



District 31-F Lions

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District Convention Registration Is Now Open

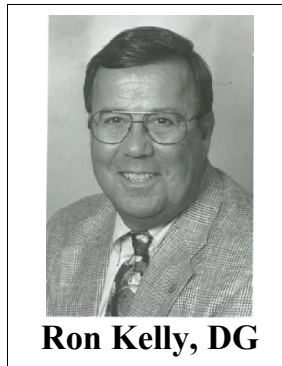
With the fall convention just 30 days away, it's important to get your registration forms in as soon as possible. Friday Fun Night (Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.) with “Elvis” impersonator **Danny Crouse** should be a hoot. Those who have seen him perform say that he is one of the best performers they have ever heard.

Couple this with a first-class meal and lots of Lions fellowship and you have the ingredients for an all-out good time. Saturday morning (Nov. 4) will begin at 7:45 a.m. With our traditional Tail Twister Breakfast and Auction to be followed by a break-out session with Lions Steve Walker and Jerry Austin on how your White Cane \$\$\$ is spent to benefit those less fortunate here in 31-F and around the state of North Carolina.

This session is both informative as well as very entertaining. Don't miss it; its information you need to know.

Our banquet will be held at 1 p.m. (not 7 p.m.). This new time is designed to be more accommodating to our membership and hopefully will fit into your weekend plans more easily. **Clubs registering eight for the banquet can reserve a table.** I hope you will plan to be with us to hear Past International Director Howard Lee from Surrey, England. PID Lee and his wife Lion Clair are two Lions you will want to meet. (FYI, we are the only district in the state to host an overseas convention speaker and we can thank our own PID Sid Scruggs for this distinction.)

Lion Jan and I hope you can join us for the entire convention, but if your time is limited, please join us for either the Family Fun Night on Friday or the banquet on Saturday at 1 p.m.



Ron Kelly, DG

This past Monday night, I had the privilege and honor to induct three new members into the Pinebluff Lions Club. The following day I inducted two new members into the Chadbourn Lions Club, one of which was inducted at her home as she has recently become ill. Chadbourn has yet another new member that they will bring in at their next meeting.

The president of the Roseboro Lions Club has just inducted a new member and the president of the Seven Lakes Lions Club has advised me that he had two/three new members ready to be inducted. These new additions should put us at 1,245 – just five shy of the magic number of 1,250. I'm a happy camper knowing that we now have our target in sight and are poised to win this battle of the numbers. It's more than just numbers you know; it's more loving individuals offering needed services (L.I.O.N.S.). Don't forget, all you need to do is just ask a friend, a neighbor, a fellow worker or church member. They just might be waiting for you to ask them to join your Lions Club.

Keep in mind that spouses are exempt from LCI's initiation fee as are former members who wish to be re-instated. I have been a Lion for 20 years; my wife, Jan, for six years. I'll never forget what she said when I asked her to be a Lion. “What took you so long?” Obviously, it all boils down to just two simple words: Just ask!

Lastly, as I reminded you last month, please do not drop any members for any reason until the end of the calendar year. By suspending dropping members and at the same time making a concerted effort to add new members, we can exceed the 1,250 membership target and be able to have PID Sid Scruggs represent us and the Lions of North Carolina as a candidate for the Office of International 2nd Vice President.

District and State Lions Schedule

Oct. 9-12	VIP Fishing Tournament, Outerbanks
Nov. 3-4	District 31-F Convention, Southern Pines
Nov. 4	Second Cabinet Meeting, 3 p.m. Southern Pines
May 30 – June 2	N.C. Lions State Convention, Asheville
July 2-6	Lions International Convention, Chicago, Ill

District Governor's Official Club Visits

October 2	Official Visit to Mary Stewart Lions Club
October 5	Official Visit to Massey Hill Lions Club
October 9	Official Visit to Dublin Lions Club
October 16	Official Visit to Tabor City Lions Club
October 18	Official Visit to Elizabethtown Lions Club
October 23	Official Visit to Lillington Lions Club
October 24	Official Visit to Clarkton Lions Club
October 26	Official Visit to Sanford Lions Club
November 8	Official Visit to Western Harnett Lions Club
November 9	Official Visit to Aberdeen Lions Club
November 13	Official Visit to St. Pauls Lions Club
November 14	Official Visit to Newton Grove Lions Club
November 16	Official Visit to Whiteville Lions Club
November 21	Official Visit to Pembroke Lions Club
November 27	Official Visit to Rockingham Lions Club

Family Membership Introduced

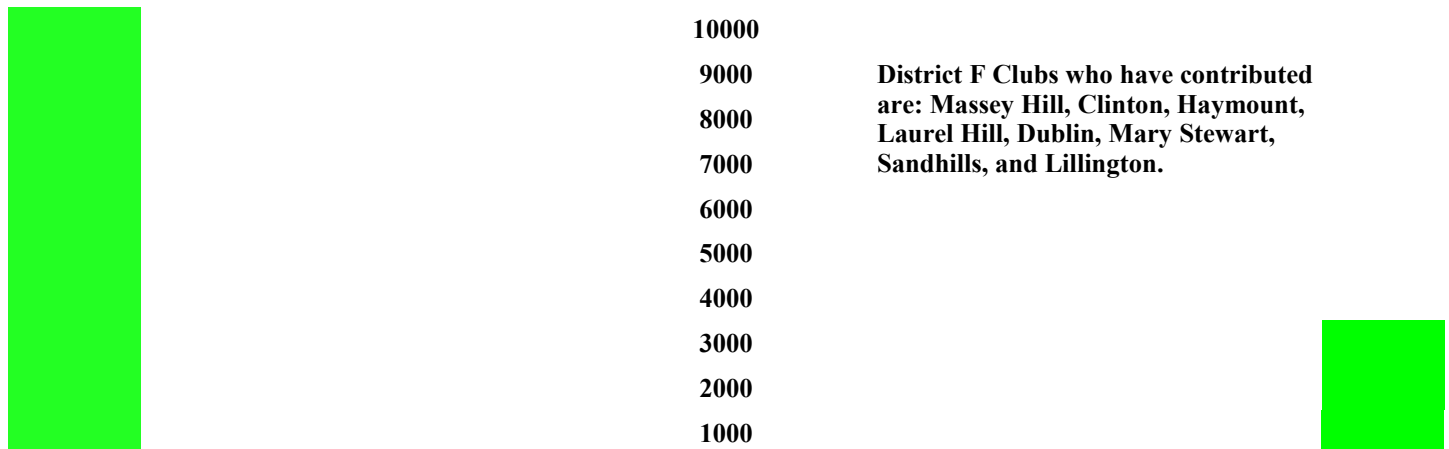
With an overwhelming response, the Family Membership initiative was approved at the 89th International Convention. By including families, Lions are creating a tradition of volunteerism and a life-long affiliation to their clubs.

Plan an inaugural event for Family Membership in January 2007. The Family Membership dues rate begins on January 1, 2007 for those Lions who are certified as family members by November 30, 2006.

For questions regarding the Family Membership initiative, e-mail memberprog@lionsclubs.org.

Lions Challenged To Purchase Vehicle

The Lake Lure Lions Club has donated \$10,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle for the Boys and Girls Home. The Lions Clubs of District F are being asked to match the donation so that \$20,000 would be available to purchase an eight- to 12-seat vehicle for the residents of the Lions Cottage at Lake Waccamaw.



Lake Lure Lions Club, District C

Lions Clubs of District F

To participate in this campaign, Make your check payable to District 31-F and designate for the purchase of this vehicle. Send your check to: Jan Kelly, Cabinet Secretary, 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Welcome New Lions To District 31-F – August 2006

CANDOR

ELTON O'CONNOR
Sponsor: JESSE SOUTHARD

COATS

PATRICK JENKINS
Sponsor: BOB HEDRICK

WESTERN HARNETT

LORIE SOUTHERLAND
Sponsor: THOMAS McCARTHY

ELLERBE

MARGARET MILLS
Sponsor: RONALD WALL

MASSEY HILL

EDWARD "TEDDY" WARNER
Sponsor: ALEX WARNER
GEARONIE LOCKLEAR
Sponsor: DEAN MAYNOR

LILLINGTON

JIMMY GODWIN
Sponsor: RICK PHELTS

VASS

GEORGE GRIFFIN
Sponsor: SID SCRUGGS
EMMA QUAM
Sponsor: EARL QUAM
KAY PAUL
Sponsor: JAMES PAUL

DUNN

JOSEPH EDWARDS JR.
Sponsor: JAMES YATES
WALTER MATTHEWS
Sponsor: RUDOLPH KING

Gift Certificate Drawing Coming In November

Our district convention is on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4. All Camp Dogwood raffle ticket stubs that are put in the hopper on Saturday will be eligible to win one of the two \$200 gift certificates. The two winning tickets will be put back in for the drawing for the car at the N.C. State Convention in Asheville on June 3.

All clubs are encouraged to sell their three books per member ASAP and have your money and stubs turned in if possible at the district convention. Seven Lakes Lions Club sold \$935 recently. We had a red Dodge Dakota pickup there to encourage folks to purchase tickets and they did!

I know other clubs that use one of the cars mentioned on the ticket to help in their sales. Getting with other clubs in the area to sell tickets will be an encouragement to all the clubs as we plan on Saturday, Oct. 28. Call for details.

One of the fringe benefits of public sales like this – as you are sharing what a fantastic Camp Dogwood we have for the visually impaired – is to suggest they consider joining one of the local clubs. Over the years, we have seen clubs get new members and we NEED some new members in our clubs.

Any club needing some more tickets may call me at 910-673-6900 or email rufe2@juno.com. Encourage zone chairs and club presidents to share this information. I will be very happy to visit your club or zone meeting with information on Camp Dogwood.

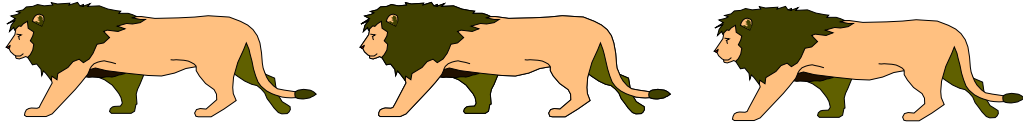
- Rufe Livingston, PDG
District White Cane Chair

Use A Jack Stickley Fellowship For Recognition

Many of our fellow Lions throughout our district have worked tirelessly through the years to further our mission to help the visually impaired and to help our local communities. One of the best ways to recognize these hard-working Lions is through the presentation of a Jack Stickley Fellowship from our own North Carolina Lions Foundation.

Named in recognition of Jack Stickley, one of two International Lions presidents from North Carolina, this is the highest honor a Lion may receive through our NC Lions Foundation. The proceeds go into an endowment at the Foundation that helps offset the administrative costs of our Foundation. Someday, this endowment will grow to the point that all of our administrative costs will be covered such that one hundred percent of our donations will go directly to help a person in need. To learn more or for a program for your club, please contact me at (910) 582-8757 or liongary31f@yahoo.com.

- Gary Greene, PDG
District Jack Stickley Chair



Don't miss the Lions' Pride Gathering

DISTRICT 31-F'S FALL CONVENTION

When: November 3-4

Where: Days Inn, Southern Pines

How: Registration Deadline – October 23

-- Featuring --

Friday Night, November 3

7 p.m. -- Enjoy a delectable feast of barbecue with all the fixings with entertainment by the renowned **Danny Crouse** – impersonator of Elvis Presley, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and others followed by Danny's talents as DJ, playing your favorite music. Don't miss this fun-filled evening!

Saturday, November 4

7:45 a.m. -- Start the day with a **Tail Twister Breakfast** followed by our rollicking **Auction** – with something for everyone. Tail Twisters in full costume are a sight to see!

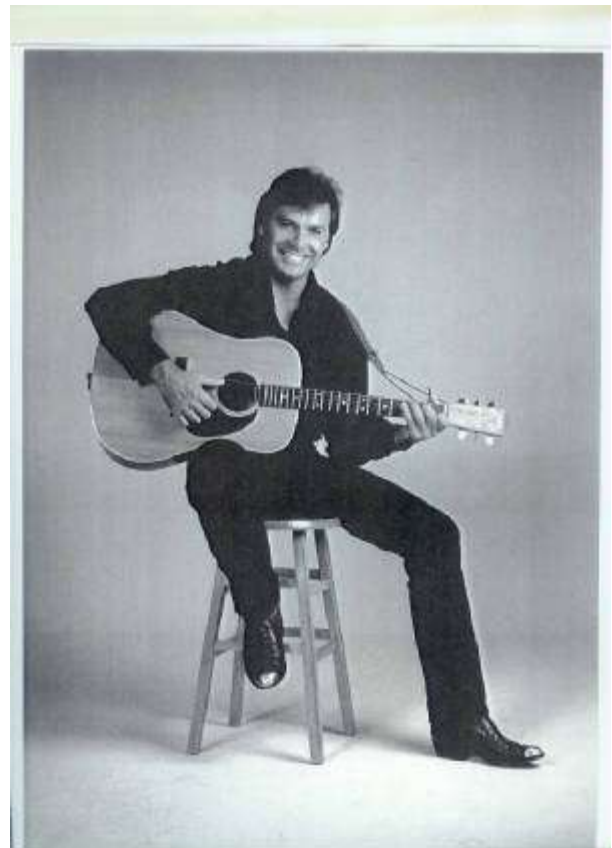
11 a.m. - 12 noon White Cane Presentation by Steve Walker, Director of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Entertaining and informative. Get the answer to that question you've always had!

1 p.m. – District Governor's Banquet – Let's fill the den with Lions from around the District and beyond, to share a meal and hear stories from a well-traveled Lion, Past International Director Howard Lee from Surrey, England.

2:45 p.m. General Membership Meeting – most importantly come to hear the name announced of the Vice District Governor candidate for 2007-2008

3 – 4 p.m. Cabinet Meeting for all Club and District Officers as well as all interested Lions members.

**** Clubs registering eight for the banquet can reserve a table!**



Put this date on your calendar.

DISTRICT 31-F'S FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



When: November 3rd – 4th, 2006
How: Mail registration

Where: Days Inn, Southern Pines, NC
Deadline: October 23rd, 2006



-Featuring - New Format

Friday Night, November 3rd, 2006

7:00pm - Enjoy a delectable **Meal** of roast beef / pulled pork BBQ, beans, slaw, potato salad, hushpuppies, salad, cobbler, coffee, tea followed by **Entertainment** from the renowned **Danny Crouse** – impersonator of Elvis Presley, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and others etc), followed by Danny's talents as D.J., playing your favorite music. Bring your friends - open to all. Don't miss this fun-filled evening!!

Saturday, November 4th, 2006

7:45am - Start the day with a **Tail Twister Breakfast** followed by our rollicking Auction –with something for everyone! Tail Twisters in full costume are a sight to see!

11:00am - **White Cane Presentation** - by Steve Walker, Director of NCLF and Jerry Austin, State White Cane Chair, - entertaining and informative. Get the answer to that question you've always wanted to know!

1:00pm - **District Governor's Midday Banquet** - Let's fill the "den" with Lions from around the District and beyond, to share a meal and hear stories from a well-traveled Lion, Past International Director, Howard Lee, from Surrey, England, and meet his wife, Lion Claire.

2:45pm - **General Membership Meeting** - most importantly, come to hear the name announced of the Vice District Governor Candidate for 2007 – 2008.

3:00pm - 4:00pm **Second Cabinet Meeting** - attendance requirement for all Club and District Officers, but all Lions are invited. Learn more about what your District and State are doing.

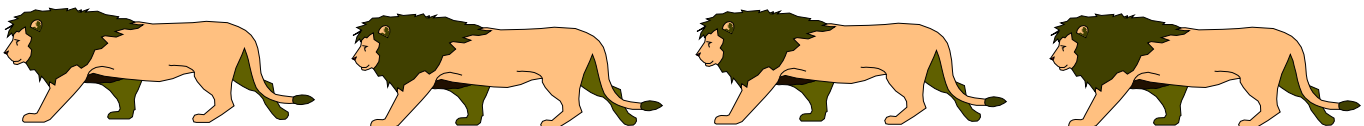
**** Clubs registering in groups of eight (8) for the banquet may reserve a table(s).**

**Make your Room reservations directly with Days Inn at 910-692-8585.
 \$65.00 per room – Lions special rate – good through October 20, 2006**

Name of Lion / Guest	Club	District	Honors
1. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Meal & Entertainment	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Midday Banquet	<u>MJF JSF WWF</u> (circle)
2. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Meal & Entertainment	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Midday Banquet	<u>MJF JSF WWF</u> (circle)
3. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Meal & Entertainment	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Midday Banquet	<u>MJF JSF WWF</u> (circle)
4. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Meal & Entertainment	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Midday Banquet	<u>MJF JSF WWF</u> (circle)

Event	# Tickets	Price	Total	Total Amount Enclosed
Meal & Entertainment	_____	@ \$14.00 each	\$ _____	
Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction	_____	@ \$10.00 each	\$ _____	
Midday Banquet	_____	@ \$15.00 each	\$ _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to "District 31-F" and mail to: Jan Kelly, Cabinet Secretary, 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374
Call DG Ron Kelly (910-295-4976) or VDG Tommy Brooks (910-276-7125) for more information.





**International Association of Lions Clubs
District 31-F**



2006 Fall Convention Program ADVERTISEMENT FORM

The District 31-F Fall Convention has a new format this year. The Convention Committee has been working hard to ensure a memorable experience for all. It will be held at the Days Inn in Southern Pines on November 3rd and 4th, with the Banquet at noon on Saturday. As always, the District needs your help in securing advertisements for our Convention Program . Each advertisement sold helps to keep the cost of our annual convention low.

The AD DEADLINE is Saturday, OCTOBER 14, 2006

PRICES

<i>Advertising</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Back Cover (1 only)	7.5" x 10"	\$150
Inside Cover (2 only)	7.5" x 10"	\$100
Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$75
Lions Clubs Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$65
1/2 Page	7.5" x 5"	\$50
1/4 Page	3.5" x 5"	\$35
Individual	Name Line	\$5

Sponsorship

GOLD: (1 only) \$1,000, Full page back cover, group table of 8, with 8 Fri evening & Sat noon tickets, lobby display, publicity as gold sponsor, hang banner in main hall.

SILVER: (2 only) \$500. Full page inside cover, group table of 4, with 4 Fri evening & Sat noon tickets, lobby display, publicity as silver sponsor.

BRONZE: (8 only), \$250, full page, group table of 4, with 4 Fri evening & Sat noon tickets, lobby display.

Make payments to "**District 31-F**" and mail to Cabinet Treasurer Bill Koontz, 215 Merion Circle, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Email: Wkoontz5503@aol.com

Please attach a business card or copy of the advertisement to be placed in the program. You can choose to use the same ad that appeared in last year's program. All ads will be printed in black and white.

Date: _____ Ad Name: _____

Size of Ad: : _____ Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Club Name: _____

Sponsorship Type: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

North Carolina Lions Foundation

Humanitarian White Cane Report – District 31-F

Lions Club	2006-7		2005-6		% of 05-06	06-07 Amt Per Mem
	Mems	Contrib	Mems	Contrib		
Aberdeen	24	\$50.00	23	\$2,614.00	1.91%	2.08
Biscoe	16	\$1,434.00	24	\$981.00	146.18%	89.63
Bladenboro	17	\$1,308.00	15	\$1,500.00	87.20%	76.94
Buies Creek	23	\$ -	17	\$2,595.00	0.00%	0.00
Campbell University (NEW)		\$ -				
Carthage	12	\$ -		\$560.00	0.00%	0.00
Candor	24	\$ -	29	\$1,250.00	0.00%	0.00
Chadbourn	19	\$ -	14	\$2,613.12	0.00%	0.00
Clarkton	19	\$ -	24	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Clinton	35	\$3,000.00	49	\$9,000.00	33.33%	85.71
Coats	26	\$ -	30	\$1,100.00	0.00%	0.00
Dublin	8	\$ -	14	\$1,400.00	0.00%	0.00
Dunn	21	\$ -	31	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Elizabethtown	18	\$ -	12	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Ellerbe	30	\$ -	35	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Erwin	25	\$ -	30	\$1,750.00	0.00%	0.00
Evergreen	5	\$ -	5	\$150.00	0.00%	0.00
Fayetteville	13	\$ -	30	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Fayetteville Sejong	28	\$ -		\$100.00	0.00%	
Godwin	12	\$ -	12	\$1,300.00	0.00%	0.00
Hamlet	65	\$1,041.00	67	\$8,500.00	12.25%	16.02
Haymount	3	\$500.00	6	\$2,500.00	20.00%	166.67
Lake Waccamaw	5	\$ -	11	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00
Laurel Hill	17	\$ -	17	\$16,130.00	0.00%	0.00
Laurinburg	15	\$200.00	27	\$100.00	0.00%	13.33
Lillington	26	\$ -	21	\$585.00	0.00%	0.00
Lumberton	24	\$1,050.00	30	\$4,000.00	26.25%	43.75
Mary Stewart	20	\$ -	17	\$3,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Massey Hill	72	\$1,500.00	61	\$3,000.00	50.00%	20.83
Mount Gilead	26	\$ -	27	\$850.00	0.00%	0.00
Newton Grove	7	\$ -	9	\$630.00	0.00%	0.00
Pembroke	17	\$ -	21	\$1,522.42	0.00%	0.00
Pinebluff	23	\$ -	22	\$2,002.00	0.00%	0.00
Pinehurst	20	\$140.00	26	\$325.00	43.08%	7.00
Red Springs	9	\$ -	11	\$50.00	0.00%	0.00
Robbins	14	\$ -	16	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Rockingham	12	\$ -	16	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00
Roseboro	8	\$ -	16	\$600.00	0.00%	0.00
Rowland	10	\$ -	13	\$400.00	0.00%	0.00
St. Andrews Campus(NEW)		\$ -				
Saint Pauls	19	\$ -	17	\$1,530.00	0.00%	0.00
Sandhills Cyberspace (NEW)		\$ -				
Seven Lakes	44	\$25.00	63	\$5,339.58	0.47%	0.57
Sanford	123	\$1,292.00	108	\$2,235.74	57.79%	10.50
Southern Pines	17	\$ -	21	\$2,724.00	0.00%	0.00
Spring Lake	5	\$ -	11	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Tabor City	12	\$ -	16	\$1,032.00	0.00%	0.00
Troy	29	\$1,000.00	16	\$1,000.00	100.00%	34.48
Vass	49	\$ -	57	\$4,615.00	0.00%	0.00
West Montgomery	17	\$ -	18	\$425.00	0.00%	0.00
Western Harnett	33	\$ -	23	\$490.00	0.00%	0.00
Whiteville	37	\$ -	53	\$1,020.00	0.00%	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0	\$ -	0	\$884.36	0.00%	0.00
TOTAL	1153	\$12,540.00	1,231	\$96,803.22	12.95%	10.88

By the Numbers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Cane \$12,540 (fifth in the state) • Camp Dogwood ticket sales \$820 (third in the state) • Clinical Eye Research \$385 (first in the state) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorials and Honorariums \$305 (eighth in the state) • Jack Stickley Fellowships \$500 (fourth in the state) |
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