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Dear Friends at Binscarth:

It has been such a long time since we have heard from one another, and I am just certain that we are the culprits. We have been so very busy in getting our house in order, so to speak. We are filing, cataloguing and inventorying all of the Thurber goods and chattels.

My Uncle has finally retired as the Executive Director of the Southern Arizona International Livestock Association, Inc., after son, Harold, Jr. beat him into retirement. Harold retired last October at the respectable age of 65, and here was his Dad still going strong at age 86.

We are fortunate in having my Uncle's secretary with us to help with organizing the clutter and helping us to catch up with our long neglected correspondence.

My Uncle has had cataracts removed on both eyes, with lens implants that have been very successful. They seem to be doing fine. He is still carrying on "just like he had good sense."

My cousins, Harold and Budd, have both recently had serious heart attacks. Both underwent multiple by-pass operations years ago. My Uncle is very anxious to visit them, but the time is not quite right. His sister is being operated on today for cancer of the colon. We are awaiting a phone call for the results of her surgery.

Today, I re-read the lovely account of the celebration of your 50th wedding anniversary. Had Aunt Carrie lived three months longer, they would have celebrated their 65th anniversary.

In one of your letters, I read about your trip to England. It put in mind our trip of two years ago. We were house guests of the Viscount Lord Hereford. Some years ago, my Uncle purchased

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cattle from their herd, and other herds in Britian. While there, we attended the British Royal Show, which was fantastic. We also visited some of the many friends my Uncle has in that country.

In another letter, you mention the tremendous up-surge in exotic breeds of cattle. For years, I was unable to attend the livestock show, being fairly well confined ~~at~~ home to care for my Aunt. Consequently, I was out of touch, and was astonished with the changes in cattle breeding, conformation, grooming, etc. I'm still an old Hereford die-hard, and I really felt at home with the Hereford herds of England.

Since we no longer raise cattle, we are not as conscious of the grass growth. However, our near neighbors are in desperate plight for lack of moisture. We appear to be the hole in the donut, and see rains all around us. The surrounding country looks green and lush, however, the immediate vicinity does not look good.

As I mentioned before, my Uncle's secretary is helping us. I'm dictating this letter to her, at which I'm not very good. It seems that if I push my own pen, I do a better job of writing; however, I am so far behind that it is really great to have this service. I feel so important just sitting here talking away. If this letter is incoherent, it is because of my rambling thoughts, and not because of the efficient gal who typed it up for me.

We think of you often, and our nice visit with Jessie^{her} and friend, and your son Bob and his wife, Ivy. Please continue to remember that our mat reads "WELCOME" for the Turnbull family. We would enjoy having you anytime.

We hope all is going well with all of you, and when time permits, you will update us once again on the happenings in your part of the world. Please forgive us for being so lax in responding to your kind letters.

Our very best wishes and kind regards to you all.

As ever --


Dorothy Fisher

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Art Grasberger, The Arizona Daily Star

Harold Thurber: "I made up my mind never to be without grass again"

'Mr. Hereford' came ashore, but hasn't missed the boat

By Ernie Heltsley
The Arizona Daily Star

But for a little good luck, Harold Thurber might still be sailing around Long Island as a yacht captain.

The dreamers might say it was bad luck that forced him to quit such a job at age 21.

But today, at age 86 after nearly 65 years as a cattle rancher whom many Arizonans know as "Mr. Hereford," Thurber has no regrets.

"I guess that's the way the Lord intended it. I couldn't live there (New York), with the moisture and dampness," Thurber said in a recent interview.

He wore a bola tie bearing the initials TIK, which was his "sale brand," or brand for cattle he planned to sell. He also had a brand LV, for those he planned to hold onto.

While he conquered his tuberculosis, he earned the unofficial title "Mr. Hereford" by raising registered, prize-winning cattle on his sprawling 10,000-acre Thurber Hereford Ranch at Greaterville, south of Tucson.

Although Thurber didn't "want to talk about" retiring, he has a rigorous schedule that would tax a younger man.

Thurber commutes 100 miles

home, adjacent to the ranch, to work in Tucson.

A few weeks ago he renewed his driver's license, which allows him to drive until age 89, or longer.

This week he's working 12-hour days and more in overseeing the 48th annual Southern Arizona International Livestock Show.

The show runs today through Sunday.

He has been general manager for the show's sponsor, the Southern Arizona International Livestock Association Inc., since soon after he sold his ranch in 1970.

It saddens him, he said, to watch real-estate subdividing of the ranch after he "worked like hell building it up."

The name of the ranch has been changed to add a real-estate sales ring: Singing Valley Ranch.

Of the 10,000 acres, he owned 1,600 acres outright and leased the rest from the state and federal governments.

He said he recalled grass in the Sonoita grasslands nearly as high as a car in wet years and before the cattle got to it.

Thurber, who regards himself as a conservationist with an appreciation of the land, confessed to overgrazing a bit when he got

He declined to say how many head of cattle he had then, but said he had them on expensive feed for a long time because of drought.

"I had overgrazed, I'll be honest with you, and had nothing else to do but get rid of the cattle."

He learned a lesson because of a combination of lack of feed and grazing, and high medical bills to pay that year (his wife, Carrie, fell ill, but lived until 1980).

Some of Thurber's accomplishments include:

- Serving 24 years on the State Fair Commission, appointed first by Gov. Sidney Osborn in the 1940s.

- Being the founding president of Catalina Savings and Loan Association, which was sold in 1980 to New York billionaire Daniel K. Ludwig for \$26.5 million. The third-largest Tucson-based thrift was merged into Ludwig's Southwest Savings and Loan in 1982.

- Helping negotiate the donation of Rillito Downs race track to Pima County by the Jacobs family of Buffalo, N.Y., in 1971.

- Helping the Southern Arizona International Livestock Association buy 640 acres of state land in the 1960s to donate in turn to Pima County, to add to a package including neighboring properties, to relocate the county fairgrounds from South Sixth Avenue

Stock show set to put on dog

By Joe Watt
The Arizona Daily Star

The Southern Arizona International Livestock Association Show and Sale gets under way today at the Pima County Fairgrounds, and some of the animals are real dogs.

Not "dogs" as in a collection of mangy critters. But real dogs — border collies, some of the most skilled dogs in the world.

As in years past, the collies and their handlers will display their prowess at herding sheep around a course on the polo field at the fair site on South Houghton Road.

This year's contest, the Fifth International Stock Dog Classic, will feature 45 contestants from the United States and two that are flying in from Great Britain for the competition.

One of them is Raymond MacPherson, a dog handler who has been honored by Queen Elizabeth II and was featured in a television series broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp.

Local organizers don't know much about the other British entrant, Mervin Williams, but they gauge him a top competitor.

The herding contest is only one event in the five-day stock show, which ends Sunday. The traditional events that have attracted fans since the show started in 1935 — including cattle and horse contests — also are scheduled.

"This is the biggest one we've ever had," said Harold B. Thurber, general manager of the show. "It'll be a good one."

In all, about 1,500 head of cattle and horses will be on display and in contests, Thurber said yesterday.

There is no admission fee, and parking is free.

The schedule of events for the livestock show:

Today: 9 a.m. — cutting-horse contest, arena; 4 p.m. — junior carcass contest weigh-in, livestock barn; 5 p.m. — junior carcass live weight judging, livestock barn; 6 p.m. — weigh-in of sale bulls, livestock barn.

Tomorrow: 8 a.m. — judging of all pen classes,

livestock barn; 8:30 a.m. — cattle short-course registration, Thurber Hall; 9 a.m. — grading of sale bulls, livestock barn; 9 a.m. — cutting-horse contest, arena; 9:30 a.m. — cattle short course, Thurber Hall; 10:30 a.m. — Hereford halter judging, livestock barn; 1:30 p.m. — Brangus halter judging, livestock barn; 4 p.m. — Santa Gertrudis halter judging, livestock barn.

Friday: 8 a.m. — Angus halter judging, livestock barn; 9 a.m. — cutting-horse contest, arena; 11 a.m. — Simmental halter judging, livestock barn; noon — International Stock Dog Classic — junior division, polo field; 1:30 p.m. — Southwest Bull Classic sale, livestock barn; 5 p.m. — junior market lamb and steer weigh-in, livestock barn; 6 p.m. — select Brangus heifer sale, Thurber Hall.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. — International Stock Dog Classic — senior division trials, polo field; 7:30 a.m. — Appaloosa horse show, arena; 7:30 a.m. — paint horse show, arena; 8 a.m. — quarter horse show, arena; 8 a.m. — Charolais halter judging, livestock barn; 9 a.m. — Arabian horse show, arena; 9 a.m. — junior livestock-judging registration, livestock barn; 10 a.m. — Brahma halter judging, livestock barn; 10 a.m. — Screening of horses for sale, horse barn.

And, 1:30 p.m. — Limousin halter judging, livestock barn; 2 p.m. — junior livestock-judging contest awards, livestock barn; 3:30 p.m. — junior market lamb judging; 3:30 p.m. — Texas Longhorn judging, livestock barn; 4:30 p.m. — Limousin cocktail hour, clubhouse; 6 p.m. — Limousin heifer sale, Thurber Hall; 6 p.m. — Southwest Horse Classic happy hour, clubhouse; 7 p.m. — Southwest All Breeds Horse Classic Sale, livestock barn.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. — Appaloosa horse show, arena; 7:30 a.m. — paint horse show, arena; 8 a.m. — junior heifer division judging, livestock barn; 8 a.m. — quarter horse show, arena; 9 a.m. — Arabian horse show, arena; 10 a.m. — junior market steer judging, livestock barn; 11 a.m. — International Stock Dog Classic — finals, polo field; 11:30 a.m. — junior scholarship presentation, livestock barn; 11:30 a.m. — junior carcass sale, livestock barn.

And, noon — junior showmanship classes, livestock barn; 1 p.m. — barrel racing, arena; 1 p.m. — Arabian championship classes, arena; 4 p.m. — cattle released, livestock barn.

Rancher Thurber honored by neighbors at testimonial

By Patti Borden
International Correspondent

SONOITA — A large crowd gathered at the Casa Maria Restaurant here April 19 to honor well known cattle rancher, Harold B. Thurber.

Seated at the guest of honor's table with Thurber were George Yakobian, Sonoita Financial Services; Dorothy Fisher, Thurber's niece; Hope Fillman, next-door neighbor; and long-time well-wisher Ollie Hammond.

During the gala dinner, Thurber was toasted and roasted by fellow cattlemen Wag Schorr, Ted Knipe, Bill Brophy and Tom Hunt.

George Yakobian presented "H.B." with a framed Testimonial Tribute which had been signed by all the honored guests.

Born before the turn of the century in Bay Island, N.Y., Thurber turned 85 last Feb. 28.

His father was a shipbuilder, and H.B.'s youth was filled with a love for the sea. He had every intention of following in his father's footsteps until he developed lung problems after capsizing in a lifeboat during a

rescue mission near Fire Island while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.

The damp, cold New York climate did not agree with his ongoing consumptive condition, and New York's loss was destined to become Arizona's gain.

H.B. first saw Tucson in 1921, when the population was less than 30,000. He was en route to California, but after trying out that state for a while he decided he liked the Southern Arizona climate and the idea of cattle ranching.

So H.B. returned to Arizona and started learning his new trade at what is now the Oak Bar Ranch between Nogales and Patagonia. He sold the ranch to Roy Sorrells in 1928 and started accumulating property just a few miles north of Sonoita.

This venture evolved into the Thurber-Hereford Ranch, which became nationally known for its outstanding cattle. Thurber ranched the spread from 1930 until he sold most of it in 1969.

He kept a parcel of it and built a new home where he, his wife Carolyn, and his niece, Dorothy Fisher, moved in 1971. Carolyn died in 1980, leaving the new Thurber tradition to be



Photo by J-B Borden

Thurber (right) gets tribute from Yakobian

carried on by H.B., his three sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

All three sons, Harold Jr., Walter (Budd) and Seymour (Sam) have been successful in the livestock business. Harold Jr. is about to retire, leaving his "old man" going strong. H.B. is presently the executive director of Southern Arizona International Livestock Inc. He commutes daily to his office in Tucson.

H.B. has already added the testimonial presentation and an oil seascape painting he received to his collection of achievements, awards, photographic gallery and other memorabilia which is housed in a huge wing of the home. The momentos include a ship captain's wheel and a ship's clock to remind H.B. of his earlier seafaring days.

A collection of a different sort was

displayed at a recent dinner party where the meal was served on a complete dinner service of Von Lengerke and Antoine handpainted china displaying two of Thurber's favorite bulls.

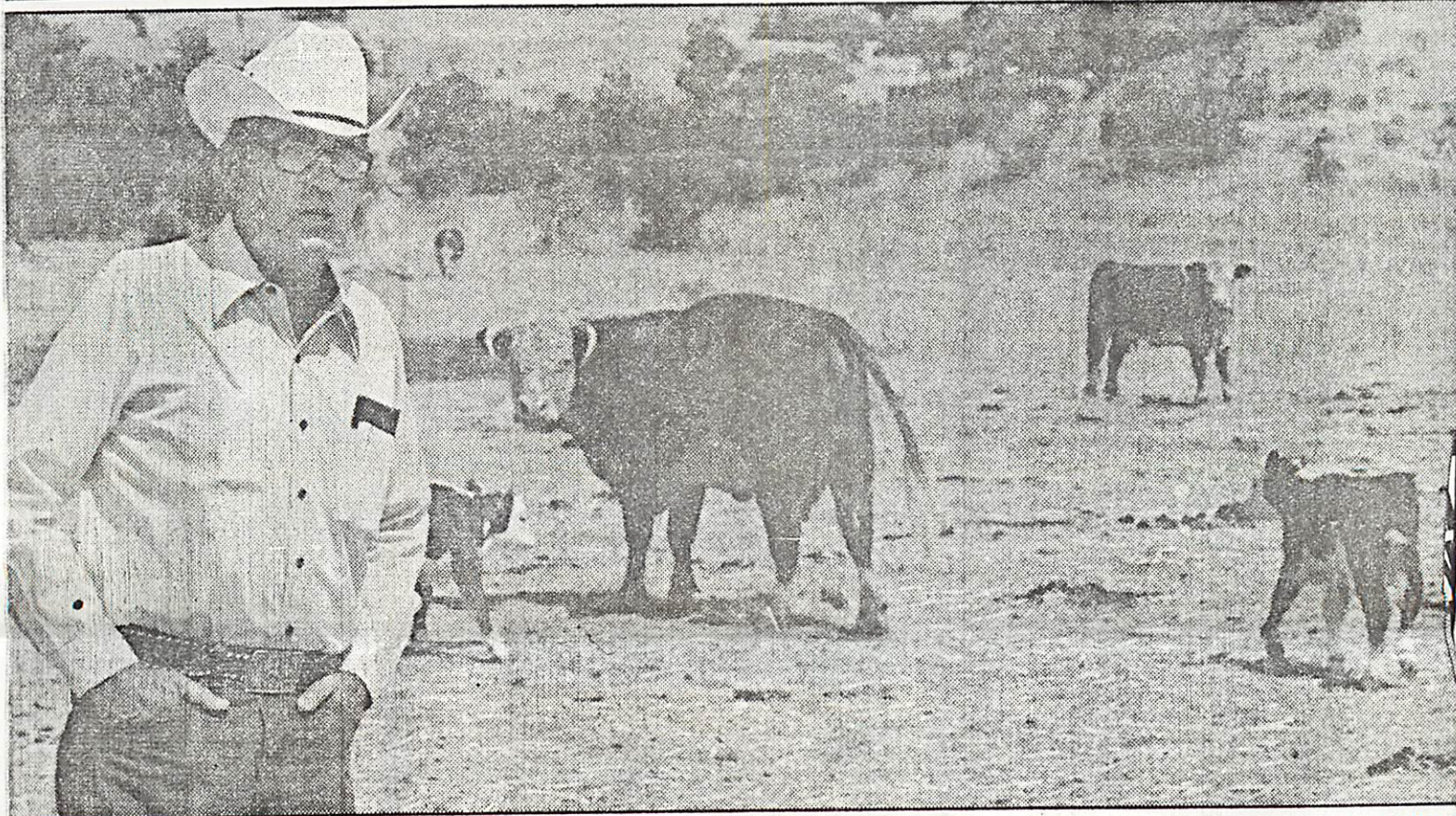
H.B. speaks of his years as president of the board of the Pima County Fair, the years on the Arizona State Fair Commission. He talks of his pride in being a charter member of the Patagonia-Sonoita Rotary Club, founded in September 1963. He has maintained a perfect attendance record since that first day as well.

He is soon to be the first member of his chapter to receive the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International for promoting needy causes throughout the world.

Our community salutes Harold B. Thurber. The world can learn a lot from such men as he.

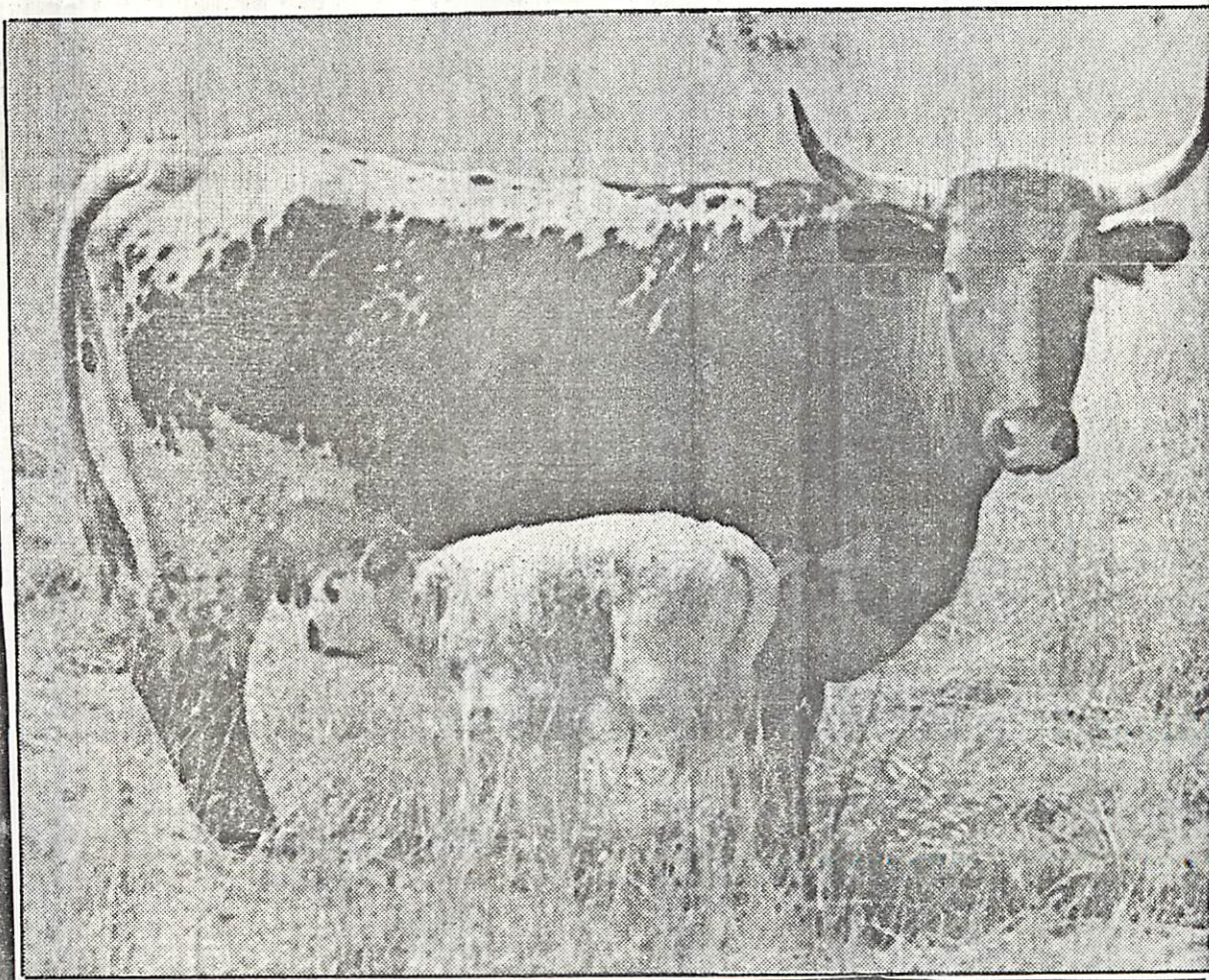
Shaper of modern Tejon Ranch operations to retire

Thurber completes 23-year reign as head of large cattle business



Staff Photos By Alan Fergus

Ed Thurber, above, observes registered Longhorns brought to Tejon Ranch. Below are Longhorns bred by ranch. Bull calves are raised for breeding with commercial heifers.



By BOB COX
Staff Writer

An eastern journalist once described the Tejon Ranch as "the most magnificent estate in a single hand in America."

Harold Thurber would have no argument with that statement.

Another chapter in the long and colorful history of the Tejon Ranch is drawing to a close as Thurber prepares to retire after 23 years at the helm of one of the largest cattle-ranching operations in California and the nation.

It has been a good chapter, according to Tejon Ranch Co. President Calvin O. Walters Jr.

"Harold has been of tremendous service to the Tejon Ranch," Walters said. "He came here and started one of the finest cattle operations in the country."

Thurber and his wife of almost 40 years, Betty, will leave the ranch later this year and move to Grass Valley, marking an end to the long-standing affiliation the two have had with Kern County agriculture. The move won't be without some reluctance.

"It's been a tremendous company to work with," said Thurber, vice president and general manager of livestock operations for the company, who is the son of an Arizona rancher.

"We're going to miss it," said Mrs. Thurber. "It's a lovely place to live. The ranch has been extremely good to us in many ways."

Today, the Tejon Ranch Co. has some 14,000 head of its own cattle grazing on the 250,000-plus acres the ranch occupies, the bulk of it in Kern County. But when Thurber arrived in September of 1959, the Tejon Ranch Co. wasn't even in the cattle business. The ranch and farm lands were leased to other operators.

"My original job was writing both farm and range leases," recalls Thurber. Another longtime Kern cattleman, Leonard Bidart, leased much of the grazing land and numerous farmers earned their living tilling the soil of the Tejon lands.

"A lot of the good farmers in the Arvin area today are former tenants," said Thurber.

Shortly after he went to work for Tejon, Thurber was told to get the company back in the cattle business. He found the Tejon brand, the origins of which have been traced to the 13th century in Spain, had not been registered for use in years. Fortunately, however, the brand

had not been claimed by another ranch.

Today the Tejon brand, the Cross and Crescent, adorns a commercial cow herd numbering approximately 6,000, their offspring and small breeding herds of Hereford and longhorn cattle.

The Thurbers have been active in the county and state beef industry during their long association with the Tejon Ranch. Thurber is a past president of the Kern County Cattlemen's Association, has served as a director of it for 22 years and has been a director of the California Cattlemen's Association. Mrs. Thurber has been a member of the Kern County CowBelles and served as a vice president of the state CowBelles.

The two local groups honored the Thurbers at a barbecue held at the Tejon Ranch last week.

Thurber has left his mark on the ranch and its cattle. The Tejon Ranch was always a Hereford ranch — and, primarily, still is. When Thurber came aboard in 1959, Louis H. Rochford was president of the company and he was a Hereford man.

"They had to be Herefords," Thurber recalled. "He (Rochford) loved them and believed in them."

And while the company dropped its registered Hereford program for a number of years, the red, white-faced breed was the backbone of the commercial cattle operation. Then Thurber decided the herd could use a little diversification and brought in Red Brangus bulls to add the hardy traits characteristic of the Brahman breed.

Thurber said that decision met with some raised eyebrows, but "I knew it could be done," believing the move would improve the quality of the Tejon cattle.

A similar decision about 10 years ago was met with equal skepticism. Thurber brought in Texas Longhorn bulls to mate with young heifers that had never been bred before. It's an increasingly common practice now, but was almost unheard of then.

"When we brought in the Longhorns I think we were the first to do it on a large scale," Thurber said.

But, he added, the logic was clear. The first-time mothers, not yet fully matured, were less likely to encounter problems giving birth, which meant more live calves and revenue to the ranch.

The ranch now maintains a small, registered Longhorn herd to see Thurber — page C4

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produce its own young bulls for breeding the first-calf commercial heifers.

Thurber has traveled across most of the country buying and selling cattle for the Tejon Ranch. He says his successor, Matt Echeverria, manager of cattle operations, will be operating in a much different, tougher, more-businesslike industry.

When he began working for Tejon 23 years ago, Thurber said cattlemen weren't as informed about up-to-the-minute market conditions. They lacked a lot of current information

on which to base their decisions. With modern communications technology, he says, that has changed.

"It was easier to make a trade. The rancher didn't have the information you had because he was isolated. Now those people are every bit as smart, as informed, as you are, if not smarter."

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March 3, 1984

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Dear Norman and Grace:

Thanks for your very interesting letter of February 8th. It is good to know that apparently, things have settled down for you, and are going along pretty much in the usual way. I will not try to answer and comment on most of the items in your letter, but both Dorothy and I sincerely enjoyed all of it.

I note that you feel you will be able to accept our invitation to visit us here at our home, and that you would try for late September or early October. We will put this on our calendar, and do hope you will be able to have a few days to stop by and pay us a visit.

I have joined, as an overseas member of the British Royal Agricultural Society. Hopefully, Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I can make it to visit their show this year. I enjoy the show very much, and the people are most cordial and interesting.

We have had a little upset in the family in losing a sister of mine, who has lived in Tucson for 20 years. We had to make arrangements for another sister, who lived with her, so we have had many items to care for of late.

Again, both Dorothy and I enjoyed your letter very, very much. We will leave the exact date for your visit to you, but drop us a line when you feel you can make the date definite. I did want to get this note off to you and let you know how much we would appreciate a visit from you, and to assure you that the dates you suggested would be good. In the meantime, take care of yourselves, and have a good springtime and summer.

Dorothy joins me in sending Christian love and best wishes to the two of you.

Ever sincerely,

Harold Thurber

HT:ct

July 5
1980

Dear Friends,

This is a hasty note to tell you that "Granma" Carrie departed from this earthly life on the 14th of June.

Please excuse the brevity of this message as we are busy acknowledging the many floral tributes and contributions in her memory, to our church and other organ-

izations.

We hope that this
finds you and yours
well and happy.

With Christian Love,
W.B. and Dorothy

Have not heard from you in some
time, we trust all is well and
you will come see us, this
invite also includes your family.

Had and say here not much
sign of rain to date.

Am very Best to all of you -

Sincerely
Harold Thurber

IN MEMORY OF CARRIE THURBER

SHE'S LIVING WITH JESUS NOW
NO PAIN FURROWS HER BROW
HER LIFE NOW'S BRAND NEW
SHE'S LIVING WITH YOU--
YES, LIVING WITH JESUS NOW.

REJOICE THAT ALL PAIN HAS GONE
A NEW SOUL, NEW BODY SHE'S WON
SHE'S JUST FLOWN AWAY,
WITH JESUS TODAY, AND
SHE'S LIVING WITH JESUS NOW.

COME TO ME, AND I'LL GIVE YOU REST
SPOKE OUR SAVIOR TO THE CHILDREN HE BLEST
HIS HEAVENLY THRONG, NOW SINGS A NEW SONG,
CAUSE SHE'S LIVING WITH JESUS NOW.

DRY ALL YOUR TEARS AND REJOICE
THE LORD ALWAYS MAKES THE RIGHT CHOICE
FREE OF LIFE'S CHAINS--RE-BORN AGAIN,
SHE'S LIVING WITH JESUS NOW.

BY: HER GRANDDAUGHTER

JUDITH THURBER RASMUSSEN

-- June 14, 1980

Carrie Thurber, 85, dies

Carrie F. Thurber, wife of prominent Arizona cattlemen Harold Thurber, died of heart failure on Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was 85.

The Thurbers were married on Sept. 23, 1915, in Bronxville, N.Y., and came to Tucson in 1921 for Harold's health.

During a long career, they established a prized purebred Hereford herd at their ranch in Greaterville, near Sonoita, where they maintained a home after Harold retired from ranching in 1969.

Mrs. Thurber was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was active in the Patagonia Community Church.

Her husband helped to found the Southern Arizona International Livestock Association.

She is survived by her

husband; a sister, Lillian Clark of New York City; three sons, Harold E. Thurber of Ft. Tejon, Calif., Walter R. Thurber of Hereford, Tex., and Seymour W. Thurber of Cottonwood, Calif., seven grandchildren and seven

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Bring's Memorial Chapel. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Patagonia Community Church. Burial will be at South Lawn Cemetery.

Carrie Thurber dies at age 85

Carrie F. Thurber, wife of Southern Arizona cattleman and civic leader Harold Thurber, died Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was 85.

The cause of death was not available.

The Thurbers were married Sept. 13, 1915, in Bronxville, N.Y., and came to Arizona in 1922 for his health.

They bought a ranch near Greaterville and over the years raised a herd of prize Herefords. In 1969 they sold the ranch and built a home in Sonoita.

Mrs. Thurber was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mariposa Chapter No. 31. She was also a member of the Tucson, state and national chapters of the Cowbells and the Patagonia Community Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, a sister, a niece, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Bring's Memorial Chapel. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Patagonia Community Church.

THURBER, Carrie F., 85, died June 14, 1980. Wife of Harold B. Thurber; mother of Harold E., Walter R. and Seymour W. Thurber; sister of Lillian Clark; aunt of Dorothy Fisher; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services 2 p.m., Wed., June 18 at **BRING'S MEMORIAL CHAPEL**, Rev. Steven Lady officiating. Entombment will be in Tucson Memorial Park, South Lawn Mausoleum. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Thurs., June 19 at Patagonia Community Church, with Rev. Steven Lady officiating. Mrs. Thurber was a member of Patagonia Community Church, Tucson, State and National CowBelles, Patagonia Womens Club and was a 50 year member of Mariposa Chapter #31 OES. Pallbearers will be Harold E. Thurber, Walter R. Thurber, Seymour W. Thurber, John H. Thurber, Col. John Ferris, and Charles Cochran. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m., Tues., June 17 at **BRING'S MEMORIAL CHAPEL**, 236 S. Scott.

*In answer
to mine of October 84*

Nov. 3/84
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Dear Norman & Grace;

What a pleasure it was to receive your nice long newsy letter, a little disappointment that you won't be able to make it down this Winter, we were looking forward to showing you around Tucson.

I was keeping my fingers crossed and hoping Ivy and the boys would get the crop off, it looked so good when we were there and would have been such a disappointment for the boys (Ivy too of course); there are so many things that can go wrong.

The crops around Rockglen were very poor, Walter combined one field before we left and it only went about 5 bushels to the acre, he had crop insurance which will about cover costs I guess.

You mentioned Vi in your letter and that she grew up at Strathclair, Edna and I used to go to Strathclair to visit her cousin Merle & Elwood McCutcheon, Elwood ran the Pioneer elevator at Glossip, (just East of Strathclair) he has passed away now and Merle lives in Strathclair.

It was good to hear that you had heavy rains this Fall, it will be a start for the crops next Spring.

Winnie & I spent a month at her Sisters place in Rockglen before coming back to Tucson, I like helping Walter around the garage and there is always harvesting machinery to repair, this year I built a patio deck at the back of their house.

Sept. was fairly hot and humid (as usual) but for the past month the weather has been ideal, we play tennis almost every morning and golf every Monday morning with our friends here from Nebraska.

I guess you know that I am a kind of exercise nut and go to the health spa three days a week to work out and swim etc., we also play a lot of cards in the park here so we keep very busy.

I know what you mean when you say so many people are dining out, it is the same here, they say it is just as cheap to eat out, I would rather eat at home although we do go out perhaps once a week, more for the company of friends, and Winnie does enjoy a change.

I can still hardly believe that Bob is gone, I always thought he might end up in politics 'as you did' and do the country some good; however I'm sure he left his mark in the community and will be missed so much more than 'just ordinary people'. His good qualities surely rubbed off from you and Grace and it is to be hoped his family will carry them on.

I realize how hard it is for Ivy to write and I do appreciate you writing with all the family news, I hope Ivy enjoys her trip this Winter 'I'm sure she will'; give her our best for now and I'll be writing to her at Xmas time.

If things change and you are able to make the trip down, we would be so happy to have you come.

Best wishes to you all.

Jane & Winnie 2

