





**INCREASING DEMAND FOR CLEAN FAIRS**

The field in which operators of fake shows, questionable games and gambling devices that manage to just edge over the dividing line and conform to loosely interpreted laws during fair time, is growing smaller from year to year. Published reports from all section of the country announce clear fairs for 1924. The Ohio state fair took the lead in the movement to dispense with carnivals and side shows exhibiting "World Renowned Monstrosities," doll and lamp racks and similar devices, and other fairs, large and small have fallen in line. They are devoting the space thus occupied to more important matters, and are filling in the program with entertainments and amusements which interest by far a larger number of people than the old shows that have exhibited the line of fakes for so many years.

The changing of the program of amusements was attended with more or less fear that there would be a shrinkage of revenue and possibly attendance, but results prove that people do not buy admission tickets for the purpose of being skinned or for the opportunity of spending their dimes to see the same fat lady who has been on exhibition for many, many seasons. All these things are mere incidents and are patronized just because the management has not provided something better.

Thus far announcements of clean fairs for 1924 have not appeared in the daily and weekly papers in the Southwest which is pretty good evidence that although claim is made for having some of the greatest fairs in the United States, we are yet trailing behind Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin in the matter of properly entertaining our visitors. We seem to have a sort of a "low down" estimate of the intelligence and refinement of fair patrons, and for that reason, feel that our fairs will fall off in attendance unless we present short-skirted, painted high-kicking girls in front of some tent for the edification of visitors from the forks of the creek. Lour mouthed "barkers," by a wink, or some subtle phrase convey the idea to the unsophisticated youths whose visits to the city are rare, and who have read of the unforbidden things that may be seen, if the ropes are known that there is something inside that everybody is not permitted to witness.

Texas has taken the lead in many reforms. Texas fairs have set high standards in exhibits and in some forms of entertainment, but to offset this apparent effort to maintain a high position among fairs, managements continue to cling to the idea that carnivals with the same old freaks, same old acts and same old games are important features in drawing crowds and in getting the money. Exhibit space may be in demand at a premium but according to the old fashioned idea some managers seem to have. The fair would be a financial failure unless a few acres were devoted to "midway," a form of entertainment which became prominent at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1903, and which has long since been thrown in the discard by many progressive cities and communities.—Farm and Ranch.

Trade at Home—  
Mrs. A. C. Hyatt and mother passed through Spur recently on their way to Ralls from Albany. Mr. Hyatt is the owner of the Ralls Banner and is giving the people of that section a splendid paper. Mr. Hyatt and family at one time were citizens of Spur.

Trade at Home—  
Insure your crops against Hall with R. C. James & C. C. Haile 28-2t

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Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

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**"What's in a Name?"**

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

**LILY**

LILY may truthfully be said to be a flower name. Although effort has been made to concoct for it an intricate etymological history. It is best accounted for by the pure white flower with golden tongue, which gives its fragrance to the spring season.

Curiously, Lily has always been vaguely identified with Cecelia. Since the former was found difficult to trace, the Italian name Lilliola was thought to be one of its progenitors. It was borne by Lilliola Gonzaga in 1340, but was soon softened in Italy to Zilliola or Cecelia.

Lily is purely English and American. The Scotch have the form Lillias, made popular through Lillias Ruthven in 1557. A Scottish ballad is also sponsor for Lillian, but in recent years, the heroine of "Roswal and Lillian," who was queen of Naples, is generally referred to as Lily, and the significance of the flower is the accepted motive for its use.

The diamond is Lily's talismanic stone. It will protect her from danger and disease, and promises her victory over her enemies and the fulfillment of her ambitions. Saturday is her lucky day and 7 her lucky number. The Lily, of course, is her flower.

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**Has Anyone Laughed At You Because—**

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You like the country better than the city?  
"Oh you Rube!" This is no doubt familiar to you. At any rate you love natural beauty and don't have to depend on "shows." The natural appeals to you and you are not fagged with the cities' hard going and comings. You are a nature-lover, no doubt, and the quiet means something to you. You have things within yourself which are worth a million things outside yourself. If you are compelled to live in the city maybe your longings make people angry and they think you are dissatisfied and that you don't think the city is good enough for you. Let them laugh at you if they will; they are evidently too inexperienced, really, to know the delights of the wood, the sea and the open road.

SO  
Your get-away here is:  
It was meant to love and if you love it you are fulfilling the law and yourself.  
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The orange was originally imported to America by the mission fathers, who brought the seeds from Spain.

Trade at Home—  
Mrs. Lona Bennett, one of Dickens county's splendid citizens living in the Midway community, was here shopping Monday and while in town called at The Texas Spur office and had us place her name on our subscription book as a new reader.

W. S. Leach, one of Dickens county's splendid citizens living in the Dry Lake community and a candidate for tax assessor, was in Spur Saturday telling the boys about how persistently he is fishing for their vote, and that he is using the very best bait, and also how sincerely he will appreciate same. W. S. is a vote rustler all right from way back.

Trade at Home—  
B. G. Worswick was among the large crowd that was circulating our streets Saturday. One of the county's spendid citizens, living at Dickens.

Plant Less Cotton—  
Buster Robinson, a good farmer and substantial citizen living west of Spur, was in town Saturday trading.

Trade at Home—  
C. C. Cornelius was percolating our streets Saturday. He is one of Kent's hustling and progressive farmers. He reports things flourishing in that portion of the woods.

Mrs. W. T. Lambert and daughter were business visitors in town Saturday. They are progressive citizens of the Tap community.

Trade at Home—  
The Texas Spur erred in stating last week that Matt Renfro and wife instead of Irvin Renfro and wife passed through Spur on their way to their new home in Sonora, Texas. However, we will say that Matt is one of Midway's eligibles and raring to go, that is, if he can find the girl.

Trade at Home—  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. D. Lott by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the 1st Monday in June, A. D. 1924, the same being the 2nd day of June A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court No. 824, wherein L. M. Lott is Plaintiff, and the said M. D. Lott is Defendant, and said petition alleging cruel treatment, adulterous association with lewd women and other acts of cruelty, and that defendant's actions and conduct toward her, she being the wife of the said defendant, generally are of such nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable and of such degree as to endanger plaintiff's health. Wherefore plaintiff prays to the court for judgment dissolving the marriage relations existing between her and the said defendant, and for costs of suit, and for general relief.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of Said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 26th day of April, A. D. 1924.

O. C. AUTHUR, Clerk District Court, Dickens County, Texas. 27-4t

We have secured a contract with a good reliable company and can insure your crops against hails.—See R. C. James or C. C. Haile at the Spur Mutual Office. 28-1t

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**Mabane Cotton Seed For Planting**

OUR CARS OF MEBANE COTTON SEED HAVE ARRIVED, SO THOSE WHO HAVE PLACED ORDERS WITH US PLEASE CALL AT THE GIN AND GET THEM AT ONCE. WE HAVE ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THE DEMAND.

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Regardless of your classification this Bank is here to help you where ahd when and how we can.



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**THE NATIONAL CITY BANK**  
SPUR, TEXAS





**We'll Not Forget**

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WE'LL not forget you, never fear; Wherever you may go, my dear, However far you have to stray, However long you have to stay, The friends of old, the friends you knew, Will think of you.

We'll not forget you, friend of ours, The flow'rs fade, but who the flow'rs forgets? Their sweetness, after all, When winter comes we still recall. And we who know your sweetness, too, Will think of you.

We'll not forget you. Do not praise Our loyalty. A thousand ways You leave yourself engraved upon The hearts of friends when you are gone. Because of all you used to do We'll think of you.

We'll not forget you. Others' grace Shall bring the memory of your face. And others' kindness shall remind Our hearts of some one who was kind. When we behold the good, the true, We'll think of you.

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**Mother's Cook Book**

Whatever strengthens and purifies the affections, enlarges the imagination and adds spirit to sense, is useful—Shelly.

**FOOD FOR THE FAMILY**

**PRUNES** should be served often in families where there are children. They are rich in food and with marked medicinal value.

**Children's Supper Dish.**

Rub through a sieve one cupful of cooked prunes and the same quantity of cooked rice; add sugar to sweeten. If needed, a little grated peel, and egg yolk thinned slightly with water; cook until well heated through. Serve with cream and sugar.

**Hongroise Potatoes.**

Take three cupfuls of one-third-inch-cubed potatoes, parboil three minutes, drain, add one-third of a cupful of butter and set the potatoes back to cook until soft and slightly brown. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter, add a little onion juice, two tablespoonfuls of flour and one cupful of hot milk. Cook until smooth, add an egg yolk, pour the sauce over the potatoes and sprinkle with finely-minced parsley.

**Potato Flour Cake.**

Add a tablespoonful of cold water to two eggs beaten light, then add one-third of a cupful of sugar, gradually heating constantly. Mix and sift one-half cupful of potato flour with one teaspoonful of baking powder and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Combine mixtures and add one-fourth of a teaspoonful of melted butter. Turn into a buttered, floured cake pan and bake in a moderate oven twenty-five minutes.

**Turnips, New York Style.**

Wash, pare and cut into half-inch cubes three cupfuls of turnips. Cook until tender in boiling, salted water. Drain, add one-third of a cupful of butter, salt, paprika and finely chopped parsley sprinkled over them just before serving.

**Berkshire Pudding.**

Mix together thoroughly one cupful each of sugar, flour and molasses. Melt one-half cupful of butter; add one-half cupful of lukewarm milk and add one teaspoonful of soda. Combine mixtures thoroughly; beat well; add four well-beaten eggs; turn into a buttered baking dish and bake in a moderate oven. Serve with foamy sauce. Prepare the sauce by creaming one-half cupful of butter; add gradually one cupful of powdered sugar, an egg well-beaten and a teaspoonful of vanilla, or two tablespoonfuls of orange juice.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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**MEN YOU MAY MARRY**

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a man like this proposed to you? Symptoms: Slender, handsome, attractive, popular, goes out a lot, is furious and paces up and down like a caged weasel if you have another man calling on you when he appears. Appears when he likes. Is mad as hops if you're away when he calls, but you never really know when he is coming, he can never tell you—he "is so busy."

**IN FACT**

Freedom is his watchword for himself—but "lashed to the post" is his motto for you.

Prescription for bride to be: Play his game with a smile.

**Absorb This:**

THEY ALSO SERVE WHO STAND AND WAIT.  
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**In a Bakery**

"Two cents more, little girl. Bread's up since this morning." "Then me a yesterday's loaf."

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Lonnie Hoagland by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the 1st Monday in June, A. D. 1924, the same being the 2nd day of June A. D. 1924, to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of October, A. D., 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 799, wherein Minnie Hoagland is Plaintiff, and Lonnie Hoagland is Defendant, and said petition alleging cruel treatment, imputing to plaintiff a want of chastity, being familiar with other men and being untrue to him, the said defendant, without any justification or reason, that such excesses, cruel treatment and outrages toward her are of such a nature as to render their further living together insupportable. That one child, by the name of H. L. Hoagland, aged about three years old, was born of the marriage relations existing between them.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the Court for judgment dissolving the marriage relations existing between her, the said plaintiff, and the said defendant, Lonnie Hoagland, and for the care, custody and education of said Child, the said H. L. Hoagland, for costs of court and for general relief.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 26th day of April, A. D., 1924.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk District Court, Dickens County, Texas. 27-4t

To Whom It May Concern, and the Patrons of W. C. Leavitt:

I, Lee Garrett, an AI watchmaker, jeweler and optometrist, from Stamford, Texas, am locating in the City Drug Company's building and taking over Mr. Leavitt's business.

I wish to state that I will appreciate your future patronage as he has your past. I will endeavor to give the best of service, both in workmanship and prompt delivery.

I Thank You,  
LEE GARRETT 29-1t

**THE AVERAGE FARMER**

If the average farmer were a success, we would hear less about Government aid in the fixing of prices and the marketing of our crops. If the average man in town were a success, the courts would have lighter dockets because of the absence of cases in bankruptcy.

The average man, whether he be a farmer or business man, will always be with us, but there is no law against raising the average. It would be possible to life the average farmer to a higher plant, or perhaps, it would be more in keeping with the spirit of the American farmer to say that coming generations will be so advanced in the art and science of producing and selling that the average will be prosperous.

Production on a profitable basis is becoming more of a science as time passes, and disposing of the crop requires business forethought and business sagacity. A farmer to succeed must have something besides muscle. He must have initiative; a knowledge of soil and how to maintain its fertility; he must have a farm program elastic enough to fit seasonal conditions and be able to apply business principles in not only making his program, but in accounting it even to the sale of his products.

The average farmer of today makes a decent living only in exceptionally good years. The man above the average will make something besides his living, and in bad years will break even. The farmer below the average merely labors to exist. His plane of living is low. His family spends the daylight hours in the field. His wife and children never enjoy even ordinary comforts and never any luxuries.

There are too many average farm-

ers in the country, but there is hope of raising the average. The below average class is almost hopeless. Here and there one will rise to the average and above, but many of them would be better off with a job in town.—Farm & Ranch.

—Trade at Home—

**JOHN SOUTHWORTH RUNNING**

As has been anticipated, John Southworth has announced as a candidate for sheriff of Dickens county, and is in the race to a finish.

All who know "Big John" are his friends and with him in his effort to win this race. There never was a better fellow, or a more conscientious man in doing what he thinks is right.

If elected, John will make Dickens county a splendid sheriff and the fact that he ever associated with John Jackson and Harrison Williams should not be used against him.—Motley County News.

—Trade at Home—

Harry Goodwin and Miss Helen Brown were married Tuesday morning at the home of the bride's parents, just west of Spur. These young people are among Dickens county's best citizens, and The Texas Spur joins their many friends in wishing them a pleasant and happy voyage across the uncertain waters of matrimonial seas.

—Trade at Home—

C. C. Cobb and wife were among those here from Dickens Saturday. They report things moving along nicely in that portion of the county.

—Trade at Home—

That genial and good farmer, H. C. Allen, who owns a nice slab of Dickens county soil in the Dry Lake community, was meeting friends here Saturday.

—Trade at Home—

Mrs. L. H. Perry and son, James Hill, returned last week from San Francisco, where Mrs. Perry has been residing for the past several months. Their son James attended school there.

—Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—Good Mebane Cotton Seed. Also some good mules and mares.—B. E. Morgan. 28-3t

—Trade at Home—

LOST—Saturday afternoon in Spur, a suit case containing lady's apparel, also, Don Brewster address on the inside—Finder leave at the Texas Spur office and get reward—L. A. Grantham. 28-2tp

—Plant Less Cotton—

Mrs. Ollie Hindman was here last week from Brownfield, visiting friends and relatives.

—Trade at Home—

**ELECTRIC SHOE & HARNESS SHOP**  
Has Moved to Next Door to Spur Bottling Works

We Do Business Strictly for Cash, But Can Deliver the Goods in Boot, Shoe and Harness Work!  
CALL AND SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION  
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List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office. Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

**S. M. Swenson And Sons**

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

### Spur Citizens Have Trouble Over Partnership In Dog

Pa Zekell Tells the Story Interestingly.

"Hello, boys," said Pa Zekell, as he met C. L. Love on Main street, Saturday afternoon. "Hello, Zekell," was the brusque response. "How are you?" "Fine as a fat old frog." "Lots of people in town today." "Yep, and you're the fellow I've been looking for. Elmer Carraway, Hill Perry, E. C. Edmonds and I are getting up a book on 'Incidents in Squiredom,' and I am taking notes for the book. W. B. Lee related this one, which W. F. Godfrey, Geo. Link, J. B. Reed, G. R. Elkins and others are willing to vouch for.

"Let's hear it," said C. L. Love, as he shifted his stogie from the left side of his jaw to the right.

"Once upon a time two Spur citizens whom I will call Salberg and Squirteers owned a dog in partnership. One day Salberg appeared before Judge Brummett, told of the partnership and added: 'It had never been exactly settled which half of the dog I own and which half Squirteers owns, but somehow I kinder formed an idea in my own mind that the hind end belonged to Salberg and the front end to Squirteers. When the dog barked, I said, 'there goes Squirteers' half exercising itself; and when the tail wagged, that my end was being agitated. And of course, when one of my hing legs scratched one of Squirteers ears or one of his shoulders I was perfectly satisfied, first, because the whole thing would get about even when Squirteers' head would reach around and bite a flea off my hind leg or snap at a fly. Things went along smoothly until one day that dog got the habit of running around after his tail. He was the foolishest dog about that I ever seen. I consulted with James B. Williams, Lonnie Harris, G. B. Morris and a lot of other fellows about the dog's tail chasing mania, but they all shook their heads and offered me no remedy. Dr. Hale and I got together one day and decided to cut the dog's tail off. I took the dog to the woods and stood on a log for some time talking to the dog. Finally, he pricked up his ears and began sniffing and turned round until his tail was against the log. I dropped the ax on his tail, pretty close up, and the next moment he was booming around yowling like a boat load of wild cats. A few moments later Squirteers came along, we got into a fuss and the first thing I knew Squirteers sicked that dog on me, my own dog, too, and the dog bit a piece out of my leg as big as your fist. See here, look at my leg. About a pound of Salberg's flesh gone. Eat up by that dog and him not ready for a sausage mill. Now, what I want to see you about, Mr. Brummett, is this. Can't I recover assault and battery damage from Squirteers. What I chopped off belonged to me, recollect. I owned an undivided half of that setter pup, from the tip of his tail clear up to the third rib, and I had a right to cut away as much of it as I had a mind to, while Squirteers, being the sole owner of the dog's head, is responsible when he bites anybody."

"I don't know," replied the judge. "No decision on cases exactly like this. What does Mr. Squirteers say on the subject?"

"Why, Squirteers thinks that I divided the dog wrong. When he wants to map out his half he draws a line from the middle of the nose right along the spine and clear to the end of the tail. That gives a one hind leg and one foreleg and makes him joint proprietor in the tail. And he says if I wanted to cut off my half of the tail he wouldn't have cared; but what makes him mad was that I wasted his property without consulting him. Now what do you think of it?"

"Well," said Judge Brummett, "at first glance it seems you own an interest in the whole dog. So when he bites you, a suit won't lie against Squirteers, and the only thing you can do to obtain justice is to make the dog bite Squirteers also. As for the tail when it is separated from the dog it is no longer the dog's tail, and it is not worth fighting about."

"Can't sue Squirteers, you say?" "I think not." "Can't get damage for the meat that's bit out of my leg?" "I hardly think you can." "Well, well, and we talk about American civilization, temples of justice and such things. All right, let it go, I can stand it, but don't say that the law protects human beings in their rights, especially where the Democratic party holds sway. I'm going to sell my interest in that dog to C. C. Halle or some other native

and go back to Arkansas where Republicans read the law so as to protect the calves of a man's leg as well as his other interests."

"Now, Mr. Love," said Pa Zekell, as he tightened up his left suspender "If you think this story is true we'll give it a place in our book."

"Well, I hardly know," said Love. "With the campaign at fever heat, you can't believe all you hear, but I'll investigate and let you know."

Plant Less Cotton— Mrs. Grundy Crego, one of Dickens' splendid matrons, was meeting friends here Saturday. Being a woman of splendid business judgment, the offerings of our merchants received her attention with the result that her depleted larder was replenished to its full capacity. We don't say it boastfully, but Spur's merchants offers to the buying public the means of saving many a dollar in the course of a year. When compared with prices elsewhere in this territory.

Trade at Home— **THERE IS NO EASY SECRET** A weak but ambitious young man ventured to approach a great merchant and inquire:

"May I ask you the secret of success?"

"There is no easy secret," replied the merchant. "You just jump at your opportunity."

"But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?"

"You can't," snapped the merchant. "You have to keep on jumping."—Wall Street Journal.

Here is a story to paste on your opportunity in fixed prices. Nor is it necessary to wait for the golden dream of co-operation to come true. Nor is it advisable to tarry along the way, waiting for a freak wagon driven by a natty peddler of patent nostrums, to lend a life. No opportunity for farmers, as for others, consists largely in jumping—and then jumping some more.

Poor farmers we will have with us always—just as we must expect to have the poor merchant and banker and lawyer. Consequently, we must always expect to have ringing in our ears more or less of a din about Government help and popular support for the producers. The good farmers—the jumpers—are those who will drive their own way to success, and attain their ends by embracing every fair opportunity that comes.

In agriculture as in every other activity, "the survival of the fittest" holds good as an axiom. And, strangely, the "fittest" are inevitably the "fightin'est," also. The farmer who will stand on his own heels, asking favors of none, bringing into his efforts intelligence as well as brawn following a safe philosophy in his social and economic relationships, is sure to wring success from this life. What a satisfaction he will feel to know that the fruits of victory were not carried to him on a platter by an indulgent and paternalistic Government.—Farm & Ranch.

### The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING

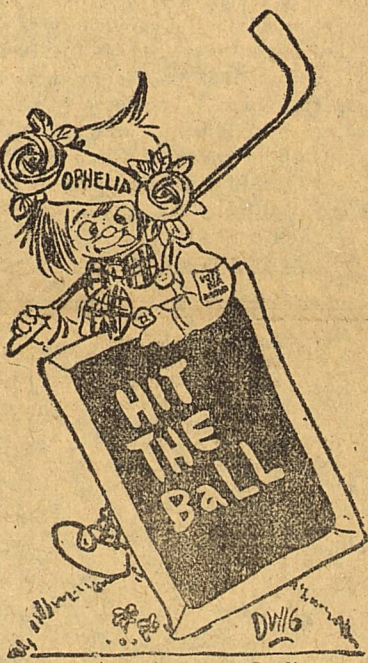
#### WISHING BY STARS

Star light, star bright, First star I've seen tonight: Now I wish!

REPEAT this while looking at the first star that catches your eye in the evening skies, make your wish and the wish will be fulfilled. This is a common superstition among children and had its genesis on the plains of Shinar, in the days when the Chaldean priests watched the courses of the stars and read from them the destiny of men and empires. It is an offshoot of astrology; and how firm a hold astrology has taken on the superstitious inherent in mankind is evidenced by the fact that in the Middle Ages it was generally accepted as a true science and by the large number of fakirs who today make a living by its alleged practice.

Out of this idea of the relation of the stars to human destiny grew the idea that each man's fate was attached at birth to a particular star. "He was born under a lucky star," we still say. Napoleon was always talking about his "star"—half metaphorically, half with a belief in its actuality. To the modern child astrology is but a name and he has never heard of "his star." But lurking somewhere in his nature is the inherited superstition of the ages and that primitive urge—for the child's mind is the primitive mind—which causes him to establish a connection between his fate and one of the astral bodies. But the child is an adventurer, an imitator, psychologically as well as otherwise. He does not conceive of himself as bound to any particular star; the first star he sees answers his purposes, is appropriated as readily as the forbidden jam and its good offices demanded.

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Plant Less Cotton— The Midway Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. C. T. Burns Tuesday May 20. All are urged to be present.—Reporter.

Trade at Home— BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

### TEXAS TO ABOLISH SEALS FOR AUTOS NEXT YEAR

Abolishment of seals on automobiles in Texas and use only of the number plates has been decided upon by the State Highway Department. It was found that in many of the larger cities of the state seals were committing the theft on other cars stolen off cars and used by persons to avoid registration of automobiles.—Lamb County Leader.

### ATTENDED GOOD ROAD MEETING AT JAYTON

Messrs. A. B. Spencer and Ben F. Smith went over to Jayton Monday to attend a good roads meeting at that place.

The people of Kent county are wanting to create enough interest in good roads in order that the sentiment may be strong enough to vote a \$400,000.00 bond issue to supplement the State and Federal aid.

The idea is to extend the hard surface road from Hamlin through Kent, Dickens and Crosby counties. If Kent county is ready to act in the matter, Dickens is ready to go. According to Mr. Smith, and of course Crosby county is always ready for permanent development of this nature.

This highway is an important one and will be the shortest route for the people of the east when touring to the Pacific coast. We hope that this road can be secured.—Crosbyton Review.

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FOR SALE—15 Jersey Cows, fresh and heavy springers—Pecan Valley Farm, Phone 142R, Weatherford, Texas. 28-3t

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Mrs. W. C. Barrett, of Twin Wells community, returned recently from an extended visit with her daughter in Dallas. She reports a most enjoyable stay.

Trade at Home— Mrs. Travis Richards and children of Ralls, were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Keister.

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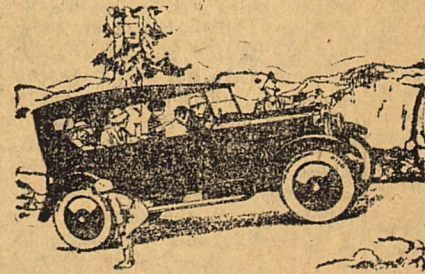
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