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and later sold interests in several relatively small broadcasting properties before undertaking a leveraged buyout of McCall Pattern in 1984.

TLC and senior members of McCall management acquired the sewing pattern company from Esmark Inc. for \$1 million in cash and \$23.5 million in debt.

During the two years TLC owned the company Lewis became actively involved in its management. He recognized that although home sewing had been declining as more women entered the work force, McCall had

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and retail distribution of foods and household products that include Tropicana juices, Peter Pan peanut butter and Orville Redenbacher popcorn.

Grant said TLC also seeks companies where it can play an active management role, studying its operations to determine changes needed to bring out the greatest value of its businesses. In this respect, Grant and others said Lewis had been a key element in TLC's ability to suceed with McCall Pattern and to bring off the

Beatrice International deal.

Some investors might be more investors or deal guys, but I'd characterize him as an active investor," Grant said of Lewis.

"... He's somebody who really likes to get involved in situations, get his hands dirty."

Lewis was said to be traveling in Europe and unavailable for comment.

Grant said Lewis' strength was his financial creativity, a talent he believed would be used widely

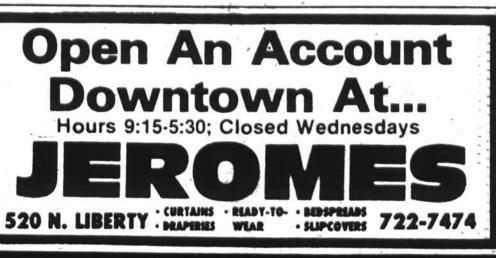
in directing Beatrice- International's far-flung operations.

But although he characterizes Lewis as the driving force in TLC, and notes Lewis will be involved heavily in Beatrice International, Grant does not believe the latest acquisition will hinder further dealmaking.

"He definitely has the capacity, and the group has the capacity, of doing other transactions," Grant said. "We're looking at other situations now, as we always are."

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lock on her door trying to break in. A Boonc, N.C. native, Parks purchased her home in January and moved in in March. She has been a flight attendant with Piedmont since 1985.

