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ARTHUR LUSBY BUYS COLT OF FAMOUS HORSE

Mr. Arthur Lusby of Kennedyville has recently purchased an unnamed as yet, weanling colt, son of Spencer Scott, world champion trotting stallion, time 1:57¼. The colt's mother, Katie Hanover, as a two-year old trotter had a time of 2:13. She is by Dillon Axworthy who has 180 grandsons and granddaughters with records of 2:10 or better.

Spencer Scott's first crop of colts were sold at the York Speed Sale this year for an average of $2,713.

"The Kent and Queen Anne's Driving Association at its annual meeting next month, in addition to the election of a president to succeed the late Oscar Roe of Sudlersville, who died during the past year, will have to decide upon the renewal of racing at Radcliffe Park with the national ban on racing in effect. Association officials said yesterday they were not certain whether it would be possible to conduct harness racing at the park next season.

"George Sutton, veteran trainer at the park, and other horsemen are wintering trotting horses in the stables. Several other reinsmen purchased horses in anticipation of another big seaason.

"Eugene Thornton of Worton, vice-president of the association, has been serving as president since the death of Mr. Roe."

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Police Recovers Stolen Auto In Four Hours

Quick work on the part of the Maryland and Delaware State Police Forces restored a stolen automobile to a resident of Rock Hall Tuesday shortly after receiving word of the theft.

On going to get her car from the garage Tuesday morning, Miss Dorothy Elburn found the doors open and the automobile gone. She called Sheriff Henry Gsell who made an investigation and called his office here in Chestertown, where he had a deputy, Mr. Albert Lee, to notify the Maryland State Police at Easton to send out a radio broadcast to their patrol cars and other State Police Station.

In approximately four hours the Delaware officers called and stated that the stolen auto had been found abandoned near Georgetown, Delaware.

As yet no information has been found pertaining to the theif who took the car.

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DEATHS

MRS. ALBERT BAXTER

Mrs. Bertha Mae Baxter, aged 47, wife of Mr. Albert Baxter, died January 11 at the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Hunter in Centreville. Funeral services will be held from her late home near Chestertown on Sunday at 2 P. M., with the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds officiating.

Mrs. Baxter is survived, in addition to her husband and mother, by 6 children, Louise, Albert Jr., Mary Katherine, John Franklin, Robert and Sue Jane, and one grandchild.

Three brothers, Olin and Thomas Hunter of Centreville, Louis Hunter, of Clayton, Del., two sisters, Mrs. Dewey Cannon and Mrs. Norris Youman both of Centreville, also survive. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery.

Marvin Williams in charge of funeral arrangements.

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PHILLIP GEORGE THOMPSON

Phillip George Thompson, 7-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, Chestertown, was found dead in bed early on Monday morning by Mrs. Thompson.

Funeral rites for the infant were held from the Williams Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 P. M., Rev. Dr. W. P. Roberts conducted the services and interment was in Chester Cemetery.

Surviving the young baby are the parents and a brother "Bobby" Thompson.

MRS. MATILDA ANNE CLARK

Mrs. Matilda Ann Clark, aged 70, wife of William T. Clark, died at her late home in Betterton, Md., on Monday morning.

Mrs. Clark, formerly of Baltimore, has been a resident of Betterton for the last 25 years.

She is survived by her husband.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 P. M., with the Rev. E. W. Cursey officiating. Interment was in Cecilton Cemetery. The pall bearers were Walter Crew, John Crew, Leonard Price, Jack Dwyer, Floyd Smith and Harry Crew.

With The U. S. Armed Forces

Private Wickes Westcott, formerly stationed in California, and then Mississippi, is home on a 14 day furlough, visiting his mother, Mrs. Simon W. Westcott at Scotch Folly. At the termination of his leave, he will report again in California.

Two more Washington College men, one of them a prominent athlete, are reported as missing in air action. Lt. Charles E. Fetter of Baltimore, of the Class of 1941, outstanding member of Washington College teams, who has been piloting one of the B-29 giants, is reported missing over Tokyo.

Lt. Henry Courcy Lewis, Jr., '39, of Centreville, fighting on the Western front, is reported as missing in air action over Germany since Dec. 11. Lt. Lewis, who had completed 24 air missions, was the holder of the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Mrs. Lillian Leppo of Rock Hall received the following letter about her son stationed in Panama.

A.P.O No. 829 % Postmaster, New Orleans, La., December 8, 1944.

Mrs. Lillian Leppo, Horthorn Terrace, Rock Hall, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Leppo:

I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the part your son, Pvt. Eugene Burns is doing to aid in carrying out our job here. I cannot explain this work to you, but I can assure you that it is of the utmost importance to the war effort.

We here in Panama are faced with a difficult task—that of carrying on a waiting war. The army, through the medium of Special Service, is doing everything in its power to make life here pleasant. Each position has a radio, and the facilities of libraries, movies, post exchanges, and churches are nearby.

We are now approaching that time of the year when a soldier's thoughts are turned closest to home—the Christmas season. You can help make this Christmas seem a little like home by your continued writing and by keeping him abreast of local news. This battalion, in cooperation with civilian personnel of the community is planning a Christmas party, with food music and entertainment, and your soldier is being urged to attend.

In closing I would like to extend to you for myself and the other officers of this organization our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,
Andrew A. Soellner, Jr., Capt., 902D AAA AW Bn., Commanding.

Shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire during an American raid on Guam, Lieutenant Price Roe Stradley, 25, USNR, a carrier-based pilot, of Galena, Maryland, recovered from injuries sufficiently to return to action against the Japanese.

Eleventh Naval District officials, announcing his return to the United States for leave and re-assignment, said Lieutenant Stradley was credited with scoring direct bomb hits on two Japanese capital warships.

Both ships, one a large Zuikaku class aircraft carrier, and the other a Nachi class heavy cruiser, were sunk. The Galena airman also dive-bombed and hit two Jap merchant vessels and an enemy landing ship during seven months of combat flying in the Pacific.

Holder of the Navy Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart award, Lieutenant Stradley flew his plane in low level raids on Guam, the Bonin Islands, Palau, the Phillippines and the Nansei Islands, the latter extending to within 250 miles of the Japanese homeland.

In the Central Philippines he hit Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon. He flew over Corregidor and Bataan in a strike at Manila harbor, weathering intense flak to successfully blast Jap shipping.

When Jap anti-aircraft bullets riddled his plane last July over Orote Peninsula, Guam, the Galena pilot was forced to bring his crippled bomber to a crash landing on the water one mile off shore. He incurred head injuries upon hitting the sea but was picked up by an American destroyer almost immediately.

Attached to Navy Air Group Nineteen and based aboard the carrier flagship of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, U.S.N., Lieutenant Stradley and fellow-pilots were the first airmen to raid Formosa. He also saw action in the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea.

His wife, Mrs. Dorothea Stradley, their son, Roger, 18 months old, and the flyer's mother, Mrs. W. L. Starr, live in Galena.

Hqs. Tenth Air Force In Burma—Back in October 1941, Professor John C. Wyllie, 33, of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., laid aside cap and grown to don the uniform of the British Army and a few weeks later sailed from Canada for an overseas assignment.

Today, after three years of service in the British and American armies, Prof. Wyllie has been commissioned in the field for outstanding work with a combat unit of the Tenth Air Forces, EAC.

No stranger to travel before joining the armed forces—he had visited approximately 30 foreign countries before the war—Lt. Wyllie has twice since 1941 journeyed to India, once with the British army and the last time with a tactical air communications squadron now assigned to the Tenth Air Force.

And twice he has joined armies as a private and rose swiftly through the ranks to be commissioned in the field. From the quiet seclusion of director of rare books and manuscripts tothe desert fighting at El Alamein with the British Eighth Army and later to the jungles of Burma with the American Tenth Air Force, John C. Wyllie, professor, already has carved a distinctive military career for himself.

Known as "Uncle John" to the men of his squadron, Lt. Wyllie has likewise earned a reputation as a quiet, unassuming soldier. He parries queries concerning citations received in the British army with the reply: "I believe that I was cited twice, once for something done by someone else, and once for something no one did."

In the thick of the Myitkyina-Mogaung campaign, Lt. Wyllie, then a master sergeant, was communications chief of the squadron working with a sixman team which provided directions to bombers and fighters on close support attacks on the Japs. The team worked in the front-lines with the infantry and when Tenth Air Force planes were overhead, Sgt. Wyllie was busy keeping in radio contact with the pilots, while the officer in charge gave the locations of targets. Some bombings were made as close as 50 yards to the radio team. Since his promotion to lieutenant, the former professor now is in charge of a crew.

Lt. Wyllie joined the United States army at Camp Lee, Va., in February 1943, a short time after debarking from a transport that had returned him from the British North African campaign. In June he was assigned to the tactical communications squadron, participated in Tennessee manuevers, finally leaving for overseas in February, 1944. He had been promoted through all six enlisted grades to master sergeant five months after joining his outfit.

He arrived in India in April, 1944, went immediately into the Burma campaign, landing with airborne troops at the bloodyMyitkyina strip, four days after the air invasion came to the support of Merrill's Marauders. As the troops advanced southward in Burma, he continued to walk with the infantry, finding himself once more with British troops, this time at the capture of Pinwe in the rail corridor.

When he joined the British Army in October, 1941, he was in an ambulance detachment made up mostly of American volunteers. He sailed for India a few weeks later, arriving at a training camp near Bombay. By February he had completed training and was returned to Palmyra, Syria, where he had charge of an ambulance unit stationed at a desert oasis.

The professor-turned-soldier moved forward to Tobruk toward the end of March working there until its capture by Rommel's army in June. The British withdrew to El Alamein, where in the heat of battle in the New Zealand "box", Sgt. Wyllie was commissioned a lieutenant. The "box" was a fortification which was used in stopping the German's advance.

At El Alamein until August, he returned to Syria where he was promoted to first lieutenant. Then came another tour of duty at El Alamein before his enlistment period ended and he sailed for America to join the United States Army. He wears the African star with the Eighth Army clasp for his service with the British.

His father, the Rev. William Wyllie, a naturalized Scotsman, and mother reside at Chestertown, Md., and a cousin in fighting somewhere overseas in the British Royal Artillery with a Scottish regiment.

The lieutenant was schooled as a youngster by private tutoring at Santa Domingo (now known as Trujillo City) in the West Indies. He entered the University of Virginia at 16, eventually became associate professor of English, finally director of rare books and manuscripts. His extensive travels, both wartime and pre-war, have taken him to the Dominican republic, Switzerland, Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Union of South Africa, Sudan, France, Egypt, Italy, Belgium, India, Palestine, Canada, Germany, England, Libya, Australia, Scotland, Ceylon, Trans-Jordan, Spain, Cuba, Holland, Aden, Arabia, and Ireland.

In connection with this traveling he has learned the following languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin, Arabic, Russian, and classical Greek. While in India he picked up a smattering of Hindustani.

That his interests as a scholar are widespread are indicated by the great number of organizations of which he is a member. Here's the roster:

American Institute of Graphic Arts, Modern Language Association of America, American Bibliographical Society, Bibliographical Society of London, Bibliographical Society of Edinburgh, Societe des Ami de la Bibliotique Nationale (Paris), American Library Association, Virginia Library Association.

Society of Americah Archivists, American Historical Association, Virginia Historical Association, Albemarle County (Va.) Historical society, Raven Society U. of Va.), Colonade Club (U. of Va.), Grolier Club (New York), Farmington (Va.) country club.

URGES BAY RESCUE SYSTEM FOR CHESAPEAKE

As a means of rendering speedy assistance to vessels in distress in the Chesapeake Bay and to save the lives of members of their crews, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the boat-operation portion of the U. S. Coast Guard's volunteer force, is planning to organize a network of civilian-manned rescue stations in the bay, extending from North East on the upper bay to Crisfield.

The plan calls for 23 rescue stations in the area, with approximate ly 50 civilian boats on call and under control of the Baltimore central office. According to the plan, the bay has been divided into eight areas with from one to four rescue stations in each area provided with sufficient boats to make immediate reports to the central office of any vessels in distress.

The upper bay area will include stations at Havre de Grace, North East, Chesapeake City and Betterton, while the southern Eastern Shore will be divided into three areas, one including bases at Rock Hall, Queenstown, Claiborne and St. Michaels, another at Oxford, Cambridge and Barren Island. The third will include bases at Salisbury, Bishop's Head and Crisfield.

It is believed that such a network of rescue stations with their civilian-manned boats will reduce to a minimum the loss of vessels and the number of lives in the Chesapeake Bay, since all types of vessels will be included in the protection.

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Eastern Star Lodge Install Officers

The following officers were installed at a regular meeting of Chestertown Chapter No. 86 O. E. S. Tuesday Jan. 9th, 1945 by Mrs. Hazel Wright, as Installing Officer, Mrs. Amy Cooper, Acting Chaplain, and Mrs. Rachel Joiner, Acting Marshall for the year 1945.

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Frances Taylor
Worthy Patron, Elwood Taylor.
Associate Matron, Mrs. Anna Willis.
Associate Patron, R. Oliver Wright.
Secretary, Miss Ada W. Schreiber.
Treasurer, Miss Ella F. Hicks.
Conductress, Mrs. Helen Bowers.
Associatte Conductress, Mrs. Etta Robinson.
Chaplain, Mrs. Clara Chaires.
Marshall, Mrs. Hope Bedwell.
Organist, Mrs. Ethel Bramble.
Adah, Mrs. Audrey Kaufman.
Ruth, Mrs. Louise Faucett.
Esther, Mrs. Virginia Cushing.
Martha, Mrs. Gladys Urie.
Electa, Mrs. Marian Price.
Warden, Mrs. Katie Barnes.
Sentinel, Holden Kaufman.

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Betterton Firemen Elects Officers

The Betterton Fire Company elected the following officers for the year.

President, H. L. Owens; Vice President, Wm. H. Fleckenschildt; Secretary, Donald Owens; Asst. Secretary, George Sutton; Financial Secretary, Floyd Smith; Treasurer, Tilon Myers; Chief, Harry Meeks; 1st Asst. Chief, George Curlett; 2nd Asst. Chief, Joe Crew; 3rd Asst. Chief, Elwood Bramble.

Drivers: George Curlett, Roeder Campbell, Harold Jones, Donald Owens, H. L. Owens, George Myers, Elwood Bramble, Floyd Smith, Dr. Jaqueth, Tilon Myers.

Engineers: Elwood Bramble, Roeder Campbell and Tilon Myers.

House Committee: George Myers, Wm. H. Fleckenschildt, Clarence Newsome.

Five Generations Of Cranor Family

Patricia Ann Newton, held by her great great grandmother, Mrs. Laura C. Cranor. Back row: Mrs. Charles M. Hague, great grandmother; Mr. William N. Hague, grandfather and Mrs. James Newton, mother. All were visiting at the time the picture was taken, just before Christmas, at the home of Mrs. Charles Hague at Lankford. Mrs. Cranor makes her home with Mrs. Hague and Mrs. Newton and daughter, Patricia Ann, are also making their home with her while Mr. Newton is serving with the U. S. Navy. Mr. William N. Hague lives at Cecilton.

Southern States To Meet At Denton

"We and Our Cooperative" is the subject of an address which H. H. Nuttle, Denton, a member of the board of directors of Southern States Cooperative, will deliver at the Southern States Regional Board conference to be held at the Brick Hotel, Denton, Wednesday evening, January 17, at 7 o'clock (EWT). Mr. Nuttle will also preside.

Dr. C. D. Caskey, Baltimore, an official of Southern States, will present the cooperative's report and also lead a round table discussion. The prospects farmers have for obtaining the production supplies they will need next spring will be outlined by District Manager G. E. Benton of Salisbury.

Board members invited to this conference include the following: Mr. Nuttle, H. S. Leaverton, Rock Hall; Norman Grove, Milford; Nicholas Laigniel, Federalsburg; Harry W. Cannon, Bridgeville; John T. Moore, R. F. D. 2, Harrington, Del.; John T. Schmick, Preston; John W. Smith, Sudlersville; F. G. Shillinger, Easton; I. M. Nave, R. F. D. 3, Cambridge, and Richard Blackburn, Ridgley.

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J. Milford Todd To Head Business Men

At the election of officers of the Chestertown Business Men's Association this week, J. Milford Todd, manager of Nathans Furniture Store was elected president of the Association for the coming year. He succeeds Earl Hollinger of the Chestertown Lumber and Mill Works.

Jack Kieffer, manager of the Chestertown Marble and Granite Works was elected vice-president of the Association and succeeds Mr. Todd in that capacity.

Preston P. Heck read the report of the Association's activities of the past year and it showed the Association had had a very successful year in spite of War conditions.

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Service Clubs To Hold Joint Meeting

The Chestertown Rotary Club and the Chestertown Lions Club will hold a joint meeting next Monday evening, January 15, at the Fire House in Chestertown. Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of Schools will be the speaker.

The Kent County Commissioners and the School Board will be guests. It is supposed that Dr. Pullen will discuss the State's new educational program.

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Installed as Postmaster At Chesapeake City

Mrs. Mary K. Beaston was installed recently as postmaster of Chesapeake City. The office pays a salary of $2700 per annum. During the past years there were several different acting postmasters.

Shore Transportation Group To Be Formed

Producers, haulers, and processors of dairy products in the Eastern Shore of Maryland area will meet at 2 P. M. Jan. 16 in the auditorium of the Talbot County Building in Easton, at which time an Area Dairy Industry Transportation Advisory Committee will be elected, District Manager William F. Knell of the ODT announced today.

This committee, when approved by the Office of Defense Transportation, will advise and assist the ODT in directing the movement of motor trucks used in the transportation of dairy products from producing areas to the assembly points and plants of processors.

Producers, haulers and processors who produce, transport or handle dairy products within the area are entitled to elect their representative on the committee.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland area includes Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties.

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Hospital Auxiliary To Meet Next Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Kent and Upper Queen Anne's Hospital will be held next Tuesday, January 16th in the Little Court House on Cross Street at 2 P. M.

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The Leadership School

The Leadership School for Kent County, which was to have started last Monday night, has been postponed until next Monday night, due to the inclement weather. The school sessions will be held for six consecutive Monday nights. Seven o'clock is the hour.

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Directors Meet At First National

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held Tuesday morning, when Register of Wills, W. Paul Joiner, farm implement dealer, of Worton, was elected a member of the board for the year. Other directors elected were P. Medford Brooks, Sr., Thomas D. Bowers, G. Ellsworth Leary, Walter U. Lusby, H. Stockton Sterrt, R. Wroth Stavely, William Belt Townshend, W. Robert Huey, John B. Whitworth, Andrew W. Wilson.

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The Vestry and Women's Auxiliary of Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church will hold a meeting after the Parish supper, which will be served at the home of Mrs. Earle Nicholson, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6 P. M.

KENT FIREMEN RE-ELECT DAVIS AND BLACKWAY

At the annual meeting of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company held in Firemen's Hall Monday evening, R. Clarke Davis was reelected president for the 12th consecutive year, while Fire Chief Herman Blackway was reelected for the 14th consecutive year.

Other officers elected were:
1st. Vice-Pres., John T. Vickers.
2nd. Vice-Pres., P. M. Brooks.
3rd. Vice-Pres., J. Willis Wells.
Secretary, J. Willis Wells.
Asst. Sec. Walter W. Clark.
Treasurer, Richard George.
Chief, Herman Blackway.
Fin. Sec., Harvey G. Blyman.
Chaplin, Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Atwater
Surgeon, Dr. H. G. Simpers.
Statistician, Emerson Gardner.

House Committee: Walter Clark, Earnest Leverage, Ollie Herzberg, Jack Kieffer and Henry Green.

Directors of Band, Wm. G. Smyth and Wm. H. Elliott.

Director for 3 years: P. G. Wilmer, John R. Hadaway, A. L. Sparks and Dr. H. B. Simmons.

Directors to fill vacancies: Richard Carvell and J. Clawson Jones.

Fire Chief Blackway in his annual report stated that the firemen responded to a total of 94 calls to fires in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties during the past year. The total property loss in Kent County during 1944 was $2,765, in Queen Anne's County, $850, while property damage in Chestertown amounted to $950.

Harvey G. Blyman, the treasurer reported a balance of $1,619.14 in the treasury on Dec. 31.

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Election At Country Club Feb. 6th

The following have been nominated for office at the election to be held at the Club on February 6:

For President, J. Burton Whitworth, for vice-president, Marvin V. Williams, for secretary, Claude E. Trulow, for treasurer, J. Brown Metcalfe. Two members of the board to be elected from the following nominees, Howard B. Strong, G. H. Dana, F. W. Dumschott and S. Holt Wright.

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Legion To Hold Series Of Dances

The American Legion will hold four dances on the following dates: Friday, Feb. 16th; Friday, March 16th Friday, April 30th and Friday, May 18th. All these dances will be held at the Chestertown Armory and will as usual have tables which can be reserved.

Proceeds from the dances will be used toward the Memorial Home Fund. (See adv. in classified column page 8).

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The Schools of Kent County responded to the Sixth War Loan drive by purchasing $5,909.49 worth of Bonds and Stamps during the month of December. This amount exceeded their total purchases during the three preceding months. The High Schools' share of the December sales was $2,915.15, while the Elementary Schools bought $2,994.34.

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Jesse E. Ireland of Galena has been reappointed journal clerk in the State Senate during the present session of the state legislature. Mr. Ireland, who holds the position of county supervisor of the county dispensary system, will continue in that office. C. Norman Jefferson, former Chestertown business man, now living in Easton, has also been appointed to a position in the State Senate.

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The Kent AAA Office will begin issuing drafts in connection with November and December milk production on January 19th. Farmers may apply for this payment between January 19th and February 28th.

BATS IN THE BEDROOM

Easton—The radiator had been banging and crashing all night long and that was odd, Miss Rachel Mason thought, because the heat in the apartment which she and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy McDaniel, occupied in the Ewing Building always went down during the night.

In the pitch darkness of 7 A. M., Mrs. McDaniel got up and turned on the light to dress. Something jumped at her from the floor near the window, soared across the room, crashed into the wall and fell with a thump. Miss Rachel shrieked and pulled the covers up over her—a bat! A hurried call down to Ewing's store for help brought Mr. Robinson on the run. The women tied their heads up. He grabbed a robe and shooed the bat out the window. "Ugh!" Miss Rachel said, "It must have been in there with us all night!"

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