MIX** butter, Worcestershire sauce and seasoned salt until well blended. Drizzle evenly over cereal mixture; toss to coat.

**MICROWAVE** on HIGH 2 to 3 min. or until cereal is crisp, stirring after 2 min.



If you have recipes to share mail them to: Recipes P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565 or P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, Illinois 61938.

# Fulfilling A High School Dream

**Operations Superintendent Butch Walden will retire from the cooperative in January 2006.**

What did you want to be when you grew up? A baseball player? An astronaut? A fireman? Or maybe even a doctor? For Butch Walden it could have been all the above, but he did know he wanted to be a lineman for Shelby Electric Cooperative when he graduated from Shelbyville High School back in 1961. "I always wanted to work for the cooperative," remembers Walden. He got that wish on Nov. 16, 1966, when W.L. "Lefty" Walker hired him as a groundman. Even though he wasn't around when the first lines were built back in the 1930s, he still helped build quite a bit of distribution and transmission line as new substations were added to the system. "We didn't have bucket trucks during the building of three phase line out of the Pana sub so we still climbed the poles back then," notes Butch.

He worked as a welder for Oliver Company in Shelbyville and helped his dad farm before Shelby Electric hired him. Butch worked his way through many positions on his way to Operations Superintendent. He moved from groundman, to construction crew and then to maintenance. From there he moved back to the construction crew as a Construction Supervisor in 1990 before moving to his current position as Operations Superintendent in 1999.

Butch served under "Lefty" Walker, Bill LeCrone and current President and CEO, James Coleman.

"I can't put into words what this place has meant to me and my family over the years and the people I've been able to work with and for," says Walden. "This place and these people are an extension of my family."

Throughout my interview with Butch, several fellow employees popped in and out of his office to share their stories. Donna Stretch, Operations Assistant, has shared the operations office with Butch for six years and said, "Butch has been a great person to work with, and we have gotten along great over the years; all the employees like him. He is also great with the members."

A co-op career that totals 40 years and three managers has enough stories and memories that could fill up a book and there is not enough room to share all of them. One thing that stood out in Butch's mind was the 1967 ice storm because at that time they didn't have bucket trucks to repair the system. He also mentioned the ice storm of 1978 on Good Friday took 14 days of 16 hours per day to get the power restored. Of the many Butch stories that were told many of them can't be repeated. "Butch was a practical joker, always playing pranks or jokes on people for a laugh," says long-time friend Bill Shoaff, Construction Superintendent at the cooperative. "He liked to get you but he hated it when the pranks were played on him."

What lies ahead for Butch after cooperative life besides watching Cardinal baseball games and golfing with his grandson Lee? Spending time with his wife, Carol, and their son Tony and daughter-in-law, Debbie, and two grandsons Cody, 17, and Lee, 15, who live in Charleston; and their daughter Beth, and son-in-law Ryan Musser and grandson Gunner, 3, and granddaughter Kinzee, 3 months.

"I want to express my sincere thanks to Butch for his many years of devoted service to the members of Shelby Electric Cooperative. We will surely miss Butch and his extensive experience. At the same

time I want to express our blessings and truest hope that he and Carol celebrate many years of happy retirement together," noted Jim Coleman, Shelby Electric Cooperative President & CEO.

Good luck and best wishes, Butch, from your family, friends and co-workers.



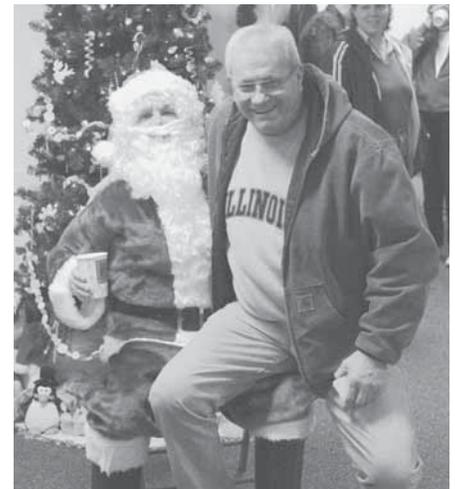
**Walden, right, poses with Bennie Clawson next to "Ole Number 9" back in 1986.**



**Former Congressman, Glen Poshard, visits with Butch Walden during the 1995 Legislative conference in Washington DC.**



**An avid Cardinal baseball fan, Butch (left) is seen here paying off a friendly wager with the then cooperative manager and Cub fan Bill LeCrone (seated) when the Cubs won the Central Division in 1984. Fellow Cub fan Bill Shoaff looks on.**



**Always a big kid at heart, Butch took time to tell Santa what he wanted for Christmas during the 2004 "Angel of Love" gift distribution.**

# Outage Report – November 2005

## Substation Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
11/4	0.4	Dunkel	equipment failure	309
11/6	3.5	Taylorville	supplier/Ameren	533
11/6	3.5	Grove City	supplier/Ameren	82
11/10	1.2	Richland	supplier/Ameren	584
11/21	0.3	Taylorville	broken insulator	534

## Line Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
11/2	1.0	Moweaqua	planned work/maint.	9
11/5	2.0	Taylorville	lightning	2
11/6	5.0	Taylorville	trees/storm	41
11/6	5.5	Neoga	trees/storm	12
11/8	1.0	Lakewood	broken pole	11
11/10	1.1	Moweaqua	equipment failure	37
11/12	2.5	Neoga	trees/storm	141
11/15	0.6	Moweaqua	trees/storm	36
11/15	1.8	Velma	trees/storm	85
11/15	1.3	Lakewood	trees/storm	37
11/17	2.0	Velma	trees/storm	25
11/17	2.0	Lakewood	miscellaneous	199
11/18	0.8	Neoga	broken conductor	39
11/29	1.1	Velma	broken conductor	385

## Individual Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
11/1	3.5	Richland	bad underground	1
11/3	0.7	Lakewood	animal/bird	1
11/5	4.5	Dunkel	trees/storm	1
11/6	1.8	Wenonah	lightning	1
11/6	4.6	Blue Mound	trees/storm	1
11/6	3.0	Wenonah	lightning	1
11/12	1.8	Moweaqua	animal/bird	1
11/12	2.5	Wenonah	transformer overload	1
11/15	1.9	Richland	member's wiring	1
11/15	0.8	Richland	lightning	1
11/15	1.6	Neoga	transformer overload	1
11/15	1.3	Moweaqua	broken conductor	1
11/15	1.0	Blue Mound	loose connection	1
11/15	2.0	Wenonah	member's wiring	1
11/16	0.9	Neoga	loose connection	1
11/24	0.6	Neoga	trees/storm	1
11/27	1.5	Wenonah	miscellaneous	1

## Santa's Helpers



Employees from Shelby Electric Cooperative provided plenty of help for Santa Claus when they helped deliver the Angel of Love gifts early Saturday Morning on December 17, 2005. The Coop employees along with other area volunteers were treated to a biscuit and gravy breakfast before heading out to deliver gifts to area children. Helping out for the 2005 Angel of Love deliveries from Shelby Electric were: pictured front row, L-R, Jamie Sharp, Chris Spears, unidentified person, Bill Shoaff, Butch Walden, Steve Shoaff, Jim Miller & Terry Oldham. Back row, L-R, Matt Clark, Roger Jones, Blake Knearem, Cary Bryson, Larry Nohren, Doug Hall & Brian Chevalier. Not pictured Kevin Bernson.



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