

Store Reports Record Earnings

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., a discount store chain operating 911 stores in a 20 state area, ranging as far north as Pennsylvania, south to Florida and west to Texas, today reported the highest third quarter and fiscal nine-month sales and earnings in the Company's twenty-six year history. For the third quarter ended May 31, 1985, sales were \$102,857,099, or approximately 24% above sales of \$82,851,575 for the third quarter of the prior fiscal year. Net income was \$7,048,423, or approximately 25% above net income of \$5,637,740 for the comparable quarter, and net income per share, adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split effective February 7, 1985, increased to \$.25 from \$.20.

For the nine months ended May 31, 1985, sales were \$307,231,739, or approximately 22% above sales of \$251,596,591 for the first nine months of the prior fiscal year. Net income was \$21,156,215, or approximately 22% above net income of \$17,330,407 for the comparable nine-month period, and net income per share, adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split effective February 7, 1985, increased to \$.74 from \$.61.

Leon Levine, Chairman of the Company, noted that the third quarter operating results marked Family Dollar's 40th consecutive quarter of record sales and earnings on a comparable basis. He attributed the sales gains in the third quarter and the nine months ended May 31, 1985, to sales in new stores opened in the Company's con-

tinuing store expansion program and to increased sales in existing stores. Sales in new stores included sales in 38 stores opened during the third quarter, including the first stores in New Jersey, Delaware, Indiana and Missouri, and 133 stores opened during the nine months ended May 31, 1985. At the beginning of the first and third quarters of the current fiscal year, Family Dollar was operating 765 and 860 stores, respectively, compared to 635 and 713 stores in operation at the beginning of the first and third quarters of the prior fiscal year. Sales in existing stores increased approximately 4.5% in the third quarter and approximately 3.5% in the nine months ended May 31, 1985.

In commenting on sales subsequent to the end of the third quarter, Lewis E. Levine, President of the Company, stated that while total sales increased in the month of June 1985 as a result of the continuing store expansion program, sales in existing stores were down from sales in June 1984. Levine added that preliminary sales results for the first week in July this year had shown an improvement from the June sales levels and sales in existing stores in the first week of July were slightly higher than in the first week of July 1984.

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., currently operates 911 discount stores located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Ken-

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finally, to be crucified with Christ means you have no future plans of your own. Before God empowers us, we must be crucified to the world and with Christ. Then we will, **PASS IT ON!!!**

Next, there was the commissioning. (V. 21) "Christian began as a company of lay witnesses, but now it has become a professional pulpitism financed by lay spectators," is how Vance Havner reviews our situation today. "Too many churches hire a preacher to do their work for them and then come on Sunday and watch him

perform," is how Leighton Ford describes the attitudes of many churches. Jesus never intended for His marching orders to reach only the few, it was a commission to every born again believer. The same blood that signed our pardon at Calvary, signs our commission in the upper-room of dedication.

But, one thing remained. (V. 22) "He breathed on them, and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost." One may have peace with God, be crucified with Christ and be aware of his personal commission, and yet not be ready to—**PASS IT ON!!!**

The disciples had walked with Jesus for three years, sat at His feet to hear His teachings, were witnesses of His resurrection, and yet, they were behind closed doors for fear. Something was lacking, it was the power of God!!!

Today we emphasize many things, education, training, ability, personality, appearance and often times forget the great essential, the infilling of the Holy Spirit. But before we can pass it on, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Here is what we need today, a fresh experience with the risen Lord—it is only when we go in His power that we can truly—**PASS IT ON!!!**

Buckeye Gets Defense Contract

The Buckeye Fire Equipment Co., 102 Industrial Drive, of Kings Mountain, has received a contract totaling \$172,935 from the Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC) in Columbus, Ohio. The small business will provide fire extinguishers to U.S. military units around the world.

With an inventory of over 413,000 items, the Center last year bought over \$966 million worth of items that ranged from lumber and wood products to plumbing accessories such as pipe, pumps, valves and fittings. Repair parts are purchased for vehicles as simple as commercial trucks and sedans and as complex as military aircraft, ships and submarines. DCSC also buys such major end items as tractors, cranes, road machinery, forklifts, and mechanized materials handling equipment. DCSC is a field installation of the Defense Logistics Agency, Washington, D.C.

Free Workshop Is Scheduled

The Cleveland County Memorial Library and the Broad River Genealogical Society are sponsoring a free workshop for beginning genealogists on August 10. The title of the workshop is "Climb Your Family Tree". This workshop will be held at the Cleveland County Memorial Library and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m. Advance registration is required. Anyone wishing to register or obtain more information should call 487-9069.

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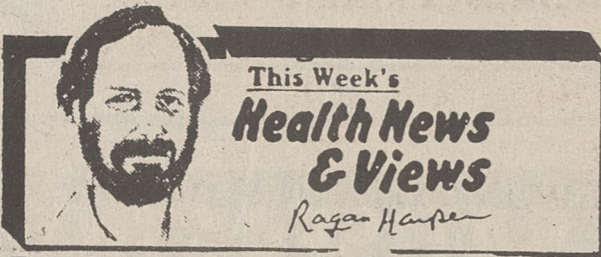
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 Roger Harper

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