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MICHAELS, JAMES



Meet the manager

The manager of Woolworths' new supermarket at Westown, New Plymouth, is Anthony John Williams.

Born and educated in Christchurch, he served his time as a confectioner with Aulsebrookes, and joined Woolworths nearly five years ago. His last job before coming here was running the Levin store.

Married? No. Engaged? No. Attached? Well, um...

With Egmont so close, he hopes to get in some ski-ing, and in a port city he'll be looking at the prospects for scuba-diving, though Saturday trading cramps your style abit."

He has played both rugby and rugby league with some distinction, and took part in atour of Australia a few years ago.

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Manager of a big new store is no small matter at 24, but while he takes his job seriously he approaches it with confidence.

and his staff

Michael Stephen James — Mike to everybody — is the food department manager and second-in-command at the world's newest Woolworths.

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Aged 21. he comes from Wainuiomata, and has been with Woolworths almost since heleft school—about 2: years.

In those 30 months he hast tackled a wide range of jobs for the chain, doing stints at Lover Hutt. Naenae. Upper Hutt. Johnsonville, Kilbirnie and Levin.

"I guess you could say! was learning the job—on as wide a basis as possible."

He came here a month ago—"and it's been heette.

"We've been working to a very tint be."

"We've been working to a very tight schedule, and whilst a lot of very careful and detailed planning was done, inevitably not everything went strictly according to

plan.
"For example, the contractors had made

provision for a floor safe. We wanted a cupboard-style one, a Chubb.
"It weighed a tonne-and-a-quarter.
"So the question arose: would the floor take it?

"Extra four-by-fours had to be put in, but even so we watched it put in place holding our breath."

our breath.

He wasn't the only one. There was a reporter (standing well back) in attendance when a fork-lift cruised in between the check-out counters — now that's not

check-out counters — now that's not something you see every day. It picked up the metre-square hunk of green-painted steel, eased it over five steps that would never have borne it, and laid like an egg on a couple of builders' planks. After that it was sheer brute force; but it's in.

"D'you know, it's taken a fortnight to organise that?" said Mike, with something like awe in his voice.















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Leen Bolyn is not just Dutch, he's very Dutch
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He has been in supermarkets for most of his working life, in Hearlem, where he was a partner in (and the fruit and vege buyer) for a small chain of supermarkets.

He is married, with two little lads aged two and four. He likes badminton, tennis and nature study.

Nature study?

"I like to walk below trees. To see birds. To look at birds. Its all very beautiful."

(And if you, like him, had lived most of your life in over-populated Haarlen, you'd know what he meant).

We asked: "Is there anything you'd like us to tell the people of Taranaki about you?"

He went all earnest on us.
"Yes, Please tell people my English is not good." ('He is too modest. It's remarkably good." 'I hope they will be patient with me."

We assured him you would be; and you wouldn't let us down, would you?







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BRUCE TREMLETT

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Bruce Tremlett (30) is the butchery manager. New Plymouth born and bred, he grew up in a butchery business, and has been in the trade since he left school.

He has worked in supermarkets before. The big difference between this sort of job and the family butchery is that you see less of your customers," he says, "and that's sometimes a pity.

"Most of the meat is pre-cut and packaged so that it can go on display — so that people can see what they're buying and know what it costs.

"But that's not to say that if it isn't on display you can't have it.

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"And you've bought something here, and it didn't measure up, you still ask for because we guarantee it?"

"Maybe, sometlimes, we get ripped off by some bright character who says he/she bought it here and it was too tought to eat. We'll still "replace' it was too tought to eat. We

















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"So long as the customer goes away happy, we've done a good job," she says.

PERSIL AUTOMATIC

"So long as you go away happy ...

Mrs Karen Bazeley (20) is service supervisor at the Westown Woolworths supermarket. Her job is to make sure everything goes right at the checkouts which is not as simple as it sounds. Like the customer who discovers she hasn't enough money to pay the bill. No big deal—she offers to hold the goods until the customer can come back, or to "lighten the load" to bring the bill down to manageable pronoctions.

When we called a few days ago she was teaching some of her 20 girls to touch operate, so that they can read prices and ring them up without having to look at the machine.

Packing goods in bags or cartons is not haphazard; strong-smelling items like soap have to be kept away from butter, for example; and putting canned goods on top of eggs is not conducive to harmony.

Apart from the check-out operators there are about 15 part-timers with the unlikely title of night-fillers — people who come in after the place is closed to re-stock the shelves.

The rest of the 60-plus staff work in the fruit and vegetable, meat and delicatessen departments, mainly behind the scenes.

Mrs Bazeley is an Australian. She worked in a "K-Mart" in Townsville, Queensland, for 18 months before coming here with her mechanic husband Lewis.

She sees her job as principally customer relations. If something goes wrong, she has



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MRS ANNE COLLIS

Mrs Anne Collis is in charge of the "variety" part of the operation; that is, the non-food side, like kitchenware, toys, stationery, small domestic appliances and clothing

The new store isn't, of course, in competition with the Devon St shop, and the range of clothing on offer will be not, therefore, be quite so wife. Just the country of the

Mrs Collis, who is back in the workforce or the second time, has had 18 months in New Plymouth with Woolworths. She comes from Fairlie, in South Canterbury.

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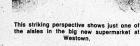
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