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pl.n.

An announcement, especially in a church, of an intended marriage.

[Middle English *banes*, pl. of *ban*, proclamation, from Old English *gebann* and from Old French *ban* (of Germanic origin; see **bha**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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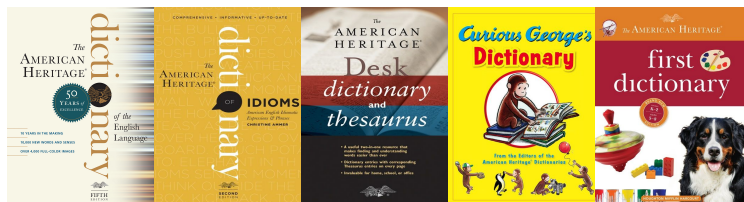
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