

Burlington To Close Plant At Hot Springs

Burlington Manager Reports On Closing Activities

Burlington Apparel Fabrics has announced plans to phase out production at its Hot Springs yarn manufacturing plant.

Plant Manager Frank Blue said employees were told of the closing plans on October 29. They are being interviewed individually about placement, either in Burlington plants or other nearby industry. Employees not placed will be entitled to severance and other benefits and most will be eligible to receive payments from the company's profit sharing plan. He said about 150 employees are affected by the move.

The closing is attributed to a slowdown in some areas of apparel fabric markets served by the division. The Hot Springs plant manufactures yarn which goes to other plants for weaving into worsted fabrics for the men's suiting and uniform trade.

"We regret that current economic conditions make it necessary to close the plant," Mr. Blue said, "but the division is by necessity making every effort to economize and consolidate to meet market conditions and to remain competitive."

He said the decision in no way reflects on performance of Hot Springs employees. "They have done a great job, and the community has also given its full support. This makes it doubly difficult to close the plant."

He said operations will continue for several more weeks to complete the run-out of production. The company has no immediate plans for the property, but indicated that it would work with state and local agencies to find another industry for the plant. Burlington has operated the local plant since 1954.

Frank Blue, Manager of Burlington, Hot Springs Plant, reported today that individual interviews with the plant's 150 employees were completed within 48 hours of the closing announcement last Tuesday, and that "Every effort is being made to find employment for these people at other locations", as well as locate a new industry for the plant.

their desire or ability to relocate, severance and other benefits including Profit Sharing. He said some placements have already been made and others are pending. Efforts will continue during the run out of production over the next several weeks.

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He said a team of Personnel Managers joined Joe Templeton, local Plant Personnel Manager, to interview employees personally about the run out of their particular job.

"We have also been in touch with the Division of Community Assistants of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources in Asheville and Raleigh, as well as Western Carolina Industries about possibilities of another industry in Hot Springs. Similar contacts are

being made through the company Real Estate Department", Mr. Blue said. Blue said response of employees and community leaders "Confirmed our belief that we have an excellent work force and a really fine community. They have been most understanding and cooperative".

New Plant To Offer Jobs In Hot Springs

By ED SPEARS
Citizen Staff Writer
Madison County Pallet and Frame Company, a new organization headed by Tony McNeill of High Point, announced plans Friday to lease the new 30,000 square foot industrial building erected this year by the Hot Springs Development Corporation.

About half of the building will be devoted to the production of pallets for the shipping of goods. Eventually the plant may fabricate 100,000 pallets a year, McNeill said. The other half will manufacture sofa and recliner chair frames under a contract with the C-Rite Furniture Company of High Point. McNeill said.

Employees will be trained for the work on the job, he added. The agreement, said Ponder, is a lease with the option of purchasing the 120 by 250 beige steel structure off River Road on the northern edge of Hot Springs. McNeill said the availability of labor, also timber, and with two interstate highways within 30 miles of the plant site were factors in locating the plant here.

Vote Buying Trial Slated For Dec. 11

Three Madison County men — two Democrats and a Republican — are scheduled to appear in the county's District Court Dec. 11 on vote buying charges.

Another Nursing Home Approval

David T. Flaherty, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Human Resources announced on October 30, 1974 approval of the proposal of Madison Manor Nursing Home to incur a capital expenditure for construction of 75-bed nursing home facility at Mars Hill, N.C. Prior to approval, the project proposal was reviewed by the Division of Facility Services, North Carolina Department of Human Resources and by Mountain Rumparts Health Planning Council. The decision to approve this project was in concurrence with the advice and recommendations of these agencies.

Election Results Not Included In Table

Other results not included in the election table are as follows:
Chief Justice of Supreme Court: S. B. Barry, (D), 3,625; James Neenan, (R), 2,882.
Associate Justice Supreme Court: J. William Campbell, (D), 3,226; James M. Hester, Jr., (R), 2,728.
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Democrats Win All Races In Madison County

Unofficial Results Of November 5, 1974 General Election In Madison County

Madison County Democrats enjoyed every minute Tuesday night as results of the general election were finally made available to the public. Needless to say, Republicans were stunned and disappointed with what they witnessed. The only Republican reelected was Clyde M. Roberts, solicitor, who was unopposed.

Due to the large number of absentee ballots plus the number of candidates for various offices, returns from Madison County's ten precincts were not made available (except by the grapevine) until about 10:30 o'clock. This delay was caused by the county board of elections having to count the large number of absentee ballots before receiving the precinct voting machine results.

The courtroom here was filled to capacity by 8:30 o'clock only to learn that they would have to wait for hours until the absentee ballots had been tallied. As minutes grew into hours, the delay was accepted by the public but many grew impatient not realizing the slow process of counting the large number of absentee ballots.

When the final returns were posted on the large blackboards in the courtroom, the clock read 1 a.m. Wednesday morning. Although unofficial, the results of the election can be found in the election table and other separate articles relative to the election.

(Totals Include Absentee Ballots)

	1-1	1-2	2	3-1	3-2	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Marshall	752	526	5	797	501	724	542	5	724	735	529
Stevens	122	30	—	129	29	119	30	—	105	108	32
Reamick	343	188	7	352	178	334	182	7	349	345	196
Taylor	459	397	5	561	324	441	396	8	396	431	431
Gilman	232	115	2	244	107	233	111	3	219	221	109
Edmisten	356	212	7	396	248	353	274	7	320	319	273
Carson	260	238	6	286	216	244	235	5	236	240	251
Parten	354	132	1	348	115	348	119	1	309	317	127
Crawford	173	202	2	200	191	172	200	3	177	176	198
Bridger	235	74	0	280	72	276	74	0	250	251	74
Friedrich	357	244	35	381	207	349	228	39	327	338	235
Hudgins	122	30	—	129	29	119	30	—	105	108	32
Messner	343	188	7	352	178	334	182	7	349	345	196
Ramsey	459	397	5	561	324	441	396	8	396	431	431
Chapman	232	115	2	244	107	233	111	3	219	221	109
Roberts	356	212	7	396	248	353	274	7	320	319	273
Adams	260	238	6	286	216	244	235	5	236	240	251
Anderson	354	132	1	348	115	348	119	1	309	317	127
Leopard	173	202	2	200	191	172	200	3	177	176	198
Cody	235	74	0	280	72	276	74	0	250	251	74
Niles	357	244	35	381	207	349	228	39	327	338	235
Silver	122	30	—	129	29	119	30	—	105	108	32
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Willis	459	397	5	561	324	441	396	8	396	431	431
Ponder	232	115	2	244	107	233	111	3	219	221	109
Brown	356	212	7	396	248	353	274	7	320	319	273
Wallin	260	238	6	286	216	244	235	5	236	240	251
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Chandler	356	212	7	396	248	353	274	7	320	319	273
Cutshall	260	238	6	286	216	244	235	5	236	240	251
Hanell	354	132	1	348	115	348	119	1	309	317	127
Craine	173	202	2	200	191	172	200	3	177	176	198
Sitmore	235	74	0	280	72	276	74	0	250	251	74
Landis	357	244	35	381	207	349	228	39	327	338	235
Metzoff	122	30	—	129	29	119	30	—	105	108	32
Rice	343	188	7	352	178	334	182	7	349	345	196
Spink	459	397	5	561	324	441	396	8	396	431	431