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KATHY ENSOR AND CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN LAMB

Coke Entries Do Well At Abilene Show

Coke County 4-H Club and FFA members from Bronte and Robert Lee Chapters placed 20 animals in the Abilene Livestock Show held last week. Twelve animals were among the selected few making the premium sale list at the show.

Kathy Ensor was the premier exhibitor among the local contestants, exhibiting the Champion

Southdown lamb of the show. In addition to her Southdown she exhibited a third place medium wool lamb, fifth place Crossbred lamb and a ninth place medium wool lamb.

Close behind Kathy was her brother, Tom, placing four animals in the show. Tom exhibited a third place Crossbred lamb, fourth place finewool lamb, seventh place medium wool lamb and 15th place Southdown lamb.

Six of the ten steers exhibited placed in the tough steer show. Lynn Gulley exhibited the sixth place light weight Hereford steer. Lisa Devoll placed 7th and 8th with her two steers — 7th in the heavy weight crossbred class and 8th in the light weight crossbred class. Edwin Wilson and Russell Ash, showing in the heavy weight crossbred class, placed 16th and 25th, respectively, with their two steers. Showing in the middle weight crossbred class, Cynthia Ash placed her steer 17th.

Terry Ross placed highest among the local swine entries. His light weight Duroc placed sixth. Close behind was Harvey Wojtek with his seventh place light weight crossbred pig. Cindy Walker placed 14th in the heavy Hampshire class with Kerry Gartman coming in 15th in the same class. Also placing were Vicki Gartman with an 18th place heavy crossbred pig and Randy Bessent with a 19th place light weight Duroc.

Other 4-H and FFA members in the show were Clark and Dianna Tinkler, Terry Joe Millican, Susan Ash, Everett Wilson, Cody and Denise McClure, Robert, Richard, Mark, Lance and Carla Blal, Bill Ensor, Dallas Johnson, Debbie Askins, Joe Bob and Jana Ragsdale, Wayne Sprenkle, Bill Grant Jr., Kelly Glenn, Kyle, Tim and Tanya Lee, Terry McGinley, Ronnie Wagner and Tim Rowland.

4-H FOODS SHOW FEB. 7

Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Coke County Extension Agent, has announced that the County Foods and Projects Show will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Coke County Recreation and Show Center at Robert Lee. More details will be run in next week's paper.

Dogie 'A' Teams Capture Jr. High Tournament

The Robert Lee Jr. High "A" teams captured the championship trophies in their own tournament last weekend by downing the Garden City girls 44-22 and the Sterling City Jads 40-25 in Saturday night's final round of play.

The girls had advanced to championship playoff by beating Bronte 52-18 on Thursday and beating Wall 55-18 in Friday's play.

The Dogies barely slipped by the Bronte Shorthorns, 26-25 in their first game Thursday but took an easy 58-14 win over Coahoma on Friday.

Lisa Devoll was high scorer for

the girls in all three of their games. For Thursday's game with Bronte Devoll scored 32 points. Jana Hood 14, Renea Flanagan 6. In Friday's contest with Wall Devoll hit for 35, Flanagan 8, Kellye Percifull 6, Carolyn Simpson 4, Hood 2. In the championship game Saturday Devoll had a big 38, Flanagan hit for 6.

For the Dogies close game with Bronte Kerry Gartman sacked up

11 points, Rickey Ross 8, Brett Clark 5, Randy Collins 2. Against Coahoma 7th Collins led with 14, Gartman 12, Ross 10, Clark 6, Vic Conner 4, Wade Wallace 4, Monroe Killam 4, Saul Saucedo 2, Mark Riley 2. For the winning score over Sterling City Gartman was high with 15 followed closely by Clark with 14, Ross hit for 4, Conner 3, Riley 2, Collins 2.

Robert Lee "B" Teams

The "B" girls saw their first action in the tournament on Thursday with Water Valley and were defeated by one point as WV went ahead with a 27-26 score. Carolyn Simpson made 12 points, Kellye Percifull 10, Robbie Gartman 4.

They were defeated by the Sterling City girls Saturday morning 35 to 30. Simpson and Percifull tied with 11 points each while Gartman tallied up 8.

Water Valley skipped by RL "B" Continued on Back Page

RL Girls Take First-Half Title

The Robert Lee girls won over Eldorado last Friday night to give them a 5-0 record for the first half of district play and went ahead of Wall Tuesday night to give RL a 6-0 district lead as they started into the second half of district play. Both games were played on Robert Lee court.

Both Robert Lee and Eldorado girls went into Friday's game with a 4-0 standing. Robert Lee came out on top of a 45-34 score. Stella Bickley made 19 points, Vickie Gartman 17, Brenda Cooley 9.

They defeated their Wall guests 60-40 Tuesday night. Bickley was again high scorer with 28, Gartman hit for 22, Cooley 10.

The Steers went into the second half of district play with a 1-4 record after falling to the Eldorado Eagles 85-65. Shell Williams led his teammates in scoring 16 points George Abalos made 14, Micky Baker 12, Poly Abalos 10, Clay Allen 6, Walter Flowers 5, David Lackey 2.

The Wall Hawks zipped by the Steers with a 73-50 win putting the Steers at a 1-5 district standing while the Hawks are now 6-0. Flowers was top scorer for RL with 18 points, G. Abalos hit for 10, Williams 7, P. Abalos 7, Percifull 4, Baker 2, Craig 2.

The next two rounds of district games for Robert Lee will be played here with the Junction Eagles coming here Friday night and the Mason Panthers here Tuesday, Feb. 3. The games start at 6:30 p.m.

On Feb. 6, Robert Lee plays at Menard and then they will complete district play at Eldorado on Feb. 10.

Liberty Tree Planting Held

A good number of persons were on hand Friday afternoon for the planting of Coke County's Liberty Tree on the grounds of Coke County Recreation and Show Center in Robert Lee.

The tree, a Tejas pecan, was given to Coke County by the Texas Forest Service and Texas Forestry Association.

The program began at 4 p. m. and was opened with the invocation given by Rev. Earle Lewis, minister of First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

With Mrs. Wilson Bryan, general chairman of Robert Lee's Bicentennial Committee, at the piano and Edna Havins, chairman of Festival U.S.A. Division of Robert Lee Bicentennial Committee, leading, the songs "America" and "God Bless America" were sung by the audience.

Joey Luckett, a student of Bronte School, gave a poem "What Do We Plant?" by Abbey.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Heritage Division of Robert Lee Bicentennial Committee and Coke County Historical Commission chairman, spoke on "The Liberty Tree in Our Bicentennial Year".

Fern Havins, who is chairman of Horizons '76 Division of Robert Lee Bicentennial Committee, was chosen to shovel the first dirt in planting of the tree. He in turn asked help from students and adults present and passed out spoons to all who wanted to have a part in planting the tree.

The dedicatory address was given by County Judge W. W. Thetford and John Gross, minister of Robert Lee Southside Church of Christ, gave the benediction.

Edna Havins was at the register table and reports that 35 persons registered.



JOHNNY LYNN LETMAN

Granddaughter Accidentally Shot

Johnny Lynn (Meme) Letman, 26, of Guadalajara, Mexico, was accidentally shot and killed in Guadalajara on Jan. 14.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Frankie (Fletcher) Williams of Las Vegas, Nevada, the granddaughter of Mrs. Georgia Horner of Robert Lee and Leonard Fletcher of Bronte and a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ed Hickman of Robert Lee.

She was born Feb. 1, 1949 in Artesia, N.M. She was a 1967 graduate of Las Vegas High School where she was in the top 10 percent of her class. She attended the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where she had a Federal Grant to work as a research assistant on the writing of a Nevada History textbook. She was also a graduate of Lenz Finishing School of Las Vegas and a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She had lived in Guadalajara about two years.

Because her death was in a foreign country the body was taken to Mexico City for cremation and the ashes were to be sent to Las Vegas.

No formal services will be held and Mrs. Williams, mother of the deceased, has asked that in lieu of this, there be a prayer chain by all friends and relatives across the country on Feb. 1 in remembrance of "Meme" on her birthday.



Children spooning dirt around the "Liberty" tree as those who were on the Dedication program look

on. At far right is Robert Lee's Mayor S. E. Adams who had just finished shoveling dirt.

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**CATTLEMEN'S ASSN.
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

The Coke County Independent Cattlemen's Association met Dec. 29 1975 at the courthouse in Robert Lee and elected officers and directors for 1976.

Officers elected were: Don Fields, chairman; Royce Fancher, vice-chairman; Robert Mathers, secretary; and Mona Mathers, treasurer.

Directors are Ben A. Boykin, James Tidwell, Wayne McCabe, Jerry Parker, Horace Scott and Waldon Millican.

Officers and directors are in the process for contacting county cattlemen for 1976 memberships.

Don Fields attended a District meeting in Menard Friday, Jan. 23, when State Chairman T. A. Cunningham met with county chairmen.

SS REP. TO BE HERE

Bob Pena, social security representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his February visit to Robert Lee. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 1 to 2 p.m. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo.

Lost your social security card or need to change a name on the present one contact the Social Security office.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough was in Sterling City Wednesday evening of last week where she was guest speaker at the planting and dedication of a Liberty Tree on the lawn of the Sterling City Courthouse.

A weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. was her sister, Mrs. A. W. Gibson, of Dallas.

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Look Who's New

Tamara Jay is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatley of Philadelphia, Penn. She was born Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. and weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 1/2 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatley of Goltry, Okla., Mrs. J. B. Murphy of Buford, Ga., and Mrs. Windall Jernigan of Dunn, N.C.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Ell Hatley of Robert Lee, Mrs. Mae Irons of Tellico Plains, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Stephens of Dunn, N.C.

Tamara's daddy is a dental repair technician in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at Philadelphia.

OIL FIRE AT PERKINS-PROTHO

A fire broke out early Sunday morning on Perkins-Protho Oil Company's Blanks Lease west of Silver. The site of the blaze was a tank battery and oil gathering facility about a mile southwest of the Company's field office and warehouse.

Doug Gartman, field superintendent, stated that the damage was not too great to the equipment involved and it would be back in use soon.

The fire apparently started when a leak developed in a heater treater which is used to separate production oil, gas and water. Oil and gas spilling from the vessel made a hot fire for about an hour after company employees shut in wells and isolated the unit. The wind was favorable which helped keep the fire from spreading to nearby storage tanks and pumps.

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department took one truck to the scene and stood by in case the fire began to spread. However the fire was confined to the area around the heater.

The fire was reportedly first seen by Bob Bagwell, on duty at the nearby Union Texas Plant, who in turn called and alerted Gartman, Foreman Zeddy Beal and others. The fire sirens sounded in Robert Lee about 5:10 a.m.

Mr. Gartman stated that he appreciated the response of all who turned out to help.

"B" BOYS LOSE TO WALL

The Wall "B" team Hawks flew past RL "B" team Steers 69-53 in action at Robert Lee Tuesday night.

This was the last "B" team games scheduled for this year.

The "B" girls game previously scheduled for Tuesday night with Wall was cancelled.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Sue to Jack Porter, son of Mrs. Naomi Moore of Ballinger and Lt. Col. (Ret.) John G. Porter of Houston.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is currently employed at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Her fiancé is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School and is attending Angelo State University.

The couple is planning an April 17 wedding in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 2: Hamburger patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and jelly.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: Bologna and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, tomato slice, lettuce leaf, milk, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Ravioli, baked beans, spinach, corn bread and butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Tamales and chili, buttered rice, green beans, biscuits and butter, milk, peach upsidedown cake.

Friday, Feb. 6: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes with cheese, English peas, hot rolls and butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

DONATIONS FOR PAINT CREEK CEMETERY TOLD

By ZERA FIELDS, Secy.

Among the first to respond to the recent request for contributions to the Paint Creek Cemetery Fund were Raymond Schooler, Mrs. Ida Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon, Green Fields and Mrs. Dollie Mae Williams, but through error their names were not included in the previous list printed. For this I am sorry.

Others who have made recent contributions are Clifford Robertson, Sid Creech, Jamie Schooler, Louella Davidson, Bud Theford, Sammie Joe Duncan, Bob Fields, S. V. Box Isaac Plumlee, Undis Robertson and L. G. Campbell.

GIRL SCOUTS TO START COOKIE SALES FRIDAY

Girls of Junior Girl Scout Troop 111 and Brownie Troop 94 will start selling Girl Scout cookies Friday in Robert Lee and the surrounding area.

The annual cookie sale will continue through Feb. 14. Five kinds of cookies are offered this year and will sell for \$1.25 a box.

Mrs. Mary Herring is in charge of the Girl Scout Troop and Mrs. Ginger Hagan is leader of the Brownies, assisted by Mrs. Jean Anthony.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. E. O. Higgins were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton, Paula and Patti of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith and Mrs. Kayo Higgins and Linda of San Angelo. Layne Smith of San Angelo visited with her on Saturday afternoon.

NOTICE TAXPAYERS

Due to lack of office space in Bronte I am requesting my Tax Customers on the East Side of the County to bring their returns to Robert Lee. I will be at Robert Lee Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays during Income Tax Season. On Wednesday's and Thursdays I will be working at home.

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Miss Chesney, Mark Shelton Repeat Vows

Miss Lela Lynn Chesney and Kelly Mark Shelton were united in marriage at 8 p.m. Jan. 9 at Carr, oil Baptist Church of Southlake. The double ring ceremony was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Bob Smith, and father of the bride, Rev. Bascom Chesney. Candelabra framed the background in the altar area.

Parents of the couple are Rev. Bascom Chesney of San Angelo, Mrs. Ramona Martin of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shelton Jr. of Southlake.

Ishmael Gonzlaez provided nuptial music at the piano and accompanied Don Campbell of Ft Worth who sang, "Because He Lives". Randy Bradley, Southlake, also sang a solo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her stepsister, Cynthia Garlene Millican, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her stepsister, Pamela Kay Millican, Betty Browning and Debra Rockenbaugh.

Best man was John Marion Shelton III, brother of the groom, and groomsmen were Laren Barrett, Jeff Booney and Ronnie Bonneau. Ushers were Rodney Shelton, brother of the groom, Tony Stockfelt and Tim Miller.

The bride wore a floor length white bridal satin gown, styled in Empire line, with a V-shaped neckline, edged in lace. Rose patterned lace and seed pearls emphasized the Empire waistline and completed the sheer full length

sleeves with a wide ruffle. Her tiered veil of bridal illusion, held in place with a bandeau accented with seed pearls, extended to a chapel length train. A nosegay of white carnations and red baby roses were carried by the bride. Her gown was made by her step-sister, Pamela Kay Millican.

The reception, hosted by Rev. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The bride's chosen colors of white and red were carried out in the table decorations. The three tiered wedding cake was served from a table covered in red and overlaid with white lace.

Serving in the house party were Miss Debbie Shelton, sister of the groom, Misses Cathy Smith and Roxanna Stewart all of Southlake.

The new Mrs. Shelton is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio and attends TCJC. The groom, a graduate of Carroll High School, is a student at TCJC and is also employed there.

After a wedding trip to Canyon Lake near New Braunfels, the couple are residing at Smithfield.

Attending their granddaughter's wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Ditmore of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Bonnie Robertson returned to her home in Robert Lee Friday night after spending five weeks at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Faye Hudson.

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DOGIE 'A' TEAMS

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boys 26-6 in Thursday's play with Joe Saucedo, Stephen Ray and Joel Percifull each scoring 2 points for RL.

The local lads took on Garden City Saturday morning and fell to their guests 28-10. Lynn Gulley hit for 6. Percifull 4.

Wins Over Water Valley Monday

Monday night the Junior High teams went to Water Valley for three games and came home with three wins.

It was a 57-32 win for the RL girls with Devoll leading with 24 points, Flanagan 15, Hood 10, Percifull 4, Gartman 4.

Clark led the Dogies with 21 points Gartman had 8, Ross 8, Collins 4, Conner 2 to put RL on the winning side of the scoreboard which read 43-37.

The "B" boys put 12 points on the scoreboard while Water Valley came up with 6. Gulley scored 4, Marty Caston 4, Tim Bosworth 2, Percifull 2.

Next action for the Jr. High teams will be Feb. 2 at Grape Creek. Their final games for the season will be Feb. 9 with Veribest on Robert Lee court.

PANCAKE SUPPER TO BE HELD MARCH 5

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and the Coke County 4-H Clubs have set March 5 as the date for their annual Pancake Supper and Talent Show.

The supper will be held in the Robert Lee School cafeteria and the Talent Show will take place in the school auditorium. Participants will enjoy a delicious meal of hot buttered pancakes with syrup and bacon and several hours of entertainment presented by local and area talent.

Proceeds from the supper each year are used for community projects by the Lions and 4-H Clubs.

A spokesman for the group said everyone to mark their calendar and start making plans to attend this event on March 5.

H. C. Schooley Sr. of Canyon flew to Robert Lee last Friday to pick up his mother, Mrs. Pearl Dittmore, who is spending an extended visit with the Schooleys. They flew from Robert Lee to Ft. Worth where they picked up Mrs. Schooley and flew on to Canyon.



Crisco 3 lb. can \$1.49

VEG. ALL

MIXED VEGETABLES

NO. 303 CAN
2 for 69c

DEL MONTE

CUT GREEN BEANS

NO. 303 CAN
2 for 69c

CREAM STYLE OR WHOLE KERNEL

DEL MONTE CORN

NO. 303 CAN
2 for 69c

DEL MONTE

SWEET PEAS

NO. 303 CAN
2 for 69c

5 LB. BAG

Gladiola Flour

83c

AMERICAN BEAUTY

Macaroni & Cheese Dinners

7 oz. Pkg. 29c

FRENCH'S COUNTRY STYLE

INSTANT POTATOES

1 lb. Pkg. 75c

BAMA

PEANUT BUTTER

18 oz. Jar 85c

STAR KIST

CHUNK STYLE TUNA

6 1/2 Can 63c

MIRACLE WHIP

Salad Dressing qt. 99c

SCOTTIES

FACIAL TISSUES

200 ct. Box 53c

LIQUID JOY SOAP

22 oz. Btl. 79c

PARKAY OLEO

Qtrs. - 1 lb. 49c

2 LB. BAG

Frozen French Fries 49c

BANQUET

POT PIES

8 oz. - 3 for \$1.00

FROSTY ACRES

FROZEN ORANGE JUICE

6 oz. Can 27c

CHUCK ROAST

1 lb.

79c

ROUND BONE ROAST - Boneless

1 lb. 99c

GOOCH'S BLUE RIBBON

SLICED BACON

1 lb. \$1.49

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