



MANAGERS FOR A DAY - These young employees of the Kings Mountain Winn Dixie Store served as managers for a day during the store's Youth Leadership Development program Saturday. Front row, left to right, are Stacey Goode, Ernie Hamrick and Marty Lockridge. Back row, Chip Parker, Eric Willis and Brian Webster.

Manage For A Day

Youth Prepare To Lead Future Of Winn Dixie

By JIM HEFFNER

How many times have you heard someone say, "If I were the boss things would be different around here?" Six young people had the opportunity to live that fantasy on Saturday, April 22, as Winn Dixie held its first Youth Management Day.

The six, Marty Lockridge, Ernie Hamrick, Brian Webster, Chip Parker, Eric Willis and Stacy Goode, ran the local food market from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., performing all the functions of the Location Manager as well as the department heads necessary to manage an operation of that scope.

Regular location manager, J.V. Bolin, a 39-year veteran with Winn Dixie, enjoyed the exercise immensely. "It's fun," he said, "but it's also an opportunity to evaluate some of our employees. We rotate people to all departments in our store. Generally, an employee spends about 12 weeks in each department so by the time they have made the rounds, they're pretty well trained in every facet of managing a location."

Marty Lockridge and Ernie Hamrick split the 8 hour shift as Location Manager while the departments were managed by Brian Webster in the meat market, Chip Parker in produce, Eric Willis handled dairy and frozen foods and Stacy Goode acted as deli and bakery manager.

Goode is a distributive education student and acquired her job at Winn-Dixie as part of that program. The 18-year-old plans to attend Gaston College and study computer programming. She sees Youth Management Day as a "valuable learning experience."

Brian Webster, also eighteen, is already a student at Gaston College where he is enrolled in the pre-liberal arts program. "I think an activity like this is a good way to learn responsibility," he said.

"I want to use this time to learn to tell my boss what

to do," said Chip Parker. Parker is a high school junior who has been with Winn-Dixie for eleven months. He is considering a career with the U.S. Postal Service. "Seriously," he said. "Today's experience will be fun, but I think we'll all learn something."

Eric Willis, another junior, is planning to enter the Air Force upon graduation. He's been with Winn-Dixie for a year and a half and he believes the entire temporary management team will have gained something from the special day.

Ernie Hamrick, a Kings Mountain High School senior enjoys the feeling of power. "I'm going to try to get as much out of it as I can" he said. "I want to learn to be a good Location Manager."

Marty Lockridge, the veteran of the crew having worked for Winn-Dixie for two years and four months, want to learn the ins and outs of being a Location manager. "I'll more than likely make this my career," he said. "One day I'll wear this manager's vest permanently." As a hedge, though, Marty plans to study criminal justice and police science in college.

The Youth Management Day participants were selected by a committee comprised of local department managers as well as J.V. Bolin. They are chosen because of management potential, desire and overall job skills. "They have all the necessary ingredients," said Bolin. "They perform well in their everyday jobs, they have ability and initiative, but most of all they like people and that's what it takes to be a manager at Winn-Dixie."

Bolin is quick to point out that his store is blessed with potential managers. "We could have staffed the store many times over," he said.

Youth Management Day is a unique idea and Winn-Dixie plans to make it an annual event. It's very likely that, at least in the case of Winn-Dixie, tomorrow's food store executives are bagging groceries today.

Bridesmaids Luncheon Honors Anne Ross Ballard

Anne Ross Ballard, whose wedding to Claude Haywood Clark II was an event of April 15, was honored on her wedding day at a 11 a.m. bridesmaids luncheon at Holiday Inn.

Entertaining together were Mrs. Yates Harbison and her daughter, **Eaton Honored**

United Way of America today recognized Eaton Corporation with a Spirit of America Summit Award for 1988 leadership in corporate management support of United Way.

In 1988, Eaton committed its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, James R. Stover, to be 1989 president of United Way Services in Cleveland. The company named a group vice president as the first year-round United Way communications chairman to its 66 locations nationwide.

The recognition noted also that Eaton made a corporate gift in the Cleveland area 5.5 times that suggested in the United Way "Fair Share" program.

Anne, an attendant in the wedding. The cerise and pink theme of the wedding was carried out in decorative details.

Miss Ballard's place was marked by a pink corsage which she pinned to the shoulder of her mauve linen party dress. She was also given a place setting in her silverware pattern from the hostesses.

Miss Ballard took the occasion to present her attendants the pearl

earrings they wore in the wedding.

Present as special guests were Mrs. Bud Ballard, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. C. H. Clark, mother of the bridegroom-elect; Mrs. Emmett Ross, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Sammy Crawford and Mrs. Eddie Ross, aunts of the bride-elect.

Fruit and chicken salad plates were served with dessert, hot rolls and iced tea to 14 guests.

Fete Sold Out

All tickets have been sold to the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women to be held Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. D.F. Hord, publicity chairman, said the public is invited to come at 7:30 p.m. to hear the speaker.

Downtown churches are planning the program. A feature story on the popular speaker appears on Page 1 in C section of today's Herald.

It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neal Cook of Casar announce the birth of a son, Matthew Neal, April 8, Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bentley Smith of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Larry Cook of Casar.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cabe of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith of Cherryville, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, all of Casar.

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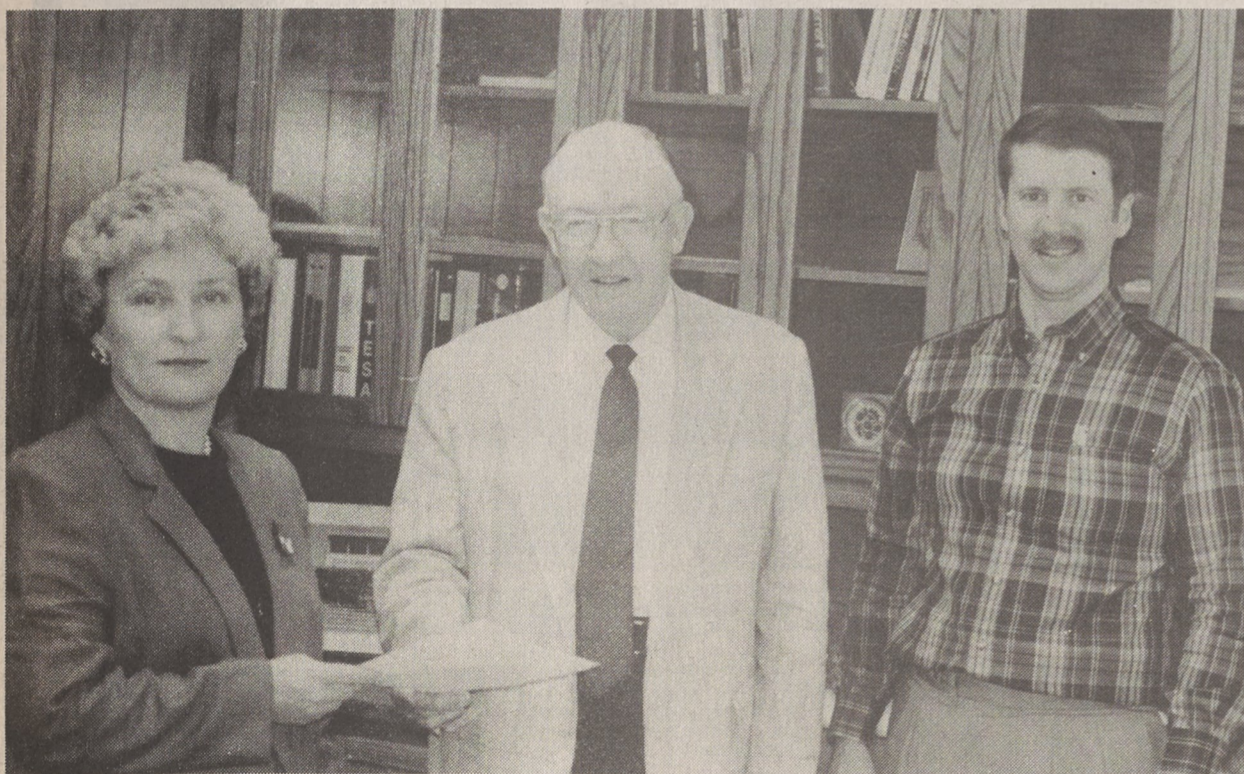
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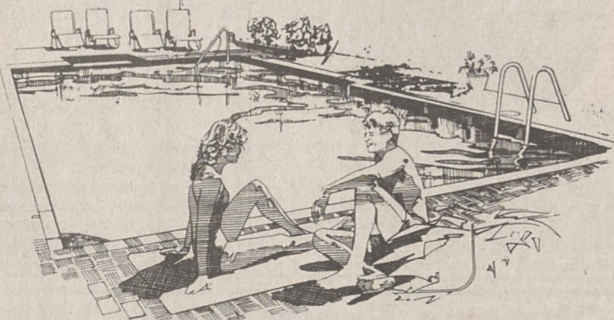


GOOD NEWS-KMSHS Principal Jackie Lavender and Joel Rountree, faculty chairman, right, are congratulated by Culver Dale, chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visiting committee on accreditation, after he and a visiting committee announced that the high school had met all expectations for membership in the accrediting agency for high schools in the South. The accreditation team visits the high school every 10 years.

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