

CARBON NEWS

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Spring is the time of year for new beginnings but with no rain the

seeds have little to be encouraged about. This past week it tried so hard to rain, only had good sprinkle. The old saying April showers bring May flowers may be true, so let's hope we do have some good, good rains in April so the farmers can get their land prepared for planting. Some farmers are trying to work but it is so

dry. We need good rains now so maybe the summer showers can carry us through.

How many of you were late to church? Maybe not many. We did have a few. With this silly time it will take awhile for our bodies to adjust. If we work, or go to school or whatever we do, we have to go by the time on the clock, no matter what the sun says.

As the big old moon came up one night last week, it looked as if the whole world was afire. When I realized it was not another range fire, it was a gorgeous sight. I don't understand how Ms. O'Hare can say there is no God. All we need to do is look around and we can see handy work everywhere.

A lot of churches had early services. We didn't. I feel it would be very meaningful. We did have several visitors.

Spring break at Carbon this week. Classes will resume on April 11th.

As I was looking through a box hunting something for my grandkids I found a lot of things from my school days. I suppose most young people think about what they want to do as they get older and some even doodle with drawing, writing stories or poems. I passed a lot of time away by trying to write rhyming lines. No TV then to occupy my time. Some I found were just silly kid stuff. One I found was rather interesting and I thought I might share it. I had an uncle in World War II that was a POW.

MISSING IN ACTION

They watched the sunset over the hill,

And listened to the call of the whippewill,

As he was calling to his young mate,

For Spring was entering just through the gate.

Johnnie knew that he'd soon be getting his call,

And when he left Faye he'd be leaving his all.

So why not take what happiness they could,

And Faye, too, agreed that they should.

He knew Faye was worth fighting for.

So he left her back in his old Lone Star.

Then one day a telegram came instead,

Of a letter, and little Faye read,

"The War Department regrets to inform you,

Then missing in action through tears she saw too,

Now, when the evening shadows fall,

Faye listens alone to the whippewill's call.

She dreams of the days with Johnnie spent,

Before he off to the war was sent,

And she never forgets to breath a prayer,

For those "Missing in Action" over there.

Let's mingle our prayers with Faye,

That our boys will come home to stay.

And when old "Tojo" is a has been,

There will be no more "Missing in Action" then.

Did all your grandkids find all the Easter eggs you hid? Most all kids still like to hunt them.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Collin Campbell over the weekend were Mrs. Reba Reeves, Polly Reeves and Travis Crow of Fort Worth.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bryant and lunch guests on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D'Ann Clower and family of Carbon, Doug Bryant of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Taylor and family of Rising Star.

Supper guests Friday night in the Dorothy Jackson home were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Guy of Carbon, James Guy of Andrews, Tommy and Justin Guy of Snyder. Dorothy was a dinner guest in the home of her son and family of Rising Star Easter Sunday.

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KRIS BROWN NAMED YOUNG FARM AND RANCH FAMILY

Bob Turner, District 7 Director for Texas Farm Bureau, was in Eastland for the monthly board meeting to present an award to the Outstanding Young Farm and Ranch Family for District 7. Kris and D'Ann Brown of Carbon participated in the contest sponsored by Eastland County Farm Bureau. They were selected as winners on the basis of their interest and involvement in agriculture.

The Young Farmer and Rancher Contest is an annual event of the Eastland County Farm Bureau. To qualify, participants must be members of Farm Bureau and primarily occupied in agriculture or agriculturally related fields for the basis of their income. The Browns were chosen by Texas Farm Bureau over a number of other applicants in the district. Each district winner is eligible for a statewide contest. The State winners for 1987 were Dan and Reeda Smith of Lockney.

Exia Vera Smith Laid To Rest On Saturday

Exia Vera Smith, 82, died Thursday at a Hamilton nursing home. Services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral

Home Chapel with Marion Dennis officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

She was born in Oklahoma and was the widow of Will D. Smith. She was a member of the Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Pearl Westmoreland Early of Hamilton; three sisters, Adia Langlois of California, Zenoby Simpson of Calif.,

and Blanche Smith of Whitney; two brothers, Jesse Groomer and Harold Groomer, both of Calif.; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Melissa Womack of Dallas visited during Easter with Marsha Williams Susie Leach and Coach and Hallie Beth Williams.

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OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD



John May (right), Vice-President, Citizens State Bank, Gorman, presents the Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award for Zone 5 of the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District to Gene Snider. Zone 5 covers the eastern one-half of Eastland County. Gene was recently honored at the District's Annual Awards Banquet at Lake Proctor. The Awards Banquet is sponsored by the 13 banks within the District.

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CHER - MONSTRUCK AT THE MAJESTIC FRIDAY

Cher stars as Loretta, a widow with a good heart and a long run of bad luck. As the story opens, she has agreed to marry Johnny (Danny Aiello), a sweet and bumbling hunk of a man who, although a real charmer, is completely wrong for her. Johnny is on his way to Italy to tend to his dying mother, and his parting request of Loretta is that she call Ronny (Nicolas Cage), Johnny's brother. Johnny and Ronny haven't seen each other for years due to some horrible falling out, but Johnny is determined to have Ronny at his wedding.

Loretta meets Ronny, and they immediately take a dislike to each other, Ronny, a sullen and extremely angry young man, lost in hand in a meat carver five years ago and he blames Johnny for the accident. Loretta is determined to smooth things over between the brothers but as things happen in screwball comedies, these two completely mismatched souls end up in bed together. In the kind of loopy logic that permeates the film, Loretta figures that if she sleeps with her fiance's brother, the brother will hve his revenge, the score will be settled, and the brother will come to the wedding, which is whate the fiance wants more than anything. By the time that Johnny gets back from Italy, Loretta is determined to marry Ronny, which is okay with Johnny because his mother has made a remarkable recovery from near-death and vows to live on — so long as Johnny doesn't marry Loretta.

While Loretta's plight forms the heart of the story, there is much more to "Moonstruck." Loretta's family is a richly-drawn Italian-American brood, and they all have delightful opinions on (and problems with) love. The most touching character is Rose (Olympia Dukakis), Loretta's mother, who knows that her husband is cheating on her and is unable to understand why. At one point she asks Johnny, Loretta's oafish fiance, why men chase women. Johnny reminds Rose that, according to the bible, woman was made by taking a rib from man. Maybe, Johnny figures, man is just trying to get his rib back, because it's left a soft spot over his heart. In this wise and sweet observation, "Moonstruck's" whole mood and message is captured.

Despite the tremendous supporting cast, "Moonstruck" is Cher's movie. Here is finally a character that allows the actress' sweetness to shine through, instead of relying on her familiar toughness. The woman literally glows in this role, and any fan who has endorsed her acting skills (even through some embarrassing performances) will be more than satisfied.

The film is rated PG for language. — Tom Matthews.

Feature Times: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. All Seats \$2.50.

Door Prize Winners: Friday - Janie Thomas - Eastland; Saturday - Oliver Beck - Olden.

KIDS OF AMERICA CONTEST SLATED APRIL 23 IN RANGER, TEXAS

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce has announced the date of Saturday, April 23rd, 1988 for the upcoming Ranger, Texas Kids of America Competition to be held at the Ranger Recreation Building (Old Gym) on the corner of Marston and Main in Ranger, Texas.

Babies, ages 0-35 months may compete in four different areas of competition. Beautiful Baby competition is judged on personality, grooming and alertness. Baby Glamour/Baby Handsome competition is judged on facial appearance only. Playwear competition is judged solely on the garment selection. Photogenic competition is judged from the photograph submitted to the Dalls Headquarters and is judged by print and media people.

The Baby Division is divided into three age categories; 0-11 mos., 12-23 mos., 24-35 mos. and there is one winner per competition in each age division. Each child is presented on stage by a chaperone of your choosing and will be presented in front of a professional panel of judges. Beautiful Baby winners will go on to represent this preliminary pageant at the National Finals to take place in Dallas, Texas in the summer of 1988.

Talent is another phase of competition that is open to Boys and Girls between ages of 3 - 17 years. Each talent presentation maynot be more than 3 minutes. A top five finalist will be selected from each age category and the Winner will advance to the National Finals.

A Beauty competition will be offered for Girls Only. Beauty is judged on interview (group), Casual Wear and Party Wear (Short dress 3-12 years, evening gowns 13-17 years). A Top Five Finalist will be selected from each age category and the Winner will advance to the National Finals.

Glamour/Handsome will also be offered and is judged on facial features and overall projection. There will be one winner per age division for Glamour and Handsome.

The Photogenic competition is for individuals that would like to

PECAN GRAFTING WORKSHOP

Pecan budding and grafting will be taught at an Eastland County Pecan Propagation Workshop, **Friday, April 8th**. The workshop will be held in the **Agriculture Building at Cisco Junior College** and will be sponsored by the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association.

The workshop will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in the Agriculture building, which is located on the east side of Highway 6, across from the main campus. Charles Walker, president of the associatoin, says everyone wishing to learn how to bud and graft pecans should attend.

Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturist from Stephenville, will be the instructor. From 9:30 a.m. until noon, he will show illustrated slides along with a discussion on the techniques of budding and grafting. He will also discuss the recommended varieties of pecans for this county.

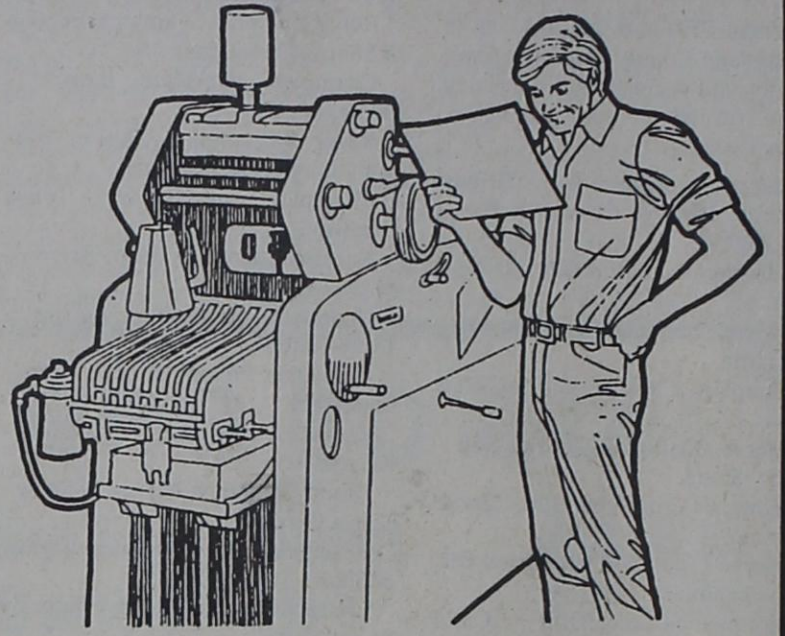
After noon, the workshop will continue in a pecan grove where demonstrations will be given and participants will practice the skills of pecan grafting.

Walker says, the growers association will sell budding and grafting wood and tape at the school. The technique of pecan grafting can be learned by anyone. Men, women and students from all areas of West and Central Texas have been trained at the workshop during the past 35 years, says De Gordon, Eastland County Extension Agent.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are for people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

submit a photograph of their choosing to be judged by major agencies in the print and media area. Age divisions are divided into groups of 3-6 yrs.; 7-9 yrs.; and 13-17 yrs.

For more information on how you or your child can become involved in this Kids of America Youth Development Program, call 1-800-872-4562 or the National Headquarters in Dallas, Texas at (214) 328-KIDS.



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