Local grocery business changes ownership after nearly 41 years

A locally owned business which has been in operation by the same owner since Feb. 16, 1948 has been sold to a man from Littlefield, Tx., Roger Lowe. That business is Cut Rate Thriftway, owned by Pete

Pete Fisher opened his store at a smaller location when he was a young man in 1948. The quality of merchandise and service he offered in his store brought many customers his way.

Some of his first customers included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Dossett, Mr. and Mrs. Bratton. Albert Tucker was an employee of Strickland and Glover, the two owners of the store Pete Fisher bought in 1948. Fisher notes that he "came along with the store." He is currently employed by Thriftway.

Fisher and his wife Alta have been involved in many community efforts. They have contributed much time and money to the betterment of lives of people in Hansford County. They have earned the respect and admiration of their employees and the customers and friends in the community.

Selling the store was not a quick decision for Fisher. "I've been in business long enough to know when the time is right. I am passing the business into good hands, a man with high integrity,' says Fisher.

The new owner as of Jan. 1 of Thriftway (the name may change after further consideration), Lowe, is owner and president of Pay-N-Save, Inc. which has 48 other stores. He is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Littlefield and president of the school board there. He is also on the board of trustees at Wayland University and a chairman of deacons at the church he attends in his hometown. He was once voted "Man of the Year" in Littlefield.

Lowe plans to oversee his new investment from Littlefield, keep-

has announced that Ron Gibson will continue as manager of the store. Gibson, son of Raye and Helen Gibson has worked off and on for Thriftway since he was 12 years old, helping out when needed. His father has also been a longtime employee of Cut Rate Thriftway, working there for over 37 years. Ernest Butler has also been employed for over 37 years at Thriftway.

45-year old Ron Gibson spends much of his time, those hours that he doesn't spend with his two daughters, in dedicated service to the store. The last 14 years he has managed Thriftway for Pete

New owner Lowe notes, "We do not intend to make any major changes in the store operation. We need the employees right now more than they need us." Gibson echoes this note, "There will be little changes if any in the employee situation. We also intend to keep the same quality merchandise with Affliated Foods products and the Shurfine brand.'

The only changes we will be looking into when we take ownership Jan. 1, is a name change or perhaps changing of store hours if it seems necessary to satisfy our customers," notes Lowe.

"We intend to offer the same services that Pete offered his customers including the same courtesy on accounts. We plan to serve the customers in the same courteous manner, hopefully earning the respect of our employees and community the way Pete did."

Fisher comments, "Roger is from the same kind of country atmosphere as this. I think his involvement with this store will be an advantage to our community and the customers of this store.'

When asked about how he feels about leaving the business Fisher replies, "I have been very fortunate with my involvement in this business and with the people of this county. This was not easy for me or my wife. There will be people and activities we will miss, but we plan to keep involved with many things going on in the community. We are sure to stay busy with one thing or another.'

One employee, Rita Reed noted, The hard thing about this will be missing seeing Pete's face around here. I've known him for 25 years, even though I haven't worked here that long, I have enjoyed working for him and will miss him as an employer.

Other employees echoed the feeling and added "Certainly Pete deserves more time off from business, though, and maybe now he will be able to have more hours for

All the employees interviewed seemed confident, though, of their new employers management of the store. Noting the service the Fishers have given to the com-munity throughout the years, they certainly would take their time to consider an offer to purchase the store, to make sure it came from a man of character.

Thank you Pete Fisher for the many years you have offered this quality merchandise and have offered it in a courteous manner. Good luck in whatever your new ventures may be. We trust your decision that the new owner will offer the same kind of services to the people of this area.



Roger Lowe[left] will be the new owner of the years. Ron Gibson [right] will continue in the Thriftway store as of Jan. 1, 1989. Pete Fisher, longtime owner will be leaving the business after 41 been for over 14 years.



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Thursday, December 8, 1988

Chamber meeting welcomes new members

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is having a membership meeting-breakfast this Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 a.m. in the Catholic Parish Hall. It is being sponsored by Hi-Plains Auto Supply, who along with Hi-Plains Conoco will celebrate their 30th year of being in business on Dec. 30

On the agenda for the meetings is the welcoming of new members and the installation of new officers and directors, and program planning for 1989 Chamber of

The directors whose terms expire Dec. 31 are Bill Pittman (past president), Scott Beedy, Stan Cobb and Mike Cudd. Mike Cudd has given six years of service to the Chamber of Commerce and Pittman, Beedy and Cobb have each served three years.

The new directors of the Chamber elected or appointed to serve for a three year term are Vance McGee, Kevin Bynum, Gina Davis and Helen Melton. Their terms begin Jan. 1. Elected as president of the Chamber in 1989 was Don Townsen, vice president, Jackie Pearson. Pearson will automatically move into the president slot for 1990.

60 new members have been added to the Chamber that will be welcomed at the breakfast meeting this Friday. These include Schneider Welding, Sparks Bros. Spraying, Watley Enterprises, Barb's Beauty Salon, B & M Automotive,

H & M Hot Oil Service, Gene &

Frances Cudd, S & L Feed & Seed, D & C Greenhouse, Shear Expressions, C & C Transmissions, Sam's Shoe Clinic;

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Crawford Motor Company, Inch By Inch, Dennis Nelson Appraisals, Uncle Ed's / Debbie's Day Care, Allen & Margie Alford,

Chuck Ball; Mark & Charlette Sheets, Toby & Sally Thomas, Mike & Michelle Davis, Bob & Claudine Hardy, Randy & Teresa Kirk, Lenis &

Holly Simpson; Burt & Lynell Williams, Garland & Virginia Head, Russ & Vickie Gibbs, Don & Gwen McLain, Johnny P. Vernon, Brett & Brenda Whitford, and Jessop's Services.

This brings membership of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce up to over 200 members.

Hospital fund underway, gains \$560 in donations

The annual Operation Christmas Greeting drive is underway. This is the only fund raiser of the year for the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and residents are asked to donate funds that they would normally spend on Christmas Cards. This money goes to needed equipment and furnishings for the Hansford Manor and the Hansford Hospital.

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary wish all of our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Raymond and Grace Kirk \$10. Doyle and June Jackson Gene and Frances Cudd 25 Willard and Jettie Davis Irvin and Betty Davis 100. Roy L. and Barbara McClellan 50.

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Hansford County feedlot noted for high tech ration management

The following story is being reprinted with the permission of The Livestock Journal of Amarillo, Tx., Texas Farm and Ranch News of San Antonio and Record

Spearman, TX- High-tech ration management has reached unprecedented levels at Spearman Cattle Feeders where computerized delivery systems have replaced scaletruck weighcards -- not a moving part in weighouts between the mill and the bunks except for the gears on the truck.

Total objective of the Spearman innovation is to get maximum uniformity in delivering all the feed to all of the cattle all of the time, not brimmed bunks in one pen and empty bunks in another. Or, as in scoop-shovel days of another time,

play "catchup" with more rations Baptist church presents musical on Sunday, Dec 11

The Christmas musical "Everlasting Light' will be presented Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church. The theme of the musical is Jesus Christ as the "everlasting light" of the world.

The musical represents Christmas as a celebration of God's light--Jesus--that has come into the world. The musical shows no matter how much darkness and disaster people have always had to deal with on a daily basis, Jesus is a light that no amount of darkness has ever been able to extinguish. As John 1:4-5 says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness.

The nativity portion of the musical will be dramatized with Bill Howell portraying Joseph, Kathye Archer as Mary, and Collin Gillaspie as the baby Jesus. One of the most moving moments of the evening will be provided by Joseph as he talks to the tiny baby about his role as Jesus' father and his realization that a time will come when he has to let Jesus go to do things he (Joseph) does not fully understand. The roles of the shepherds will be done by Billy Brown and Randy Kirk with Tony Fergu-son, Robert Queener, and Wayne Biggs portraying the wise men.

The public is warmly invited to this special Christmas musical presentation. A nursery will be provided for children ages 3 years and under.

the next feeding or "starveout" tomorrow. Though feedlot feedmills in the nation's Beef Belt have been continously upgraded through the years with computer technology, not much has happened at the delivery truck level except for new paint and new

But there's a new chapter now being recorded in feedlot management at Spearman Cattle Feeders as weighcards become historical remnants side-by-side with the old 10-key calculators. William F. Jessup, a longtime engineer in feedmill automation, has stepped from the mill to the trucks in a technical move to get more efficient delivery of feedstuff from the mill to the bunks-a little stretch of earth that has plagued commercial feedlot managers since the dawn of custom cattle feeding.

Office manager Bret Burgin at Spearman's 40,000-head complex prefers to call the computerized delivery system bunk manage-ment: "This new system really tightens down our feeding. We can now tell exactly what we've fed, how many pounds per head and at what time it was fed-in fact, we've got our feeding tightened down to a fraction of a pound per head per

Though the bottom line of this new weighout system is the end result of high-tech management, the system is fairly simple to

operate. "We've got the same truck drivers we've had for many years," said Burgin. "About all there is to remember is what order to hit the computer buttons and the computer does the rest."

Using the same scale trucks and the same feed processing system that had been used in the past, Jessup tied a portable computer system directly to the feed truck scales, with the computer programmed in sequence with routine feeding schedules. "When fully programmed, the computer will tell the truck driver anything he needs to know about a pen of cattle," said Jessup. "However, under this system, the truck driver doesn't need to know much about the cattle other than to make sure the pen number correlates with the computer pen number."

From that point, the computer takes over in tabulating the feed to the bunk-total automation at a computerized level. Each portable computer unit, which sets on the truck seat adjacent to the digital scale readout system, is equipped with a full keyboard, screen and printout attachment, all of which is no larger than a portable typewriter. When a feeding schedule has been completed, the truck driver delivers the portable computer to the feedlot office where it is plugged into a personal com-

See FEEDLOT, p. 3

Retail merchants sponsor Shop Spearman drawings

The Christmas Promotion sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants is in full swing. The theme for the promotion is "It pays to shop Spearman". A total of 32 merchants donated money or gift certificates to be given away in drawings. The first drawings were held Monday, Dec. 5, with three drawings each day held throughout the week. Beginning Monday, Dec. 12 four drawings a day will be held and continue until Dec. 23.

As of presstime of the Spearman Reporter, nine winners were announced in the drawings. The winners are as follows: Carla Riggins won a \$25 gift certificate from Hi-Plains Auto. Winnie Allen won a \$25 gift certificate from Gordon's Drug, Cindy Holton \$25 gift certificate from Hickerson

Marvella Taylor won a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of Wardrobe Cleaners that may be redeemed at any of the 32 participating merchants locations. Karl Smith won a \$25 gift certificate from Hickerson Jewelers and Lila Hergert a \$25 certificate from Spearman Rexall

Cecil Biggers won a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of Interstate Savings & Loan redeemable at any of the participating merchants locations. Sharon Black won a \$25 gift certificate from McClure Paint and Kathy McCown won a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at Horse

Creek Boutique. Winners will be announced in the Spearman Reporter and on the local news broadcast daily at

KRDF-FM.



Laura Mackie, president of the Servitors club, drawing the Servitors spensor an early Christmas

presented this turkey to Chester Slaten winner of a gift to some lucky winner.

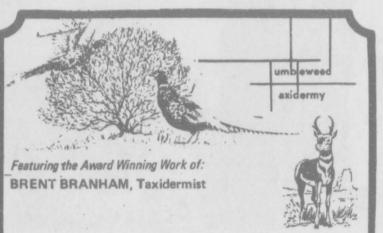
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R is for the right to plead insanity when your spouse says you are crazy to spend that much money on a gift for yourself.

I is for the icing spread on the brownies to cover up the part you

S is for the surgeon's bill for the frenzied activity of opening presents and sewing up paper cuts.

T is for terror you feel when your mother-in-law gives you a giftwrapped package that is ticking.

M is for the memory your mother has of your waist size as a medium and you are dumb enough to try to try to wear what she gives you.

A is for the aerobics you'll be needing because you nearly overdosed on candy canes, chocolate covered cherries, and fruitcake.

S is for the sympathy you'll have for all those people who are of some other religion...like Rotary. God bless 'em. And Merry

Christmas. While most major religions of

the world celebrate something at sometime of the year, it is surprising to find so little difference. It is the practice of gift-giving in honor of their belief of a supreme being. Whether it is Christmas, Hannukkah, or Hoopededoo (a strange cult in California), we get caught up in the spirit of love, peace, and brotherhood. We open our hearts and our pocketbooks to buy things that others probably wouldn't buy for themselves, in styles and colors they wouldn't be caught dead in...but that's the point. "You can't take it with you," they say. That ought to be some consolation for those over 50 who get a psychedelic tie or a chartreuse mini-skirt.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

May my voice be the voice of many concerned citizens of our community in regard to our programming on our cable system. Channel 13 commonly known as TBN is of great help to the lonely, the broken-hearted and shut-ins who have no means of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. TBN has 24 hour Christian programming and I would like to see it remain on Cable T.V.

May I say as Jesus said to his two disciples who were to go into the village to bring back the colt on which he would ride into the city proclaiming he was Jesus of Nazareth, King of Kings and Lord of Lords - "Tell them if they ask who needs the colt, Jesus hath need of it and they will send him." Likewise I say Jesus hath need of TBN to continue reaching out with the good news of Jesus. Please keep TBN on cable.

Carolyn Taylor

Honor band plays

Eight members of the Spearman High School band and two mem-bers of the Spearman Junior High band will travel to Goodwell this Friday, Dec. 9 to prepare for the Eleventh Annual Five States Honor Band concert.

The concert will be held in the Hughes-Strong Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at

Panhandle State University. On Friday, Dec. 9, clinician, William Wakefield, conductor of Symphonic Winds and associate director of Bands at the University of Oklahoma, will rehearse the high school band, and clinician, Dr. Terry Segress, associate professor of music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, will re-hearse the junior high band before concert on Saturday. They will also direct the bands in concert.

The bands were chosen through competitive auditions held on Nov. 12 in Hooker, Okla. Those making the high school honor band from Spearman were Beverly Burton, first chair alto clarinet, Karen England, second chair alto clarinet, Alfonzo Martinez, fifth chair trumpet;

James Macias, fourth chair see BAND, p.3

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It has been a great pleasure and honor to have made so many new friends here in Spearman and we willmiss the hugs and handshakes, but we won't be far away and look forward to seeing you in Perryton.

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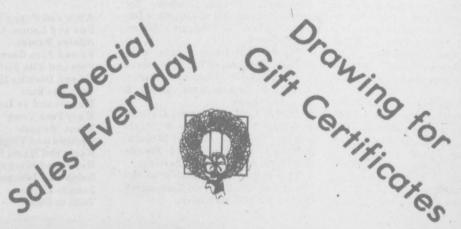
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WEEK, DEC 11-17

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(DWI) fatalities in rural areas in

However, 59 percent of all 1987

DWI-related fatalities still occurred

in rural areas, even though the

majority of the population lives in

Alma Fonseca, a home econo-

mist with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, has been work-

ing through a grant from the

National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration to develop alcohol

awareness and seat belt safety

Extension education programs for

"In rural areas, people attending

holiday parties are more likely to

be driving long distances and less

likely to have free taxi rides or

other prevention services avail-

"That means host, must be

more vigilant about making sure

each car has a designated driver

who is not drinking, or provide

overnight accommodations or rides

home for people who've had too

The National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration has declared

Dec. 11-17 as National Drunk and

Drugged Driving Awareness

Fonseca said rural residents can

become involved in drunk driving

prevention by joining in the educa-

tional activities of groups such as

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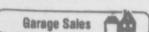
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puter system, and in a matter of a minute or two office personnel has complete data on a full feeding schedule-no weighcards to lose or scribbled mistakes to decipher... detailed tally on all rations delivered, including the time of delivery.

Burgin pointed out that in addition to having exact delivery and exact records of all feedstuff delivered from the mill to the bunks, the new system cuts office time to the minimum in processing a feed run. "That's the biggest help to me here in the office." said Burgin. "It cuts the hours for the office help and eliminates a lot of possible mistakes because you don't have to sit here and punch 300 feedcards-the office girls just punch a few buttons on the computer...we've got the personal computers (PC) tied directly to the main system with a cable.'

Burgin, who was born and reared near Muskogee, OK, came in as office manager of the Spearman operation shortly after graduating from Texas A&M in 1987. His working area-the officehas all the earmarks of a space age operation...computer keyboards and electronic think-tanks located at strategic points throughout the building which has an open-air atmosphere of half-partitions and glass-walled offices. The only 'enclosed'' rooms in the building were the restrooms and the conference room.

Owned by J.T. Morgan of Birmingham, AL, the sprawling feedlot is located just off Highway 15 about two miles northeast of Spearman where about 700 acres of wheat and milo country has been turned into rows of steel pens and concrete feeding bunks. In addition to the headquarters and towering feedmill, one area of the complex has been designated as a mobile home park for employees. The general manager is Gene McGlaun who rides herd on some 50 employees and some 40,000 cattle when the pens are stocked full.

In describing a step-by-step process of the new computer system, Burgin said the bunk reader (feed foreman) tells the computer what he wants fed at the beginning of a day. The truck driver then takes the programmed computer, which weighs only about nine pounds, and plugs it into the truck's 12-volt electrical system or runs it on it's own built-in power pack. Under their present feeding system, the cattle are fed at 6 a.m. 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the rate of about two pens per minute. Changes in any rations for the day are generally done between the first and second feedings. "It is just a matter of the truck driver reading and following the computer instructions," said Burgin. "The computer will tell the truck driver whether he has over-fed or under-fed in a margin that is less than a half pound per head per day. Our margin of error is less than one-third of a pound per head."

Jessup, who has built feed processing plants from the West Coast to mid-America, said the computer phase of his work gradually became a major facet of processing plants during the past decade ... electronic records became the last word from the front offices in custom cattle feeding.

"I had been looking at the different areas where computers could help in the feedyards-where they could better manage their time and employees more efficiently," said Jessup. "And one of these areas which appeared to have possibilities was at the feeding end-being able to keep the right amount of feed moving to the bunks on a timely basis without involving a lot of manual calculating.'

Working in a team effort with the feedyard's feed department, Jessup took the needs of the feed foreman and began to feed the data into the electronic box and then came the technical move of typing the computer into the trucks scales so that in layman's terms, the portable plastic rig would have two think tanks-one retaining all the ration data given by the feed foreman and the other retaining all the data fed from the truck scales, then blending the two from its memory bank into an accurate tabulation on the amount of feed fed and the kind of feed fed, plus giving an immediate margin of error, if any. Interfacing computers with scales was not new to Jessup. He had been through this electronic phase in building massive processing plants across the nation. In fact, prior to placing all of Spearman's feed trucks under the system, he had programmed the feedlot's incoming commodities under a similar system. As example, when an incoming grain truck moves on the scales,

the commodity clerk designates a contract number which in turn calls up the total contract on the screen, giving the type of grain to be delivered, how much and for what price, among other points of contract data. The final, or net weight of delivered commodity is immediately entered into the main system so that at the end of a working day, all delivered commodities, as with the delivered feedstuff at the bunk site, is completely tallied.

"When the office personnel checks out at the end of a day, every single item in this feedyard is completely up to date, both incoming and outgoing items," said Jessup. "We never have backlog of last minute keypunch business or leftover bookwork for the following day-we took the same principle being used with the commodity trucks and moved into the feedyard."

Jessup explained that simply put, he took everything the feed tabulation workers were doing by hand and programmed it into the computers. "They (office personnel) learned what the computer would do, then I learned what they were doing and then we kinda put it into a one-step process," said Jessup. "We are now depending a lot less on any one person doing any hand calculations. Our PCs have all the information necessary to feed the cattle and this data is loaded into the portable units...all of the feeding information in the end is in three computers."

Jessup noted that once all the feeding data is programmed in the portable computer, the small electronic rig is exceedingly versatile. A truck driver can stop feeding a block of pens as originally programmed, move to some other pen for an emergency dump and then return to the original schedule to finish out the block of pens.

The computer expert noted that a safety measure has been programmed in the computer in that if there should be a power shortage or failure in the truck or power pack, the computer automatically stops but retains all recorded information in its memory bank along with the printouts at the point of delivery. "We have hard copy along with the electronic data," said Jessup. The feedlot complex also has a power pack backup in the form of two giant generators that can crank out 900 kilowatts under full power of two CAT engines housed adjacent to the feedlot headquarters.

Born and reared at Jonesboro. AR, Jessup graduated from Arkansas State University in 1961 with a degree in animal husbandry. Through the years, he specialized in building feed processing plants, such as pelleting and cubing mills and specialty feedmills. During this time of his career, Jessup completed about 30 feed processing plants, with one of the largest being an alfalfa pellet mill at Moscow, KS. "Some of the processing plants were for poultry, but most for cattle feed and feedlot processing plants," said Jessup, in recalling some 20 years of work in the mill business. "I built one plant up near Alturas, CA, that would make both alfalfa cubes and pellets for export." The 600-horse power mill at Moscow was the largest pellet mill in the U.S. industry when it was completed in 1984. It was equipped to run totally by a computerized system.

pleted the Moscow plant and stopped in at the Spearman feedyard to see if they needed any type of engineering or computer work. "The owner of this feedlot said he wanted the cattle on computer when they came through the gate and wanted them to stay on there until they left," said Jessup. "Since the commodities involved the most money, we started there first to track the contracts in the receiving of the grain, then to the feed mill and now we have this system that tracks everything from the mill to the bunks. All of our computers are tied together in a network to an IBM 36 which is our main computer here in the office.

Jessup said he had just com-

"At the end of the day when they get through making feed, when the commodity man gets through buying commodities and the feed department gets through feeding cattle, all of that information is downloaded into this System 36 and by around 6:30 or 7 at night, this day is ended-you could close the door and walk away from this place and the books would be completely updated. Nobody keypunches anything other than those people who are doing work on the PCs."

He noted that the four girls. employed in the 40,000-head feedyard handle mostly accounts receivable and accounts payable

while pointing out the heavy workload carried by the computer

"Its not just the work hours saved by the system, but the fact is that the computer does a lot more detailed work than would be done if handled by hand," Jessup added. "All the information to and from the computer is handled right here in the office-nothing is fed in from some outside point."

Jessup said Spearman Cattle Feeders have copyrighted their entire feeding system-"And we have some people looking at getting a patent on it...we think this system is going to be the way of the industry in the future. A delay in management knowing exactly what is happening in the feedlots is too great a risk in these times of fastmoving markets and instant price changes in commodities."

He noted that office management can call up complete feedlot data at any point in a day, thus giving the head honchos immediate knowledge of operations from any point at any time. "We've got this thing down to a point that if we're feeding 700,000 pounds of feed a day, we get very concerned if there's more than 100 pounds total discrepancy from what is loaded at the mill and what is actually fed to the cattle," said Jessup, in showing there exact accounting of all feedstuff. "We make all drivers stay within a third of a pound per animal per day." Their basic ration is steam-flaked corn and milo, with most of the milo coming from local farmers. The grain is blended with alfalfa that may be pelleted or ground, depending on the market. all computers are solid-state systems with no moving parts in ny of the portable units that are arried in the trucks. Jessup said that in the beginning the computer printouts were compared regularly with weighcards to make sure the system was absolutely accurate. Following several months of double-checking the computers against the weighcards, the weighcard system was finally discarded in favor of the computerized system.

Jessup believes this computer system is another "first" in the custom cattle feeding industry-'We have a system that has been proven in the feedlot on a daily basis and now we're working on a similar computer system in cattle performance...but just can't discuss it at this time."

X-mas advice for parents of toddlers

This time of year the magazines are filled with pictures of clean, beautifully dressed, calm, smiling children happily playing with their Christmas toys.

That may be one reason why parents become frustrated or even angry when their children fuss, whine or misbehave during holiday celebrations.

"Young children will respond differently to Christmas activities depending on their age," said Dr. Sarah Anderson, a child development expert and mother of three.

Anderson, who is a family life specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University, suggested parents consider the following:

-Babies under 12 months can easily feel overwhelmed by too many toys, relatives or foods. Give the baby plenty of rest and time alone with you.

-Toddlers will be lovable and cute, but not too involved in Christmas. Some toddlers will be fearful of strangers, including visiting relatives. Child-proof your Christmas decorations, since toddlers will want to touch hot lights, pull on electrical cords and handle decorations that arouse their curiosity.

-Two-year-olds will be excited about the lights and decorations. They can't anticipate, so they can't wait to open gifts or eat the cookies and they may throw tantrums to prove it. Two-year-olds are just as likely to play with the box as the toy; inside and since they don't share well yet will often hit and grab

-Three-year-olds will love gifts, both the box and the gift inside. They're more likely to have a sunny disposition on Christmas and be able to play with other children. So getting together with relatives may be easier.

Anderson said that wherever a child is developmentally, parents should try to enjoy that stage and let it help determine family activities at holiday time.



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Among the Neighbors

by HELEN FISHER

Friends from all over the county gathered on Sunday afternoon to share in the conviviality of the 40th wedding anniversary reception for Margaret and Cecil Ralston.

It was held in Gruver at the First Christian Church and was hosted by the children of the couple.

Cecil and Margaret Reed were married in Spearman on December 4, 1948 and have lived in their rural home just east of Gruver, since their marriage.

They are lifelong residents of the area and their parents were early day settlers.

They are the parents of three sons, Alfred of Amarillo, Mike of Arlington, and Dan of near Spearman, and grandchildren Rex and Tisha, also of Spearman.

Callers were greeted by Cecil and Margaret, gracious and charming as the day she wed. The serving table was beautifully decorated and presided over by Penny, wife of Dan, and Shannon, wife of Mike. Tisha ably handled the guest book. The floral offerings bespoke of the high regard in which the couple is held.

Congratulations to Don and Wanda Smith. They were pleasantly surprised, actually amazed, one day this week when they were notified that their name had been drawn for a free trip to Hawaii.

It was awarded by V & K Marketing Systems and is an all expense paid trip, to be used any time within a year.

It was enough to propel Don out of the hospital where he had been several days; more effective cure than his pills...neither of them recall when nor the circumstances when their name was submitted.

The employees and owners of the Five Star Equipment Company enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Saturday.

In Amarillo they had dinner at the Japanese Steak House, then spent the night at the Fifth Season Motel.

Those attending were the Mr. and Mrs. Richie Thompsons, Steve Bentons, Gifford Bakers, Stephen Pooles, Ed Williamsons, Wayne Biggs, Lupe Renterias, and Alvin Byers, Adrian Garza and Les Leach.

Guests of the Russell Gibbs over the weekend were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Gibbs and his aunt, Nettie Grant, all of San Angelo. *****

The First State Bank entertained the Directors, Stockholders, employees and their spouses at their annual Christmas dinner and dance. It was held at the Perryton Country Club on Saturday evening, with 60 in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harbour are back from ten days in Colorado. Near Cortez, they visited in the home of their daughter, Ann and her family. From there they went to Chromo for an enjoyable stay with many old friends. The area was lovely with the newly-fallen snow and the elk coming down from the heights.

Elsewhere in this issue is the announcement of the sale of the Thriftway Grocery by R.C. and Alta Fisher-after 41 years.

Following the stunned expressions after this announcement comes the good-natured remarks:

"Now the shoe is on the other foot"; "The Worm Turns"; "The first time he checks out of a grocery store, he will go on a prolonged diet"; "A fool and his money are soon parted"; "I had to wait until I got to the Thriftway".

It is reported that once he overheard a customer remark that "God helps them that helps themselves" Pete called out, "Not in my supermarket."

It could be that Pete didn't care to wait to get to his greener pastures--only to find that he is too old to climb the fence!

Fortunately, Spearman will continue to be home for the Fishers. Alta's life will continue as a good neighbor, friend and church member.

As for Pete--all the neighbors will be interested in what a retired grocery merchant does--will it be mowing the lawn and puttering around with home repairs? Alta will hardly relish his supervision and advice on housekeeping!

Seriously, if a list were made of all his contributions in money and time on behalf of many civic and community efforts, the courtesies he has extended, his accommodations for the shut-ins and handicapped-his jovial, humorous responses in his contacts-Well, Pete might get an uneasy feeling that his eulogy was being rehearsed.

So from one Fisher to anotherwherever and whatever their retirements bring--The Best of Luck--and may their grocery carts never be empty!!

Scholarship bank available for students funds

Graduate, Undergraduate, and College-bound Students in need of supplemental funding for college are urged to write to the Scholarship Bank for information on private scholarship sources.

The Scholarship Bank is a non-profit foundation which works with private foundations, the U.S. Department of Education, and financial aid offices to assure that high school and college students already attending college receive information on private aid sources. Funds are normally awarded on such basis' as academic standing, major, financial need, and even on a students willingness to consider a special research project.

special research project.

It is estimated that over 500 million dollars in private aid money will be distributed next year, or roughly one-fourth of all available aid. Funds for Undergraduate students range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 per student, with most scholarships renewable yearly. Graduate level grants are also available with values up to \$25,000.

Students should send for this information by sending a stamped self-addressed (business size) envelope to The Scholarship Bank, 13941 East Amar Road, La Puente, CA 91746.

Club News

THE GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club officers and members extend thanks to the Spearman Reporter and KRDF for helping to let the general public know about the Country Store and Quilt Show.

The club also extends thanks to city officials for the use of the City Hall.

Also thanks to all the award winning ladies for showing their many beautiful and treasured quilts.

Last but certainly not least thanks to those who came out and made the day so perfect with the large attendance.

Congratulations to Joan Marsh for winning the \$25. door prize.

DAHLIA CLUB

The Christmas party for the Dahlia Flower Club was given in the Club Room.

President, Marjorie Curtis called the meeting to order. After the club collect and Pledge of Allegiance were given, the minutes of last meeting were read by Jewel Turner. Roll call was answered by "Christmas Plans."

A program was given by the president on Christmas Customs from the book of Christmas by Eleanor Adams.

Christmas refreshments were served by Sada Hoskins and Marjorie Curtis to the following members: Holly Riley, Jewel Turner, Sammie Bishop, Karen Babitzke, Ethel Ellsworth, Ora Sanders, Mabel Edwards, and Ruth Mary Whitson.

Longleys celebrate 50th anniversary

Kenneth and Zina Longley of Vici, Ok. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday Nov. 20 at the Nazarene Church in Vici.

The event was hosted by the children and friends of the couple. The Longleys lived in Spearman until 1967.
Children of the couple are Darrel

Longley of Elezibeth, Co.; Clifton Longley of Vici, Ok., and Geneva Babitzke of Higgins, Tx. The couple has five grandchildren and two great grand-

children.

The couple extends thanks to all their friends for coming to the event on such a cold snowy day.



You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower for Shonda Corley and Greg Odegaard Dec. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at 104 Wanda Dr. Given by friends

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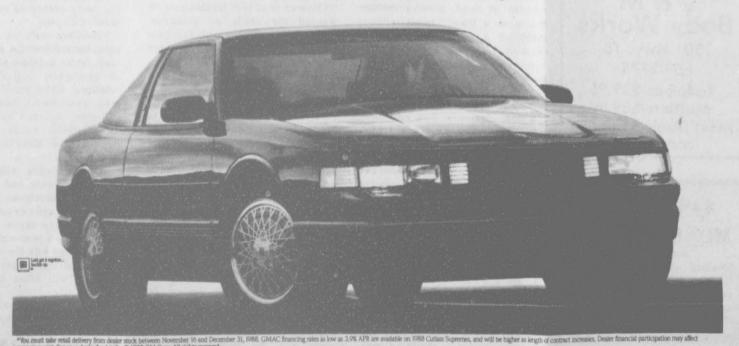
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