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Air Fighters End Successful Year

IOWANS IN THE SERVICE

With 15th Air Force in Italy, 332nd Has Flown More Than 100 Missions

PETERS BROTHERS



JAMES A. AND EARL T. PETERS

Mrs. Sadie E. Peters, of 1406 Fremont street and Mr. Ernest T. Peters of 121 S. E. Fifth street, are the proud parents of two sons who are in the army somewhere overseas. Warrant officer James Alvin Peters is in Italy but he has not as yet run into his brother, T/Sgt. Earl T. Peters who is with an army band in Italy

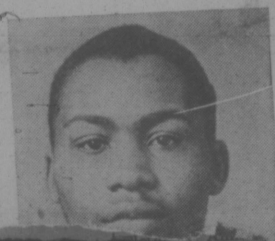
DIXON BROTHERS



LOUIS B. AND WILEY D. DIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon of 945 Fifteenth street are proud of both the army and navy because their sons, Sgt. Wiley D. Dixon is serving with the army somewhere in New Guinea, and Louis B. Dixon is a petty officer second class at a naval station at Hutchinson, Kas.

MASH BROTHERS



BURRELL BROTHERS



Atlantic City, New Jersey—In less than one year the all-Negro 332nd Fighter Group, stationed with the 15th Air Force in Italy, has flown more than 100 missions and has firmly established itself as an efficient, hard-hitting outfit, Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., the Group's commanding officer, declared this week.

"Flying P-51s on bomber escort and strafing missions, we destroyed 75 ships in the air and easily twice that number on the ground," the Colonel recapitulated at AAF Redistribution Station No. 1.

Colonel Davis, Washington, D. C., took command of the 332nd shortly before it was sent to Italy in January of this year. He pointed out that flying escort on long range bombing missions was a job well suited to his group.

"All the men enjoy it," he added, "because it gives them the best opportunity for aerial combat."

As an example of the lengths to which his men will go to to get into the thick of things, the 32-year-old West Pointer told of a mission to Budapest last October when the four squadrons comprising the 332nd were ordered to strafe river and rail traffic along the Danube.

West of Budapest, he related, a pilot spotted a low-flying plane and was sent down to investigate. The pilot shot the plane down, then called for the rest of his squadron.

Over an airfield where

fliers were practicing landings and take-offs," said the Colonel. "They joined the traffic pattern and shot down four more ME-109s. On their way up to rejoin the group they picked up four Heinkel 111s and after a series of passes got them all."

The squadron headed by the Colonel then proceeded up the Danube and strafed oil barges and railway trains. A third squadron located another airfield and destroyed 18 ships on the ground, while the fourth came across a motor park and destroyed or damaged a fleet of trucks.

"Not bad for one five-hour mission," added the Colonel.

Colonel Davis, who finished West Point in 1936, was instrumental in the formation of the first all-Negro fighter squadron—the 99th. He took the 99th overseas as its commanding officer in April 1943, and it remained a separate unit for 14 months until absorbed by the 332nd Fighter Group.

"While a separate unit the 99th made a good name for itself," said the Colonel. "It destroyed 17 planes in the air and many more on the ground but those kills were really by-products, since the squadron worked mostly in support of ground troops. It did its best work early in the Anzio campaign when it got eight in one day."

Colonel Davis holds the Legion of Merit, the DFC, and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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SOCIETY



THE WISDOMS ENTERTAIN AT XMAS DAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wisdom of 1412 Second place, entertained friends at a Christmas Day dinner at their home.

Guests in attendance were: Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Mrs. Hallie Tutt, Mrs. Mary Green, Mr. Lafe Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodlowe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright and son, Delano. Guests of Miss Constance Peek at the dinner were Messrs. Arthur and Fred Carter and Michael Moorehead of Waterloo, Ia.

MRS. CALDWELL ENTERTAINS CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST GUESTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell, 1305 De Wolf street, entertained at Christmas morning breakfast her mother, Mrs. Cora Shanks, Mrs. Juanita Rhodes, Mr. Robbins.

Mrs. Shanks enjoyed Christmas dinner with her children later that day.

MR. AND MRS. BAILEY ENTERTAIN AT FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Sr., 825 Tenth street, entertained members of their family at a Christmas dinner. Those attending were: Petty Officer Third Class and Mrs. Travis Bailey, Jr., and children, Traveta and Ed Vance, Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Sr., Mr. Charles Jackson of Austin, Texas.

Those invited in for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. John Danforth, Mr. and Mrs. James Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Estell Ligon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Messrs. Floyd Bailey and Charles Johnson and the Bailey children, Kathryn Ann, Burton and Maggi Lu.

MRS. MASON'S SON AND DAUGHTERS HERE FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS

Mrs. Cora Lee Mason, 1187 Fourteenth street, is entertaining during the holidays her daughter, Miss Georgine Mason of the crafts department of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., who will be in the city until next Tuesday.

Mrs. Mason's son, Sgt. Allen Gilbert Mason of Ft. Bragg, N. C., arrived here for the holidays.

MISS MORROW IS WED TO MR. WALKER IN CANDLELIGHT CHURCH WEDDING

Corinthian Baptist church auditorium was the scene of a beautiful pre-Christmas candlelight wedding ceremony on Wednesday night, Dec. 20, when Miss Eloise Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Morrow, became the bride of Mr. William A. Walker of Chicago, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Walker of Selma, Ala. Prior to the ceremony nuptial music was played by Misses Donna Marie Washington and Alberta Bates with Mrs. Marian Morrison presiding at the organ.

Serving as ushers of the evening were Messrs. Oscar Glass, Jr., J. W. Morrow, L. A. Whitfield of Chicago, F. L. Howard and Petty Officer Joseph Lewis of Ottumwa.

Attendants of the bridal party, Messrs. Whitfield, Glass, Morrow and Lewis took their places at the altar and the procession started with Miss Betty Jean Morrow, sister of the bride, leading the bridesmaids who wore Persian pink taffeta gowns with hats to match. Following Miss Morrow were Misses Evelyn Green, Nellie Jones, Mae Henri Crumb and Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Chicago, sister of the bride-groom.

Miss Geneva Morrow, sister of the bride, in a dusty pink taffeta, was the maid of honor. Mr. John H. Johnson of Chicago, brother-in-law of the bride-groom, was best man.

On the arm of her father the bride, a picture of loveliness, met the groom at the altar. She wore white bridal satin gown, designed to give an off-the-shoulder effect with insertions of Chantilly lace at the neck. The gown fell into organ pleats about the hip-

MRS. THOMAS OF BIRMINGHAM HERE

Mrs. Willadean Thomas of Birmingham, Ala., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. George Williams, and Mr. Williams, 1200 E. 16th street.

STUDYING AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Anna M. Russell is studying sociology at DePaul university in Chicago Ill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Bell of Des Moines.

PFC. STONER

is spending the holidays with his family.

line. From a coronet of lace that crowned the bride's head, a flowing veil fell to the hipline. She carried a bouquet of white and pink camillas. The bridesmaids' gowns were styled after the bride's attire.

A reception followed at the Morrow home at 1060 Twelfth street where bridesmaids formed a receiving line. Mesdames J. B. Morris and Bessie Greene were parlor hostesses. Mrs. Marian Morrison and Miss Bates offered music during the reception.

Mesdames Birdie Winn, A. P. Trotter, Anna Mae Carter, Ethel Baker, Frances Morrow, Minnie Wilcots, Estella Allen, Willa James, Minerva McCowan and Vera Morrow, were dining room hostesses, serving the many guests, after the bride and groom had cut their three-tier wedding cake.

Mesdames Mary Ritchey and Natalie Dixon were gift room hostesses. The junior hostesses were the Misses Gertrude Green, Vega Johnson, Dolores Jones, Dorothy Tomlin, Loretta Wilcots and Frances Carter.

The bride and groom, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, left following the reception for Selma, Ala., where Mr. Walker's parents, held another reception on Christmas night. The newlyweds will return to Chicago where Mr. Walker will complete this spring his studies in medicine at the University of Illinois. Mr. Johnson, brother-in-law to the Walkers, is editor of the Negro Digest magazine which is published in Chicago.

EVANGELIST BRANHAM HOME FROM DETROIT

Evangelist C. L. Branham of 1243 E. Seventeenth street enjoyed a ten-day visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. McMillan of Detroit, Mich. She was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson, Mrs. Carrie Griggs, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson and her niece, Mrs. Lillian Wingo. She also visited Calvary Baptist church. Leaving Detroit on Christmas Day, Evangelist Branham arrived home on Tuesday.

SHRINE HOLDS

Christmas dinner at St. Paul AME church on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21. Twenty-one members and eighteen guests were present. Gifts were exchanged among the members and each member presented her guest with a gift. Mrs. Virginia Martin, chairman of the program committee, prepared a program.

Scotch Oat Bread Livens Up a Meal



Breads can do much to "liven up" a meal—especially such ones as the pictured Scotch Oat Bread, says the Country Cooking editor of Capper's Farmer, a publication of national circulation.

This crusty, tempting loaf is made from a famous recipe handed down by an early Scotch settler. For breakfast, toast it and serve with butter and jam; it's made to order for snacks; or serve for a supper dessert with creamy cottage cheese and a bowl of homemade jelly, advises the Capper's Farmer expert.

Scotch Oat Bread.
2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoon soda
1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats

1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
2 tablespoons shortening
1 cup raisins or cooked prunes

Sift flour, then measure. Sift with sugar, baking powder, soda and salt. Add rolled oats and mix thoroughly. Combine milk and melted shortening. Add diced fruit, stirring just enough to moisten dry ingredients. Turn into a well-greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour.

BUSY BEE SEWING CIRCLE HOLDS XMAS DINNER

The Busy Bee Sewing Circle held their Christmas dinner at St. Paul AME church on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21. Twenty-one members and eighteen guests were present. Gifts were exchanged among the members and each member presented her guest with a gift. Mrs. Virginia Martin, chairman of the program committee, prepared a program.

Mrs. Thelma Reeves gave a Christmas reading. Mrs. Lella Walker, the president, made remarks. Christmas carols were sung by the entire group.

Mrs. Rosa Bland, the chaplain, offered prayer. Those serving on the social committee were: Mesdames Lucille Rainey, Myrtle Dixon, Victoria Cogwell, Lillian Simms, Emma Fisher, Anna Ringo, Zetta Scott,

KEO-WAY USO CLUB NEWS

The USO was a lively place over the holiday week end. WACs on off duty time, soldiers on furlough home for Christmas, sailors on furlough from nearby stations used the club continuously. They found the hostess staff on duty gracious and entertaining.

The Christmas Barrel Party was a success on Saturday evening, December 23. The most popular game of the evening was bingo with its prizes. The Christmas Barrel gave forth sewing kits for the women in service and home made candy for all. Christmas cake and cookies were compliments of club hostesses and local organizations.

The Christmas vespers held Sunday afternoon were appreciated by the service people and civilians. No better singing or dramatic readings were given at any other service in the city. The young women in the service of the WAC Band and other companies at Ft. Des Moines who provided this excellent service were served refreshments following the program. Lt. Ernestine L. Woods announced that the participants had just received their stripes and had something to sing about. Pvt. Roumaine Saunders acting as chairman, sang a request number at the closing.

MR. BOURNE TO CHICAGO A VISITOR

Elder and Mrs. W. C. Strawthers of 1047 Fifth street had as holiday guest, their son, Mr. George Bourne of Chicago, Ill.

XMAS PARTY AT MORRISON HOME

A Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morrison, 1030 W. 15th street, last Sunday afternoon for the junior boys class of the St. Paul AME church Sunday school. After playing games and having lunch the boys went bob-sledding over Sixteenth street hill, after which each received a gift from Mr. Morrison, their teacher. Those attending were: Wayne Perry, Donald Graves, Larry Graves, Cleo Morrison, Alice Solomon, Jack Grant, Billy Shepherd.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Advice ON THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE
by ABBE WALLACE SERVICE

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T. L. S.—I have been married only with them. She will probably want two months and my husband is getting where he stays out all night at times, telling me that he drinks and doesn't want to come home until he is sober. He claims that he loves me and wants to treat me right. Now is there any hope for this man, or what must I do?

Ans.: You two are middle-aged—and mature enough to approach your marriage from a "reasonable" and adult standpoint. If you are ever to have any influence over your husband, it will have to be now. Talk with him sanely and without criticizing and bring the situation to a head. Try to make him see that he is being unfair to you and to your marriage by continuing with his present inconsiderate actions. He's too old to start living at such a fast pace, and should be thinking of the comforts of a home. If he must go out, it is your duty to dress and go with him and in that way you can encourage him to be more conservative in his forms of entertainment. You have to work at any marriage to make it successful.

N. C. B.—Your Guide has helped me more this year than anything I have read. Now I need your counsel.

My daughter recently married a soldier with whom she appears to be very much in love. He has been shipped over seas. Before leaving, he suggested that he would like for her to visit his people and live with them if she liked, while he was gone. They invited her too. My daughter doesn't know these people and although I have high regard for her husband, I feel that it would be best for her to remain with me until her husband returns and they can make a home. My daughter is also undecided. She is working making her own way in life and enjoys her work. Help us to decide.

Ans.: War brides are forced to make many adjustments to preserve their marriage. Your daughter is working, saving her money and apparently as happy as she can be under the circumstances and there is no reason for her to make a permanent change of residence. Since her husband's people do not live but a hundred miles from you, it would be very thoughtful of her to visit his parents for a weekend and get acquainted.

Ans.: The bond of affection existing between you two is entirely mutual. Wait for your soldier. As long as he shows a genuine interest in you, you may feel reasonably sure that he is sincere. He has expressed his views as to his expectations of a wife and it is to your interest to continue to be the girl of his dreams.

NAACP ANNUAL MEET JANUARY 2

New York—The regular annual business meeting of the NAACP will be held here in the National Office, 69 Fifth avenue, New York, Tuesday, January 2 at 2 p. m. Reports of the year's work will be given and members of the Board of Directors will be elected.

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OUR PROGRAM

This issue ends 1944. It has been an eventful year in many respects... The Bystander knows this is one of the reasons why when the votes are counted he heads the ticket.

LINCOLN POST NEWS

The American Legion sponsored Widows and Orphans Bill has passed both houses of Congress and was signed by the president on Dec. 15.

Eligibility: Widow without children and earning less than \$1200 per year, remaining single; widow with children and earning less than \$2500 per year, \$55.00 per month; oldest child \$15.00 per month and \$5.00 per month for each of the other children.

Those who think they are eligible for this pension should file at once. For information regarding eligibility consult the nearest service officers of any of the 13 veterans posts in the greater Des Moines area or any of the seven service officers of the American Legion Service Association.

Therefore it becomes increasingly important that the press and every other agency working for good government for all the citizens of the state use their influence to convince the intolerant citizens that they are made for the benefit of their own.

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FEDERAL COURT GRANTS NAACP MOTION TO HEAR TEACHERS SALARY CASE WITHOUT JURY

Atlanta Ga.—The Federal District Court for the Northern District of Georgia granted a plaintiff's motion in the case of Samuel L. Davis vs. E. S. Cook et al to strike the case from the list of cases to be tried by a jury and reinstate the same to the non-jury calendar following the filing of brief by the NAACP.

This case was filed on July 5, 1943, by Samuel L. Davis through the attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in an effort to equalize the salaries of Negro teachers and principals in the city of Atlanta with those of the white teachers and principals possessing the same qualifications, experience and performing the same duties.

TO SHERIFF OVERTURFF CONGRATULATIONS

The Bystander congratulated Sheriff Overturff's action in dealing with Negro representation in his office when he dismissed two deputies some time ago.

That wrong has been rectified in the reappointment of Lucius Ashby to his old job. Now we congratulate him for standing by his pledge made during the recent campaign.

Altogether too many candidates don't have Sheriff Overturff's courage and the Bystander knows this is one of the reasons why when the votes are counted he heads the ticket.

Congratulations Sheriff Overturff. You have done your share. Negroes and your employees particularly must not betray you.

MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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DEMOCRACY IS A FACT IN NEW VETERANS HOSPITAL Staff Is Unconcerned About Racial Matters

Southern who is a staunch Democrat. Arguments? They argue all day long. But never over racial matters—always over politics! The nurse's aid who told me that story also spoke of the Negro chaplain who had been one of her patients. She asked him how he was feeling one morning, and he replied, "Fine! I feel like a top, ready to spin!"

That seems to be the majority opinion in the Birmingham hospital. It is like a big country club, equipped with two theaters, telegraph station, library, attractive mess-halls and many other fine features. It covers 150 acres has 100 buildings and is so large that one can walk for eight miles through the corridors without re-tracing one's steps or going out in the open.

The patients who are well enough, get up and wander around the hospital, fraternizing with others. Many men commander wheelchairs and go speeding down the halls likt mischievous youngsters.

Testing Ground Because the Birmingham hospital has been the successful testing ground for an inspiring new method of reconditioning disabled servicemen there are high school classes in more than 18 different subjects and occupations, and a complete small-parts assembly unit of a nearby aircraft manufacturing plant in the installation itself.

Both paid and volunteer teachers are available to the veterans. When the patients aren't well enough to get up to take advantage of this study program, they are allowed to work in bed. All of this is optional. The men are not forced to do anything they don't care to do.

There are some colored men in the typing class, one in the shop assembling parts for planes (incidentally, the patients who work in the shop are paid the standard hourly wage for their work), one in occupational therapy making a model of a ship, and others in the various other groups studying worthwhile things.

While I talked to the man who was making a ship model, a Red Cross worker came on her regular round, offering all the patients cigarettes and candy from the large tray she carried. The hospital has a weekly radio broadcast in which the patients participate, as well as religious services in a well-appointed chapel. There is also a hospital publication which features pictures of the men, and always colored and white patients are shown participating equally in every activity.

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POST EXCHANGE LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS

"We Aren't Living—We Are Existing Now," Writes Iowa Soldier in Hawaii

"Receiving gifts way before Christmas, seems awful funny," wrote Pvt. Theydon A. Brown on December 2 from somewhere in Hawaii. "Keeping within postal regulations, there's no other way. I hope soon the turmoil will be over, so men and women can be men and women again, and not robots to the masters commands."

"May you have a most bountiful season in spite of the weather. You needn't be ashamed to mention pheasant, smothered down with some wild rice and some rich gravy," the Iowan wrote after learning of a pheasant dinner his mother, Mrs. Thelma Crews had recently.

"The way our food is prepared by the cooks, I have lost all appetite for food. If I eat two meals a day, it's very seldom.

"The blessing is very beautiful. At night while laying in bed thinking about home and what you are doing for the men and women in the service, I recite your lovely blessing over and over in my mind. It puts me at ease, knowing that someday we all, that can, will return home, to live again. We aren't loving—we're merely existing now."

"Christmas Like Another Day" Writes Iowan in South Pacific

"The most vital thing is everyone's life today seems to be the latest war news," wrote Cpl. Adam B. Johnson, Jr., on December 15, of the U. S. Marine Corps who is somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

"As I might pick up a paper of some sort I notice how impatiently the people seem to be running to gather news or to watch the column advertising a tune-in on some commentator on the air. Some of the fellows here have small radios and that is their day in and day out wonder."

"But Marie Jimmy Morrow and myself have a different feeling—a feeling for the home news.

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aspects are the same with this heat and coconut trees, coral rock, and as much rain as ever. But being out here so long—20 months—I am beginning to like it. Ha! We are expecting to have a stage show of Bob Crosby and his band sometime soon. We have movies now and good ones at that. They stop and change film or the machine breaks down some times, but it all is fine to us.

"Speaking about Jimmy's writing—I write and can't even get answers. So you can see the little difference between the two. Jim writes when he receives a letter—but I bet you can't guess when he has received a letter. All people are alike all over. Some places they expect you to speak first and in our case they expect you to do all the writing first. It's funny in one sense and again it's disheartening. So you can tell your readers just how the other side thinks about not receiving mail. Myself, I have no kick for I have friends as you to correspond with and I believe our letters have a good defining purpose.

"So as I close I wish you the best of happiness this Christmas and of all, a fine New Year."

Letter From a Soldier Boy Dear—I wish you would spare me a little of your time; Sit down-right now and drop me a line.

Tell me about the folks and that you still care for me; That would make me very happy—don't you see?

Laura Bell Williams, 508 S. E. Allen St.

Pvt. Volineer Home on Furlough Pvt. James B. Volineer is home on a furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Volineer and family, 1625 Walker street. He is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

Tomnie McGregory of Merchant Marines Back Home on Visit Tommie Lee McGregory, boatmate second class in the merchant marine

INDUCTION The following men of Polk county board No. 5 have been inducted into the armed forces recently: Robert Wells, 4016 Amherst, City. John E. Williams, Tacoma, Wash.

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corp., is in the city—visiting his mother, Mrs. Lizzie McGregory, 1032 Fifteenth street.

The merchant marine has been to Africa, England, France, Scotland, and Panama. His impressive sights were White Cliffs of Dover, and the Panama canal, he said. He likes best of the services—the merchant marines—"because there is no discrimination."

Tiny Clara Gets Letter From Dad in France

Three-year-old Clara Vesta Williamson, the daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Chester Williamson, received a letter recently from her daddy who is somewhere in France. He wrote on Thanksgiving Day:

"Today is Thanksgiving Day. I know mother has told you all about it already—how to be thankful. Daddy is truly thankful that he has you, Mom and Grandma to think of and now come home to later on.

"I am waiting on dinner time. We are going to have turkey. I will get the turkey that you folks are doing without at home. I am sending you something. Thank you for being a sweet girl. Dad."

Cpl. Williamson is the son of Mrs. Vesta Williamson, 1022 Woodland.

Pvt. James Weston Home on Furlough

Pvt. James Weston of Camp Claiborne, La., is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weston of 1601 Maple street.

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