

## ALLENDALE HISTORY AND HERITAGE

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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 5, 1975, 8:30 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building.  
**PROGRAM:** For our first Annual Meeting, a brief report will be given of the growth and accomplishments of the Society's first 8 months. We will have available an opaque projector which can project, for the enjoyment of all, non-transparent materials such as newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed or manuscript items. We invite members to bring items to share by this method. Time permitting, we will present a short review of the slide collection and project some newly acquired slides. We will display some 20-year-old issues of an Allendale newspaper, The Allendale Press.

**NEWS AND VIEWS:** A display, "Early Allendale Schools," utilizing photographs and old textbooks from the Society's collection, was set up at Brookside School in mid-March. The display is featured in the exhibit case in the front entrance lobby. It will be dismantled the end of April. Drop by before then, if you can, and take a look!

A slide program was given for the Woman's Club of Allendale on February 20, and 2 others are scheduled: one for the Allendale Girl Scouts on April 28 and one for the XYZ Club on June 6.

The Society has been the happy recipient of 2 generous financial contributions: the Woman's Club of Allendale has given a donation of \$10, and the Junior Woman's Club of Allendale has become our first "Lifetime Member" with a

donation of \$100. We are exceedingly grateful!

Our thanks and appreciation to the Nominating Committee: Anne Webb, Chairman; Jean Stein; and Eva Schmitt. They have prepared the following slate of Officers and Chairmen for 1975-1976:

President: Pat Wardell  
 Vice President: Jack Knapp  
 Treasurer: Wilfred Paulsen  
 Secretary: Mary Dolan  
 Newsletter: Pat Wardell  
 Librarian-Curator: Marion Schwack  
 Publicity: Position open--volunteer needed.

Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor, and election of officers will take place, at our Annual Meeting on May 5.

### *Adventures in and around Allendale*

*From The Paterson Weekly Guardian, December 29, 1857:*

"RAMSEYS--TRIAL IN BERGEN--ESCAPE OF ONE OF THE JURYMEN.

We learn that a trial took place before a Justice at Valentine's Hotel on Wednesday between P. P. Mowerson and Jacob H. Bamper. It appears Bamper carried Mowerson's strawberries to market, agreeing

to return the baskets, 90 out of the 100 as a part are always lost. Bamper failed to perform according to contract, and the most of Mowerson's baskets are lost. Action to recover for loss. The writ was made returnable some three months, but Bamper plead that his witnesses were out of the state, and the cause was adjourned till now, when Bamper failed to appear. H. G. Ryerson was the counsel for Mowerson, and he proceeded to take testimony before the jury. After the case was submitted, the jury went into the room and one of them more hungry than the rest, complained very much, having been siezed for the trial before he had had a dinner or breakfast. As the jury would not agree, some one told the hungry man that if he would jump out of the window and run way, they could all go home. Presently one of them desired to speak to the Constable outside, and told him one of their number was missing. The Justice and Constable came in and looking under a settee, espied the missing man, and then re-locked them in. Afterwards they knocked again, when sure enough it was found that one was absent and gone for good. The other jurors declared they had nothing to do with the matter excepting to see his legs as he dove from the window, whilst the others declared they did not see him till outside the window. The suit was of course quashed and the jurors it is to be presumed will have to suffer for the fun..."

*From the Paterson Weekly Guardian, December 1, 1857:*

"GREAT DESTRUCTION OF THE HOG CROP--LIGHT FINGERED GENTRY ABOUT HOHOKUS--APPLE JACK VS. FAT PORK--&c. &c.

Hohokus is about the liveliest place between the centre of the earth and the stars. To its numerous and varied devil raisings the slaughtering and stealing of hogs has lately been added, as a new development of the untiring ingenuity of her people. A few evenings ago an incident of this character occurred up there, throwing into the shade any attempts made here since Mr. Hard Times paid us his disagreeable visit. It seems that Mr. Garret Bamper, the keeper of a hotel, was awakened out of his slumbers by a noise proceeding from his hog pen. Fearing lest some of them might be suffering from nightmare, Mr. Bamper arose and hurried to the spot, when--Horror of horrors!-- what should he see but one of the animals giving up the ghost from the effects of a stab in the neck. As usual in large cities like New York and Hohokus, the murderer had made his escape, nor could any information be had from the dying creature serving to identify the assassin. The family were instantly aroused together with some strangers, after which an inquest was held, and a 'verdict in accordance with the above facts' duly rendered. Mr. Bamper in the meantime had the creature moved inside his house, and preparations made for attending to the funeral obsequies. But now another thought presented itself. Was not its sole surviving companion also in danger? Might not the same ruffian come and take its life also? True! The only thing theretofore to be done would be to anticipate this fell destroyer of the pigs, and take its life themselves. No sooner said than done, and Number Two breathed but a few seconds longer. Having performed this exploit, the party concluded to adjourn to the bar-room and have 'a horn.' There they enjoyed themselves gloriously for quite a while, and Alexander-like--

'Fought all their battles o'er again,  
And thrice they routed all their foes,  
And thrice they slew the slain.'

Having performed all these exploits, the family again retired to the kitchen, or apartment where the bodies lay in state, when--lo!--THEY WERE MISSING! While carousing so deeply in the bar-room the assassins had contrived to effect an entrance and carry off both the hogs! It is said the company looked a little chop fallen on finding out the facts!"

*Through the courtesy of the Paramus Historical and Preservation Society, we reprint the following article, which first appeared in the Paramus Society's publication, Heritage News, Vol. 13, No. 2, of June 1969.*

THE VANDERBECK FARM CEMETERY  
by Dorothy Ware

June 1969

Another family cemetery is being swallowed up by a development. Over on the west side of Allendale the old Vanderbeck burying plot waits as the bulldozers come closer and closer.

The site is one of the few remaining tracts not yet taken over by advancing suburbia. When you turn off Forest Road and drive a short distance up Vanderbeck Lane, the knoll on which it stands lies to the east. Like most such neglected places it is covered with brush and has suffered from the vandalism of neighborhood boys.

My first knowledge of the cemetery came from reading some legal documents in the possession of Theodore Bolkema who had bought part of the Vanderbeck property. The original tract of 100 acres was acquired by John P. VanDerbeek (now Vanderbeck) by a Bargain and Sale Deed dated May 9, 1808. In his will which was probated on January 19, 1828, he left everything to his son Richard who died about 20 years later. Richard's will stated:

"I give and devise unto my son John VanDerbeek all my lands and real estate that I am possessed of in the County of Bergen, except out of my homestead Farm one-half acre of land which I give unto all my children, grandchildren--for a burying ground forever."

Edward S. Vanderbeck of East Crescent Avenue, Allendale, is a great-grandson of Richard. Now nearly 86, he remembers when the last burial, that of Walter Quackenbush, was made in the family cemetery about 60 years ago. His grandfather John R. Van Derbeek died on July 26, 1886, and the property was divided among his four sons. James D. Van Derbeek received the homestead and 50 acres. The remaining 50 acres was split equally among his brothers Richard, Stephen and John Jacob (father of Edward S.).

Mr. Vanderbeck talked about the farm as it was in his grandfather's day. There was an old apple orchard that had been set out by an earlier generation. The main crops were oats, rye, buckwheat, corn and hay. Farmers then raised few vegetables and those mostly for the use of their own families. A stream flowed through the back of the property and there a pond had been made and a sawmill built. Until recently the ancestral home was occupied by the Joseph Zuidemas.

Many descendants of the Vanderbeck family live in this section of Bergen County. Some have married into the following families: DeBaun, Quackenbush, Van Blarcom, Compton, Bartholf, Van Gelder, Springsteen, Westervelt, Terhune, Ryerson, Carlough, Straut.

Howard E. Vanderbeck of Allendale is the great-great-great-grandson of the original settler, John P. VanDerbeek...

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*Miss Dorothy Ware is a charter member of the Allendale Historical Society and is the editor of the Paramus Historical and Preservation Society's publication, Heritage News. A teacher herself, Miss Ware follows in the tradition of her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph H. Ware, who taught in Allendale's school in 1900.*

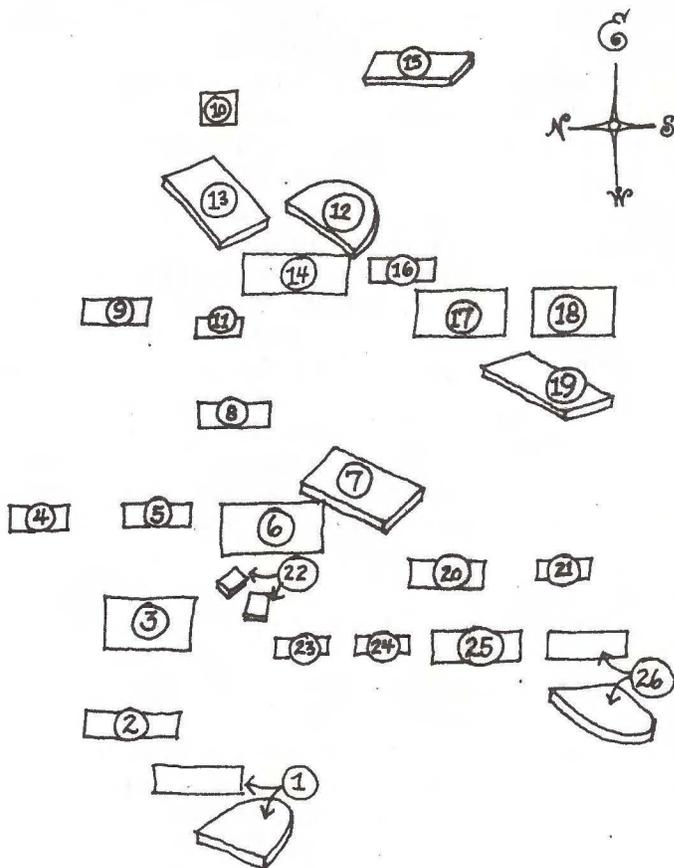
UP TO DATE ON THE VANDERBEEK CEMETERY

A visit to Vanderbeck Lane (just over the Allendale border, off Forest Road in the Fardale section of Mahwah) on April 10, 1975 proved that the little farm cemetery is still in existence. New homes are scattered over the original Vanderbeck acreage, and the little cemetery on the knoll is flanked by two homes now under construction. Construction workers have taken an interest in the cemetery and have cleared away overgrown brush. We recorded the stones still in evidence, and made a rough sketch of the layout of the cemetery:

Inscriptions on stones in evidence on April 10, 1975 are recorded below in this type face.

Descriptive information regarding the physical appearance of the stones on April 10, 1975 appears in this type face.

*In January 1946, Herbert Stewart Ackerman printed inscriptions from Thirty-seven Cemeteries in New Jersey; the "Vanderbeck Farm Cemetery--Allendale, N.J." was one of the cemeteries covered. Information and inscriptions missing on April 10, 1975 have been restored to the record below using Ackerman's list; such restored information appears in this italic type face.*



1. Medium-sized broken stone, partially fallen:

RACHEL VANDERBEEK  
WIFE OF  
WILLIAM G. DEBAUN  
DIED MAY 30, 1878 (date occurs at  
AGED 54 YEARS break in stone)

2. Base of stone (stone missing).

3. Large stone:

SACRED  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
RICHARD VANDERBEEK  
who departed this life  
MAY 30, 1848  
aged 70 years 8 mo's.  
& 6 days.

(Here there appears an illegible  
verse.)

4. Small broken stone.

5. Small stone:

R.V.D.B.

6. Large stone:

THE  
GRAVE OF  
ELEANOR ACKERMAN  
WHO DIED DEC. 4. 1845.  
In the confident  
expectation of Eternal Life.  
AGED 46 YEARS  
9 MONTHS & 25 DAYS.

All glory to the Lamb of God!  
My robes are spotless thro' his blood.  
'Tis thro' his free and sov'reign grace  
I now behold his blissful face.

7. Large stone, fallen and broken:  
SACRED  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
MARGARET GOETHSCHIUS (sic)  
WIFE OF  
RICHARD VAN DERBECK  
WHO DIED  
FEB. 27. 1853.  
AGED 65 YEARS  
AND 2 MO'S.

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Friends nor Physicians could not  
save  
My mortal body from the grave.  
Nor could this grave contain me  
here  
When Christ shall call me to  
appear.

8. Broken base of small stone; stone  
missing.

9. Medium-sized broken stone.

10. Small worn stone:  
S. D.

11. Base of small stone; stone missing.

12. Large broken, fallen stone:  
LAVINA VANDERBEEK  
*Wife of*  
CORNELIOUS VAN HORNE  
*Died Jan. 3, 1877*  
*Aged 88 years, 10 months, 19 days.*

13. Lower piece of a different stone,  
fallen:  
SARAH DECKER  
(OUR SISTER)  
*Died Sep. 27, 1842*  
aged 30 years  
3 months  
and 17 Days.

14. Base; stone missing.

15. Fallen stone; tall, narrow:  
J. V.

16. Base; stone missing.

17. Large stone, broken off base and  
propped up:

WALTER  
QUACKENBUSH  
BORN  
JUNE 16, 1877  
DIED  
MARCH 5, 1903

19. Medium-large broken stone, fallen:

CORNELIOUS VAN HORNE  
died  
Nov. 9th 1845  
aged 55 years  
10 months  
and 8 Days

20. Medium-large broken stone, fallen:

CATHERINE VANDERBEEK  
WIFE OF  
ABRAHAM G. ACKERMAN  
died  
March 19, 1871  
aged  
58 years 4 months  
& 18 days

21. Small fallen stone, broken off:

CORNELIOUS H.  
SON OF  
JOHN R. AND ALLETTY VANDERBEEK  
DIED  
Dec. 4, 1862  
aged 1 year  
2 m's & 20 d's

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at rest

22. Two broken, small pieces of stone;  
no inscriptions.

23. Base; stone missing.

24. Base; stone missing.

25. Large fallen stone, broken off its  
base:

ALLETTY DEMAREST,  
WIFE OF  
JOHN R. VANDERBEEK  
DIED  
June 30, 1893  
Aged 74 yrs. 11 m's.  
17 days.

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Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep.

26. Large fallen stone, broken off its base:

JOHN R. VANDERBEEK  
DIED  
July 26, 1886,  
aged 76 years,  
& 4 mo's.

Gone but not forgotten.

*The following additional inscriptions were recorded by Ackerman, published in 1946, but were not found on April 10, 1975:*

MARTIN, SON OF JOHN M. & LEAH QUACK-ENBUSH, died April 25, 1875, aged 1 year, 6 months, 5 days.

MARGARET JANE, DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM AND CATHARINE ACKERMAN, died January 7, 1858, aged 3 years, 3 months, 2 days.

MARGARET JANE, DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM AND CATHARINE ACKERMAN, died Dec. 25, 1845, aged 3 years, 2 months.

GARRET, SON OF ABRAHAM AND CATHARINE ACKERMAN, died Aug. 8, 1841, aged 8 months, 19 days.

INFANT CHILD OF ABRAHAM AND CATHARINE ACKERMAN, died July 20, 1859, aged 2 days.

ADALINE, DAUGHTER OF JOHN R. AND ALLETTY VANDERBEEK, died April 4, 1876, aged 8 years, 5 months, 26 days.

JEMIMA, DAUGHTER OF JOHN D. AND ABIGAIL VALENTINE, died June 20, 1862, aged 2 years, 7 months, 15 days.

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Richard J. Vanderbeek (son of John P. Vanderbeek and Abigail Terhune; grandson of Paulus Vanderbeek and Rachel Van Blarcom; great-grandson of Jacob Vanderbeek and Femmetje Van Voorhees) married, on January 2, 1808, Margaret Goetschius (Paramus Church Records). It was Richard who established, through his will, this "burying ground forever."

Richard's son, John R. Vanderbeek, operated a sawmill in this vicinity. The Bergen County Democrat of January 16, 1874 carried the following Allendale item: "During the freshet, whilst John R. Vanderbeek was fixing the water wheel of his saw mill, the force of the current broke into the flume, and the body of water rushing out carried Mr. Vanderbeek fifty feet, when he caught the limb

of a tree, and hung to it, until his son rescued him from his perilous position."

John R. Vanderbeek lived on another 12 years after this adventure, and perhaps he would take some satisfaction in the fact that, as his tombstone proclaims, he is "gone but not forgotten."

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#### BICENTENNIAL QUILT EXHIBIT

Two Allendale residents have organized and put together what promises to be a spectacular quilt exhibit on Saturday, May 3 at Highlands Presbyterian Church, Franklin Turnpike (at Orchard Street), Allendale, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

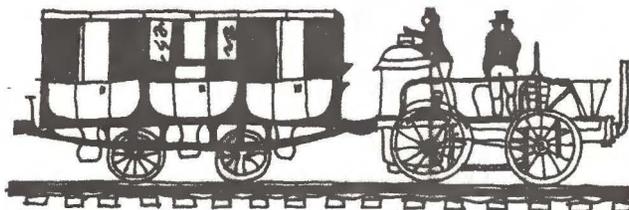
The coordinators, Elli Tappan and Cindy Farbaniec, are excited and pleased with the quilts thus far promised for the exhibit--including a gorgeous appliqued quilt featuring work done by ladies of several old Saddle River area families: Ackerman, Terhune, Zabriskie, etc. The quilt is owned by Mrs. R. A. Leamon of Allendale.

Other promised quilts include a Lone Star, Dresden Plate, Flower Garden, and Crazy Quilt.

Cindy Farbaniec says, "We're looking for more old quilts--particularly if quilted by people from this area--but new quilts are also fine!"

If you have a quilt you're willing to loan for this exhibit, call Elli Tappan, 327-8827, or Cindy Farbaniec, 327-7126.

And stop in to celebrate "The Year of the Quilt" on Saturday, May 3, 1-4 p.m. at Highlands Presbyterian Church!



Old Allendale Houses & Buildings.....The Higgins-O'Neill House  
Now the Carriage House Restaurant  
168 West Crescent Avenue

This house appears on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map, on which it is marked "D. Hagan." "D. Hagan" is undoubtedly a corrupted spelling of "D. Higgins," for Dennis Higgins, of Paterson, had inherited 8 and 40/100 acres of the land and the house from his father, Michael Higgins, who had died intestate leaving Dennis his only child and heir. Michael Higgins had purchased this parcel from John A. Smith and his wife by deed dated February 22, 1859. An additional 4 acres were conveyed to Dennis Higgins by Henry Christopher and his wife by deed bearing date of October 11, 1864. This total acreage--12 and 40/100 acres--today encompasses the lots lining Hamilton Street, and includes the house at 168 West Crescent Avenue.

By deed dated February 10, 1868 (recorded Bergen County Book U6, page 243) Dennis Higgins and Mary J. his wife of Paterson, conveyed to Charles H. O'Neill of Jersey City for \$4500 the 12 and 40/100 acres described above plus a second tract of 18 and 23/100 acres of land west of the railroad tracks.

Boundaries cited in this deed include the "public road leading from Franklin Turnpike to the house of Henry Christopher" (today's West Crescent Avenue; the Henry Christopher house, razed some years ago, stood on the west side of W. Crescent Avenue about opposite Myrtle Avenue), "the lands of Abraham G. Ackerman," the "Ramapough Rail Road," "lands of Garret H. Bamper" (the Feb. 10, 1868 recorded deed contains an error in transcription--records "Garret H. Bamper" as "Garret H. Ramapo"--"Bamper" is correctly recorded in previous and subsequent deeds), "lands of Isaac Finch, deceased," "lands of the Erie Railway Co.," and "lands of Jacob C. May."

Charles Henry O'Neill, the son of Charles and Margaret Carrigan O'Neill, was born on September 15, 1829 in Paterson. He left Paterson about 1855 and established a lumber yard on the corner of Hudson and Grand Streets in Jersey City; he later became Mayor of Jersey City. He purchased the house at 168 West Crescent Avenue as a summer home in 1868 and evidently purchased considerable additional acreage by 1876, at which time he was listed in the Bergen County Walker's Atlas Business Index (for Allendale) as "E. H. O'Neil (sic), Jersey City; Ex-Mayor; 83 acres."

From 1868 until 1902 the O'Neill family spent their summers at the house in Allendale. They called their summer home alternately "Maple Grove" and "Solid Comfort" and often stayed on in Allendale until October.

After Charles H. O'Neill's death, his widow, Margaret Agnew O'Neill sold the West Crescent Avenue acreage and the house, on September 10, 1902, to Maria A. Bramhall, wife of Charles A. Bramhall (Bergen County Book 550, page 6).

Maria Bramhall conveyed, by deed dated April 10, 1915 (Book 904, page 441) 9.834 acres, including the house, to George W. Fraser. George W. Fraser conveyed the same acreage and the house to Zeline Gillier on that same date.

On September 15, 1927 (Book 1542, page 47) George Megnin and Eugene Megnin, Executors of Zeline C. Gillier, deceased, conveyed the house and land to Mary Job of Little Ferry. Subsequently the house was converted into a restaurant: c. 1929-30 as the "Steer Inn" (during Prohibition local wags called it the "Steer Inn, Stagger Out"); later Pat Job's "Crescent Inn"; and most recently, "The Carriage House Restaurant."

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

- Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Butterfield of Allendale
- Mr. John S. Cebak of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. Victor J. Cotz of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Critchley of Allendale
- Mrs. Shirley Cross of Allendale
- Mr. Edward Hamilton of Allendale
- The Junior Woman's Club of Allendale  
(Lifetime Membership)
- Mr. & Mrs. L. Kornhoff of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. William R. Miller of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Nimmo of Fort Lee
- Mr. Thomas N. Olsen of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred S. Sherman of Allendale
- Mr. & Mrs. George Shuit of Allendale
- Miss Bess Nimmo Trinks of Hackensack
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Trinks of Hackensack

Accessions

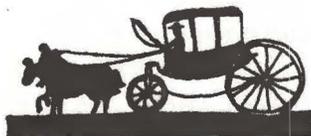
We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the Society's collection:

- 6 photographs of a parade through the Allendale business section in 1920, donated by Mrs. Edward Kipfstuhl.
- 190 35mm slides of old and new views of Allendale, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Walter M. Wardell, Jr.

More Appreciation...

For loaning items to be photographed or copied for the collection:

- Mrs. Gertrude Robinson Etesse (photographs; Brookside School yearbooks)
- Mrs. Martin Wetterauw (old Allendale tax bills; old Holiday Observer program leaflets)
- Mr. William Buhlman (photographs; 35 mm slides)
- Mr. & Mrs. Howard Webb (photographs; post cards)
- Mr. Edward Hamilton (photograph)



Advertisement from The Hackensack Republican, July 31, 1884:

A.C. ROWLAND  
Allendale, N.J.

*New stores, New Goods; Full line of groceries. Full line of Dry goods & fancy goods, confectionery, paints, oils, putty, lead. Tobacco, Segars, etc. Wooden and Willow Ware, Hardware, Lamp goods of all kinds. Come compare my prices with city prices and you will find it to your advantage.*

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Do you know of someone in Allendale, or perhaps a former resident who has moved away, who would enjoy receiving a sample copy of our newsletter? If you would forward the name and address to the Society or the editor, we would be happy to send a sample newsletter.

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Additions to, corrections of, and just plain comments on the articles and items printed in the newsletter are always welcome. In addition, any member who would like to contribute an article, story, or reminiscence for publication in our newsletter is hereby encouraged to do so!

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