

Town of Vienna
Office of the Town Clerk
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Vienna, VA 22180
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Application for Registration of Historic
Structure, Site or Place by the Town of Vienna.

Return one (1) copy of the completed form and attachments to the Office of the Town Clerk.

Name of Owner(s) of structure, site or place:

Nancy and Simeon Moats

Address of Owner(s):

131 Courthouse Road Southwest

Telephone Number of Owner(s): Daytime: 703-281-1206 Evening: 703-434-1147

E-Mail of Owner(s): nancymoats@gmail.com

Location of structure, site or place for which you seek historic designation:

131 Courthouse Road Southwest

Please detail below all pertinent information that you can give about the structure, site or place, including significant dates in the history of the structure, site or place, the identity of events or people of substantial historic interest with which the structure, site or place has been associated and any other facts that you may feel appropriate to the application: (Use additional paper if necessary.)

Attached

Please attach copies of any documents that you may have that relate to the historic significance of the structure, site or place. (Note: DO NOT ATTACH ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.)

Please attach a recent photograph of the structure, site or place.

Please provide a sketch or the plat showing where the structure sits on the property.

Please sign and date your application below:

Nancy and Simeon Moats (Owner)

January 7, 2020 (Date)

Stely House, 131 Court House Road, Southwest, Vienna

Fairfax County records state that a building was standing on the 131 Courthouse Road property in 1883. A balloon frame German sided wooden three-story house also features an English basement with original thick stone walls, windows and an above ground exit. An interior wooden cabinet swings out under the front porch. A full walkup attic with four windows features original pine flooring. Original random width pine flooring remains on the bedroom level, while windows and door trim feature wooden moldings and rosettes throughout the home. A substantial number of windows contain original glass. A stone-lined well remains and provides water for plants. Shutterdogs, horse shoes, railway ties, and numerous pieces of metal hardware and glass bottles are discovered when digging.

What happened to the 2,032-acre patent of 1714/1715, property of Richard Watts and William Harrison? Around 1746 William H. Harrison received 1016 acres from his father. William H. Harrison's four daughters in turn received 293 acres, after a 1758 court settled boundary lines. Margaret Harrison became Edward Blackburn's bride in 1757 and their lot Number 9 was the farthest north-east lot division among the four Harrison daughters.

On May 13, 1816, Edward Blackburn leased a parcel of land to a group of neighbors to build the first community school. Present-day 131 Court House Road, SW now stands near the former school site.

Subsequent land sales:

1837 – Mary Carrington Blackburn's property Number 9 sold for \$1850 to Reuben Strother

1854 – Reuben Strother sold 288 acres to Austin Peck for \$7,220.74

1856 – Peck sold to Thomas Fowler and G.P. Slayton for \$8,089

1856 – Moses A. Commins bought the 288 acres for \$9,000, owning the land until 1869. Commins operated a plow making foundry on two of the acres

1869 – Commins sold 250 of his 288 acres of former Blackburn land to George and Harmon Salsbury for \$12,500

1883 – County records mention a building's existence on present day 131 Court House Road, SW

1899 – Henry L. Stely and Frances, his wife, and L. Newton Stely and Florence, his wife, known as the firm of H. L. Stely and Son, purchase 5.59 acres, 208,690 square feet, for the sum of \$1200, payable to Anna M. Money twice a year.

The lot was designated as Windover Heights No. 6, 131 Court House Road, Southwest in 1894

- L.N. Stely served as a Town of Vienna Council Clerk (1920 on)
- was owner of Centre Market, Purveyors of meats and vegetables, 120 Church Street (building burned in 1906 later became Craig and Wright Grocery Store)
- Sold general merchandise
- owned a sawmill on Mr. Fox's tract, near Vale Church
- owned tracts of land around northern Virginia, including 77 acres
- worked mainly in wood, but was a trained mason

January 17, 1921 – Henry and Frances Stely, and L. Newton Stely and Florence conveyed 5.59 acres to Merton E. Church, Trustee. This deed of trust was to secure to Anna M. Money (Moxey?) the payment of a certain indebtedness, the sum of \$1200. William A. Craig purchased 206,690 square feet, and 48,750 square feet, Block Six

of the Salsburys, Subdivision of Land, known as Windover Heights, for \$5,000. This same property was conveyed to L. N. Stely (H.L. Stely conveyed to son) by deed dated September 22, 1903, by R. E. Thornton, special commissioner. The Stely family is interred at Flint Hill Cemetery.

March 1923 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision of land known as “Windover Heights” is conveyed to Patrick F. Carley, by William A. Craig and his wife in the sum of \$2,400.

November 1923 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to Cornelia A. Brown in the sum of \$2,400.

September 1924 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to Ada E. Stout and Irving S. Stout

April 1925 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to Charles F. Linger and Grace B. Linger, encumbrance of \$5,000.

January 1927 - Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to Gladys F. Durham and A. E. Durham

May 1927 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to E. H. Harris and Carrie B. Harris

November 1927 – Block Six of the Salsburys Subdivision, Windover Heights is conveyed to Lawrence E. Walker and Bertha Walker

June 1928 – Block Six, Windover Heights is conveyed to J. Oscar Miller and his wife, Wavie E. Miller

March 1935 – Block Six, Windover Heights is conveyed to Wilmer L. Flaherty and Wilson M. Farr

August 1938 – Block Six, Windover Heights deed between Home Owners’ Loan Corporation and Ira S. Crawford and Viola A. Crawford

September 1945 – Block Six, Windover Heights, conveyed to Rollin E. Stevens and Elizabeth G. Stevens, his wife, joint tenants. Note that Willard E. Jones Nina R. Jones received a parcel of land from the Crawfords in August 1945. Basement and living room fireplaces were added, oil heat with duct work, an early type of drywall replaced plaster walls in some rooms, and front door replacement were among some renovations the Stevens accomplished. In addition, a front porch was replaced, and the porch roof was removed. First floor heart of pine floors were covered with oak flooring in 1939 (newspapers sandwiched between original flooring and the new flooring mention that men should take their laundry to Bergman’s while their wives were away during the summer heat).

November 1950 – Rollin and Elizabeth Stevens sell a portion of their lot at the intersection of Courthouse Road and Pleasant Street to Howard and Dorothy Bitting

June 1953 – Lot Four of the Stevens Subdivision, more particularly shown of plat entitled “Survey of Lots Three-A and Four-A”. Lot 3 is sold June 25, 1953 to Jack B. Cabaniss and Mary E. Cabaniss and Grace Heinecke purchased Lot 4 and 3A. Steven’s retained ownership of the remaining Windover 6 lots on Pleasant Street.

October 1955 – Grace H. Heinecke subdivides Lot 4 into Lot 4-A and Lot 4-B, known as Stevens subdivision, 131 and 137 Courthouse Road (Courthouse Road is still noted at Old Courthouse Road). Mrs. Heinecke and her daughter were avid gardeners and hybridized many types of daylilies. In addition, both mother and daughter were dog lovers and boarded dogs, as evidenced by a shed that remains on the property.

June 1959 – Grace Heinecke and daughter, Adelle A. Hall are joint tenants of 131 and 137 Courthouse Road and Adelle became owner of 131 Courthouse Road after her mother’s passing. For a time, the home was ‘rented’ to

boarders and it was during this time that the home was heavily damaged. Adelle remained a resident of 137 Courthouse Road.

June 1966 – Grace Heinecke and Adelle A. Hall convey a parcel of land to the Town of Vienna for road widening.

November 1980 – Adelle A. Hall, joint surviving tenant, and Ralph Johnson, husband, sell lot 4-B to Margann Dodge and Robert I. Dodge. Against zoning regulations, the Dodges began remodeling the building as a boarding house. Certain Town of Vienna officials were able to stop the renovating.

September 1983 – Margann Dodge and Robert Dodge sell the 131 Courthouse Road to Simeon L. Moats and Nancy S. Moats. Fall of 1988, the Moats' purchase 137 Courthouse Road, or Stevens Subdivision 4A and 4B. All lots on Pleasant Street were later subdivided after the Stevens sold their land. Again, it was thought that apartments or condos could be constructed on the Pleasant Street plots, but Town officials were able to stop this development, due to zoning restrictions.

Today the 5.59 acres of Block 6, Windover Heights, once owned by the Stely family features twelve residences. Stely House now occupies 1.25 acres.

January 7, 2020





FAIRFAX SURVEYS PLAT 1"=60'

SHOWING SURVEY OF
LOTS 3A AND 4 OF

STEVENS SUBDIVISION

TOWN OF VIENNA
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA

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"STEVENS SUBDIVISION" AS IT
APPEARS IN THE RECORDS OF THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE
DESIGN OF THE UNDERIGNED
OWNER.

ROLLIN E STEVENS

ELIZABETH STEVENS

1402 HOUSE ROAD
VIENNA, VIRGINIA

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, THOMAS H. JOHNSTON, JR., A DULY
AUTHORIZED LAND SURVEYOR,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LAND
EMBRACED IN THE SUBDIVISION SHOWN
ON THIS PLAT IS LOT 3A & 4,
STEVENS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN
THE RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
BOOK 462, AT PAGE 901 OF THE LAND
RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
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NINTH DAY OF JUNE, 1955

Thomas H. Johnston, Jr.

LOCATION
SKETCH

SCALE 1"=2000'

PLEASANT STREET

VIENNA

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SCALE: 1"=60'

FOR THE TOWN
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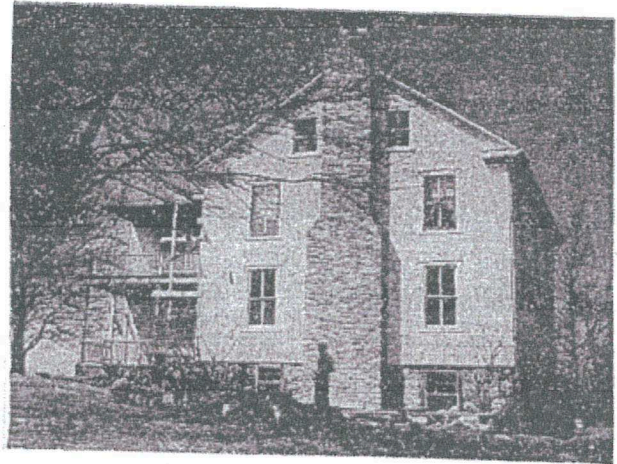
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Vienna Primps With Paint, Hammer



BEFORE—This sturdy old home needed a face-lifting. Residence of R. E. Stevens on Old Courthouse rd. presented an unattractive appearance to passersby



AFTER—Here is the Stevens' home with its new face. The tall chimney catches the eye and the asbestos shingle siding lends beauty. Tree has been removed

By Robert P. Jordan

THERE'S nothing wrong with Vienna, Va., everybody from the mayor on down will tell you, that a little elbow grease won't cure.

And a sufficient application of same over the next few months may pay off with a tidy \$2000 cash prize. The money, some citizens boast, is as good as in the bag. The town, it seems, is right on 100 percent civic minded.

Vienna, in short, is out to make itself beautiful.

The town lies 8 miles west of the District in Fairfax County. It sprawls 1.5 miles square over four rolling ridges. Its residents, some 2000 of them, are home-loving folk. Most of its wage earners are Federal employees.

Right now, Vienna is geared to an all-out community effort to get the job done. Block captains abound, a steering committee is steering, the mayor and Town Council have given their blessing. Even the Brownies are at work.

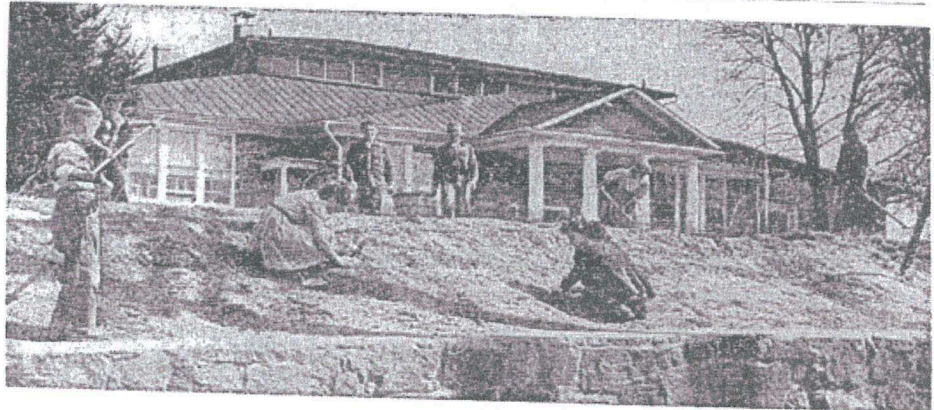
The job is to build, to plant, to paint, to landscape, to pave, to clean up.

In the town's 7-acre park, for instance, construction of a \$10,000 shelter just got under way. The \$10,000 figure is misleading: it would have cost that much on a contract basis, but volunteer workers and donations of materials will cut the amount paid out to around \$2000.

So says Air Force Maj. John Luft, of the Vienna Recreation Association. The association, composed of delegates from virtually every organization in the town, is the "holding company" for the Make Vienna Beautiful campaign.

Volunteer workers and donations—materials and cash—are means by which the VRA aims to conduct the campaign.

That projected 150-seat amphitheater in the park, reports



Policing the grounds and planting lay is play for Vienna elementary school children

Harold B. Whitmore, VRA president, will be built the same way. Grading, clearing and planting are in store to bring this project to reality.

Once the park is up to snuff, there'll be no end of its use by townspeople. Mrs. N. Hugh McDiarmid, steering committee chairman, announces these events are being lined up there:

A spring festival, band concerts, vesper services, big doin's

on the Fourth, complete with fireworks, baseball games on the improved diamond, and so on.

One of the efforts dearest to the hearts of long-time Vienna residents is the beautification of Maple ave., the town's main stem. The old maple trees that line the street are dying. Large-scale plantings of young maples are scheduled.

Maple ave. is the task of the Ayr Hill Garden Club. First off,

it has the promise of the State Highway Department, since the avenue also is Route 123, to clean it up.

That's important, but perhaps more so is the planting of maples, dogwood, shrubs and flowers that the club is urging—not only on Maple ave. but all over town. And if you live in Vienna and are willing to plant something, the club will help you get it.

Everybody Trying

BUSINESSMEN of the town are looking into the possibility of off-street parking; the Vienna Fire Department is hard at work on an addition to the firehouse; the two elementary schools are beautifying their yards; the Presbyterian Church

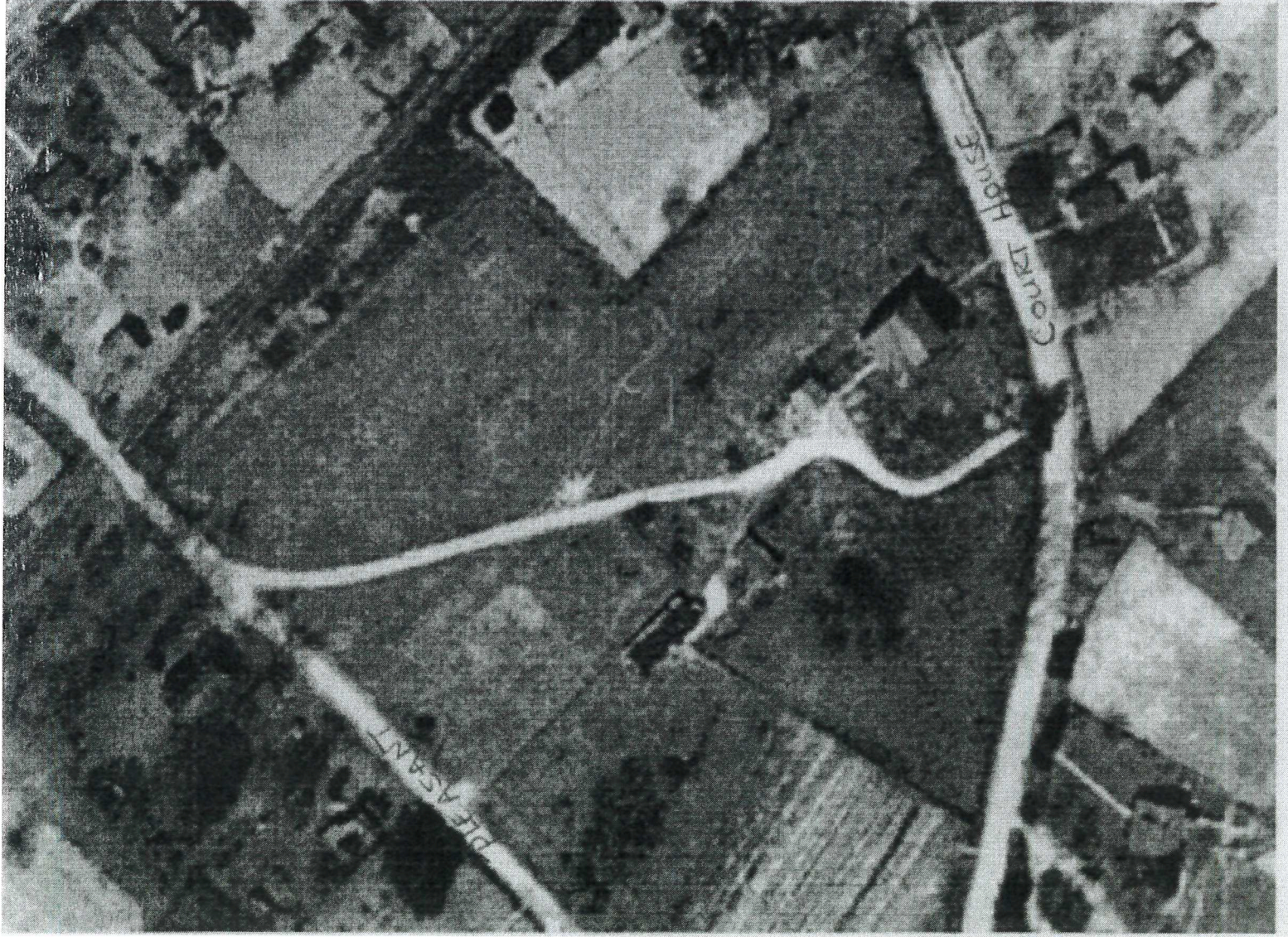
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131

Courthouse Road Sw
Vienna, VA

Existing 5.59
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AS HEARD AND SEEN

By August Hawkins.

Mr. W. W. Cobey, of Bothwell farm, near Vienna, is very successful as a poultry raiser, and is shipping large quantities of eggs and fowls.
March seems anxious to follow the example of February and treat us mildly, but it is very hard to overcome a turbulent temperament, and equally hard is it to bear with it.
Mr. Newlon has returned to Vienna and opened a flour and feed store on Church street.
Mr. L. N. Stely, clerk of the Vienna town council, is the latest addition to the sick list.
The formation of the Consumers League by retail dealers has already resulted in lowering the price of the necessities of life, contrary to the expectation of those who anticipated the reverse on account of the warlike aspect along the Mexican border, which offers a fine opportunity for corporations, speculators and trusts to make prices soar. Collier's National Weekly gives the trust problem in three sentences: In the boom year of 1906 the price of steel rails was \$28 per ton; in the lean year of

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State of Virginia

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VIENNA, VA.

L. N. STELY, PROP.

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You believe in eating only the best,
And STELY'S goods always stand the test.

You believe in having things clean and neat,
And for that CENTRE MARKET can't be beat.

You believe in honest weight and measure,
And square dealing is STELY'S great pleasure.

You like meats put up in proper shape,
And for that STELY can't be beat in the State.

You like your meats tender and prime,
And STELY'S meats are always fine.

You like your cakes and candy,
At CENTRE MARKET all is handy.

You like your soaps and polish,
And STELY sells nothing that is shodish.

You like canned goods, vegetables and flour,
At CENTRE MARKET you get them without bother.

In summer you like cold pop, and melons to slice,
At CENTRE MARKET you get them right off the ICE.

You like sugar, spices, coffee and tea,
At CENTRE MARKET they are of highest quality.

Now I think these Reasons, enough should be,
So you should go there FOR WHAT YOU NEED.

fully steady as to entice you as for living to be generally acted? Wasn't it you who had a cold abscess the other day? You only sixty-one years old. Any with decent luck can live that long, notwithstanding some abuse of natural strength. When you are old and still hale your habits of life will become interesting.

Do you want people to sit up half the night to use your patent lamps and increase your royalties? Tut, tut, Thomas don't be so greedy.

The Retort Courteous.

The fresh-complexioned, merry maid of the farm was showing the town visitor over the pretty orchard.

"This tree, now," he said, stopping before a fine specimen, "seems to be fairly loaded with apples."

"Yes, sir," assented the maid. "This is a good year for apples."

"I am glad to hear that," said the visitor. "And are all your trees as full of apples as this one?"

"Oh, no, sir!" explained the girl. "Only the apple trees!"

IN THE FAR WEST.



Tad—New Sheriff got three horse thieves last night.

Dull—Yas, he'll soon be getting the hang o' the business.

A Mean Retort.

"Yes," said the eminent physician, "we are doing much to prolong human life."

"I am glad to hear it," answered Mr. Silas Barker. "By prolonging life you give a man more time and opportunity to get together the amount of your bill."

Deceitful.

"I admire patience and self-control," said Uncle Eben, "but when I see a man keep on smiling

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