

Fancher honored on May 2

A lovely party was held in the home of Keith and Lanette Fletcher Saturday, May 2, 2015, to honor Billie Jean (Mrs. Royce) Fancher. Many people brought cards and letters telling her how their lives, homes, and families have been impacted by what they learned from her during her many years of teaching "future homemakers" in Bronte High School's Home Economics Classes. Two former students (Melissa Lee Hoch and Susan Cumbie Williams) even brought their much-used recipe file boxes from high school.

Billie Jean grew up in Bronte and graduated from Texas Women's University at the age of nineteen. She returned to Bronte where she was hired to teach, and where she remained for thirty years. Hundreds of young ladies (and young men!) went through her classes. She never taught anywhere else in her tenure.

There were approximately 75 people in attendance, everyone from past students to people whom she impacted after she retired. Everyone seemed to enjoy reminiscing, visiting with old alumni and old friends, telling stories, talking with Billie Jean, and enjoying the wonderful cookies and punch. The hostesses provided Billie Jean's favorite sweets - thumb print cookies and apricot fried pies, as well as other deserts. The hostesses were Lanette Fletcher, Susan Williams, Marilyn Bivins, Cynthia Robinson, and Linda (Cumbie) Gladden; as well as help from Cami Davidson, and some wonderful cookies by Ginger Eubanks.

CCRTA meeting set for May 18

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will hold their final meeting of the year on Monday, May 18, at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

A short meeting will follow the covered dish lunch. All Coke County retired teachers and school administrators are encouraged to come and eat heartily.

President Kelso has reported that Tim Lee, Executive Director, of the Texas State Teachers Association will be the speaker at a meeting on September 8, 2015, in San Angelo. The meeting is to be held in the Region XV



Fancher Honored With Tea! Mrs. Jean Fancher was honored with a tea on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the home of Lanette Fletcher in Bronte. Mrs. Fancher, long time home economics teacher at Bronte High School, was instrumental in imparting important life skills to hundreds of students over the course of her career in Bronte.

Education Center. More information will be given at Monday's meeting in Bronte.

All retired school personnel are encouraged to join CCRTA. Statistics of membership and attendance are recorded. Legislators are made aware of the figures to evaluate the support level. Treasurer Janet Wommack will accept mail-in membership dues at P.O. Box 364, Bronte, TX 76933.

CCRTA meetings will resume in September.

Annual Celebration issue set for July 3rd

Last year's 125th Coke County Anniversary issue was a huge success. Although it included many stories of early Coke County, there will never be room enough in a single issue to tell all of the interesting history surrounding Coke County and the people who have lived here.

With this said, the July 3, 2015, issue and the issue nearest to July 4th of the years following will be devoted to celebrating the history of Coke County. We are asking for your stories, old pictures and anything you believe pertains to our history here in Coke County. Please contact us at (325) 453-2433 (email o-e@wcc.net).

Local farmers support trade authority bills

Coke County farmers and ranchers support legislation that expands international trade for farmers and ranchers. The Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) bills will greatly benefit Texas farmers and ranchers, said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

TPA streamlines negotiations and strengthens the U.S. position at the bargaining table. It is central to completing key trade negotiations already under way, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"U.S. agriculture will not grow unless our farmers and ranchers can compete in the international marketplace," John Ross Copeland said. "We lose potential markets if we cannot negotiate and ratify trade agreements through TPA."

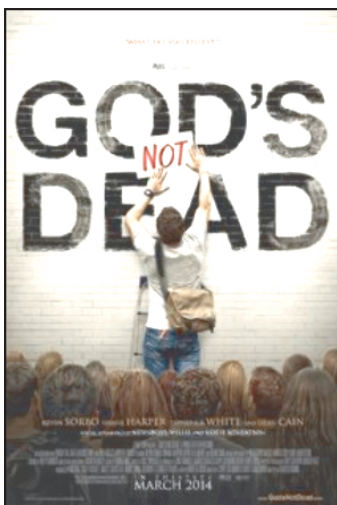
The United States is the world's leader in agricultural exports, coming off a record year of \$152 billion in exports last year.


"TPA will keep that trend moving forward," John Ross Copeland said.

First Baptist Church in Bronte will be showing the movie GOD'S NOT DEAD.

Sunday, May 17 5 pm

Everyone is invited to attend.





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