

Family Dollar Reports Second Quarter Earnings

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., a discount store chain operating 1,045 stores in a 22 state area ranging as far north as Pennsylvania and Ohio, south to Florida and west to Texas and Oklahoma, today reported the highest sales and earnings for any second quarter and fiscal six-month period in the Company's history. For the second quarter ended February 28, 1986, sales were \$132,996,711, or approximately 19.5 percent above sales of \$111,261,857 for the second quarter of the prior fiscal year. Net income was \$8,954,904 or approximately 7.5 percent above net income of \$8,328,818 for the comparable quarter, and earnings per share increased to \$.31 from \$.29.

For the six months ended February 28, 1986, sales were \$242,115,736 or approximately 18.5 percent above sales of \$204,374,630 for the first six months of the prior fiscal year. Net income was \$15,171,669, or approximately 7.5 percent above net income of \$14,107,791 for the comparable six-month period, and earnings per share increased to \$.53 from \$.49.

In commenting on the record operating results, Leon Levine, Chairman of the Company, attributed the sales gains primarily to sales from new stores opened as part of the Company's store expansion program. Sales in existing stores increased approximately one percent in the quarter ended February 28, 1986, and approximately one-half of one percent in the six months ended February 28, 1986. With the release of second quarter results, Family Dollar has now achieved 43 consecutive quarters of record sales and earnings on a comparable basis. Mr. Levine noted that preliminary sales results in existing stores during the third quarter to date were somewhat stronger than sales in existing stores during the second quarter.

Lewis E. Levine, President of the Company, reported that Family Dollar has continued to rapidly expand the number of stores in operation. At the beginning of the first and second quarters of the current fiscal year, the Company was operating 920 and 986 stores, respectively, compared to 765 and 827 stores in operation at the beginning of the first and second quarters of the prior fiscal year. Forty-four stores were added to the chain during the second quarter this year, compared to the addition of 35 stores

during the second quarter of last year. Since the end of the second quarter on February 28, 1986, 15 new stores have opened. The Company is on schedule with its previously announced plan to open at least 180 stores in the current fiscal year, which would bring the number of stores in operation by August 31, 1986, to at least 1,100.

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. currently operates 1,045 discount stores located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

J.K. Brooks Selected City Employee Of Week

J.K. Brooks, forman of the Water-Sewer maintenance crew which works in the city utility division, was cited by his supervisor, Gene Waldroup, as Employee of the Week in the Kings Mountain Public Works Department.

"We want to use this means to acquaint the citizens of our city with the people who serve them daily but mostly in an unseen capacity, and also to recognize above average performance by employees of this section", said Acting Public Works Supt. Walt Ollis.

Brooks' crew responds to calls for water leaks, sewer stoppages, muddy water, new service connections, etc. Waldroup called Brooks "dependable and always willing to work over if he's needed to finish a job."

"Many times this type work necessitates responding to calls for breaks at night and J.K. has always been



J.K. BROOKS

ready to work and still show up the next morning," said Ollis.

Brooks joined the City staff in July 1976. He lives with his wife, Peggy, and family at 118 Owens St. They attend Piedmont Baptist Church.



FLAG PRESENTATION - State Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain presents a state flag to Central School during Friday afternoon's Spring Festival at the school. Accepting the flag is student Joy Short and looking on at right is teacher Jane Bryson.

Short Plays By Devany Slated At Gaston College

DALLAS, N.C. ... The Gaston College Theatre of the Visual and Performing Arts Department will present two short plays by Ed Devany, the College's Visiting Artist.

The Empty-Handed Piper, which ran for over a year Off Broadway in New York to rave reviews and packed houses, deals with a traveler who checks into a hotel which seems to have all the comforts and pleasures most people dream of. But there is a catch which, luckily, the hero sees in time. You will find it compelling and well worth your time and attention.

The Cow-Catcher On The Caboose, the second of Devany's 1-act plays to be published in Margaret Mayorga's Best Short Plays

focuses on a man at the end of his career. This is Colonel Dick Borden's retirement day, though he wants to put it off, a situation which leads to many comic twists. This play is set in the south, in the old Seaboard Airline Railroad Offices in Norfolk, Virginia and is a very human situation. Both plays should offer much food for thought.

Performances will last approximately two hours. Call 922-8041, ext. 250 for reservations to insure your group of seats.

Performances will be held for English, Drama and Social Studies 10th, 11th and 12th graders on Thursday and Friday mornings, May 22 and 23. Evening performances for the public will be presented

at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23 in the Myers Center Auditorium on the Gaston College Campus. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and .50 for students and Senior Citizens.

Foote Reports Income

Foote Mineral Company reported net income of \$439,000 for the first quarter of 1986, compared with a net loss of \$932,000 for the same period in 1985. Sales were \$25.1 million, compared with \$38.1 million in the 1985 quarter.

T.A. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, said the improvement in the 1986 quarter was the result of a modest profit in both the ferroalloys segment and at Foote's Chilean partnership, along with high production levels in the manganese segment. Total sales decreased primarily as a result of the closing of the Graham, West Virginia, plant in December 1985.

Foote Mineral Company is an 82% owned subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation, a leading worldwide natural resource company engaged in the exploration for, and the operation and management of nonferrous, precious metal mining and hydrocarbon energy properties.

Falls-McIntosh Vows Exchanged April 19

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aqua chiffon formal and a white shoulder corsage. Mrs. Fred Falls, Sr., grandmother of the bride, chose a pink chiffon formal and a white shoulder corsage.

Mrs. John McIntosh of Seneca, S.C., sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Miss Mary Early of Gastonia, cousin of the bride, presided at the guest register.

Special guests were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir, Jr. and Mrs. Fred Falls, Sr., all of Kings Mountain.

After the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a beautifully appointed reception which carried out the wedding colors of daphne rose and white. The T-shaped refreshment tables were overlaid with white lace cloths caught up with daphne rose ribbons extending the full length of the cloths and ending in large bows. Silver punch bowls were at either end of the long table with a four tiered cake in pink and green at the center and top-

ped with a bridal figurine in a gazebo on the top tier. A central arrangement of daphne roses, white split carnations and valley lilies enhanced the table. Candles were used throughout the reception hall and refreshments were served from silver appointments. Mrs. James Smith presented piano music during the reception hours.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Falls, Jr. of Gastonia, formerly of Kings Mountain, are parents of the bride who is a graduate of Ashbrook High School and attended Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer. She is employed by Computer Land of Gastonia.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Elmore McIntosh of Mount Holly and graduated from East Gaston High School, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte. He is employed by Life of Virginia in Gastonia.

The newlyweds have returned from a wedding trip to Florida and are residing in Gastonia.

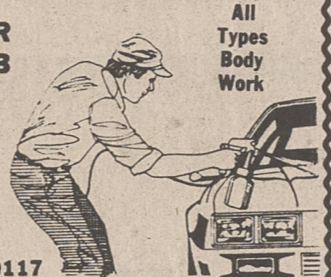
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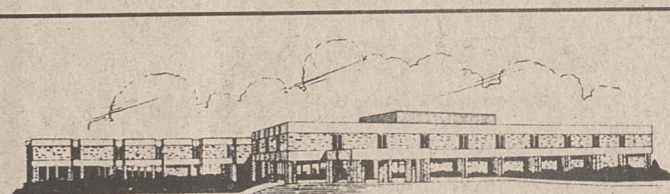
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HEAD INJURIES

Now that Daylight Savings Time is here and the weather is warming up, more people are involved in outside activities which inevitably results in more traumatic injuries. In the Emergency Room, this means we see more cuts, scrapes, sprains, bumps, bruises and the like, as more people are more active.

One injury in particular that seems to worry people a lot is a bump to the head and what to do about it. The most key question a physician will ask is whether the blow caused a complete loss of consciousness, and if so, for how long. This indicates the severity of the injury. Generally, any head injury that does not cause a person to be "knocked out" is not going to be a problem for that person down the road.

Strictly defined, a "concussion" is actual microscopic bleeding into some substance of the brain similar to a bruise that one can see if it occurs on another part of the body. In most cases this will cause a person to lose consciousness briefly and "not feel right" for a day or more afterwards. Such feelings may include nausea and vomiting, amnesia or "not remembering" about the event itself and possibly some time before and afterwards; forgetfulness, sluggishness, lethargy, just not feeling up to par. Sometimes these symptoms can last for days.

If a more serious injury has occurred, other more serious symptoms will occur. Slow bleeding from a vein outside the brain but inside the skull is called a subdural hematoma. Fast bleeding outside the brain within the skull from an artery is called a subarachnoid hemorrhage is very serious like a stroke, and may result in death. These injuries are usually obvious from the beginning. The one that is slow to develop and worrisome because of this delay is the first one, the subdural hematoma. This is what the doctors are worried about when they give the patient's family a sheet of particular symptoms to watch for that may occur as long as even a day or more later. Severe vomiting, changes in blood pressure, double vision, one pupil being larger than the other, weakness in one arm or leg, passing out, progressive drowsiness, worsening forgetfulness, inability to awaken the patient; all these are symptoms of a subdural hematoma. The family should bring a patient with these symptoms back to see a doctor right away.

In general, most people worry about a simple knock to the head more than they should, but hopefully this article has cleared all this up a bit. Observing a person closely for a while to make sure it is not a serious head injury is usually all that is needed.

Comments, suggestions, or questions may be sent to:
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