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## Blue Ridge Shoe Company To Locate At Hot Springs

Francis C. Rooney, Jr., President of Melville Shoe Corporation, Harrison, N.Y., announced today the decision to expand the footwear manufacturing capacity of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company division of Melville with a new plant in Hot Springs, North Carolina to start operations in

February 1976. Blue Ridge Shoe Company will purchase the modern plant of over 80,000 square feet from Burlington Industries, Greensboro, N.C. The Hot Springs plant will be the sixth Blue Ridge plant in North Carolina, with other plants in

Wilkesboro, Boone, Sparta, Robersonville and Aulander. The company also operates a plant in Mountain City, Tennessee. Richard E. West, President of the Blue Ridge division of Melville, commented on the excellent cooperation of the

community leaders of Hot Springs in the company's study of the area during the past month. He also praised the assistance of the Greater Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Western Carolina Industries, Madison County Industrial Commission,

Father Jeff Burton, of Hot Springs, and the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources. "We are very impressed with the friendliness and interest of the total community in our company and are confident our coming to Hot Springs is a step in the right direction for all concerned", commented West. Blue Ridge will produce juvenile footwear for the Thom McAn division of Melville in the Hot Springs plant. Supervisory personnel will be hired in the near future from the Hot Springs area and be trained in the company's other Blue Ridge plants prior to starting production. Hiring of plant personnel will begin early in February 1976. It is expected that employment

will approximate 250 people when the plant reaches capacity in 1977. Melville Shoe Corporation is a major specialty merchandiser, as well as a major footwear and apparel manufacturer. Retail divisions include Thom McAn, Miles, Meldisco and Vanguard - footwear; Chess King and Foxmoor - apparel and CVS - health and beauty aids. Footwear manufacturing operations, besides Blue Ridge, include J.F. McElwain Company and Miller Shoes. Metro Pants is the Melville apparel manufacturing division. Melville divisions operate 2,885 stores and leased departments throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.



PICTURED are part of the persons who enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church here Tuesday. The congregational luncheon are served primarily to persons 60 years of age or older, but several younger persons were invited to the special Thanksgiving meal. The Thanksgiving motif was carried out with attractive centerpieces on the tables.

## Jurors Drawn For Civil Court Here

Jurors have been drawn for the special session of civil court which starts here Monday morning. Judge

James M. Baley, Jr., will preside. The jurors are as follows:

Erma Sue Rice, Allen James Payne, Christa Ann Wallin, Gordon M. Rice, Minnie Huey Reese, Kenneth Jackson Radford, Ted Nelson Revis, Sidney Wayne Tipton, Dora Ramsey Huddle, Willie Wade Treadway, Myrtle A. Rice, Ned B. Ramsey, Ellen H. Price, Betty Gregory Ammons, Kathy DeVone Ponder, Richard Bailey, Willard Davis, Carrie Tipton, America Ann Rieker, Brenda Kay Williams, Ama Lee Cantrell, Mary R. Franklin, Bruce Barry Briggs, George Hurley Self, Marcus Foy Cody, Brenda Mae Taylor, Barbara Anne Price, Cline W. Gosnell, Thomas Olson Ramsey, Lela Fisher Tweed, Helen Baldwin Allen, Boyd Bennett Hill, Bulah Rice, Danny George Ball, Lillian Mae Beck, Robert Ogle, Johnny Dean Tipton, Charlie

Plato Connor, Rose Rice Franklin, Paula Rice, James Chester Teague, Clarence Gene Holt, Perry Rieker, John Cal Wallin, Jr., Rosa Lee Tomberlin, Hazel Norton, Carroll James Frisbee, Burl Shelton, Doyle Burnett Reeves, Ruby H. Slanton Jack Cantrell, Edward William Fortner, Ward Rice, Larry S. Plennmons, Arnold Crain, Effie Chandler, Lena Wilds Greene, Betty Jane Ramsey, Clifford Paul Smith, Beulah Kay Ratcliff, Carl W. Buckner, Roger Dale Haynie, Annie Mae Tipton, Freddie H. Holtkamp, Betty Whitt, Phillip Ramsey Elam, Sr., Johnny Ray Phillips, Ann Balentine LeGrand, Stella Elizabeth Dockery, Robbie Edwards, Sandra Delores Sprinkle, Ronald Cook, Vera B. Sumeral, Mable Mae Wallin, Varden Roger's name

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## School Personnel Attend Conference

Mrs. Susan Kiser, Coordinator of Programs for Exceptional Children and teacher of the Gifted and Talented at Madison High, Mrs. Lucille Sprinkle, Teacher of the Gifted and Talented at Mars Hill School, and Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, General Supervisor of Madison County Schools, attended the 27th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children at Winston-Salem Hyatt House and Convention Center in Winston - Salem, N.C. on November 13 and 14.

Many outstanding speakers participated in the conference, including Sandra Kaplan, Director of the Demonstration Center, Inglewood, California Unified School District, Dr. Gerald Wallace from the University of Virginia, Dr. March Blum, Research Consultant, Philadelphia, Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Maynard C. Reynolds, University of Minnesota and Senator Larsar Gudger.

## County Men Arrested For Armed Robbery In Newport

Two Madison County men and one Virginia man are in the county jail here charged with armed robbery in Newport, Tenn., on Tuesday morning of last week. A \$50,000 bond has been set for the three men, Sheriff Ponder said. Ponder said that the three men involved are Isaac Gunter, Jr., 28, of Route 4, Marshall; Love Gunter, 45, also of Route 4, Marshall; and Louie Chandley, 26, of Manassas, Virginia. The three men were apprehended about three miles east of Hot Springs on Tuesday morning of last week in connection with the armed robbery of Brock's Open Air Market, located on East Broadway in Newport, Tenn., early Tuesday morning of last week. The capture climaxed a wild chase, during which several shots were exchanged from downtown Hot Springs some three miles east where a road block had been set up. Captain Ball of the Newport Police Department, said that officers would begin expedition procedures if the men

do not sign waivers. According to officers, two men walked into the market about 12:30 Tuesday morning and grabbed Charlene Kirkpatrick, a customer, around the neck and told two clerks, Mrs. Walter O'Neil and Mrs. Ann Phillips, "This is a stick up." One of the men had a pistol and the other a double barrel shotgun, officers said. The men instructed Mrs. O'Neil to get all the money out of the cash register and not to leave anything. The two also took \$5 from Mrs. O'Neil and about \$90 from Reuben Moore, who was in the store at the time. The two took approximately \$1000 from the cash register at the market before fleeing. Also in the store at the time of the stick up was Rose Jenkins, officers added. Those present at the time described the men as being very nervous and forced the clerks to do all the gathering of the money. Several persons were outside the store at the time. One person, who was not

identified by officers, noted the license number on the car. Officers said that the men left in a 1970 Ford Mach 1 which had just moments before pulled in front of the door of the market and the two men went inside. Clerks and witnesses were able to give officers a description of the two men, who were unmasked. Both were described as being about 28 or 30 years old. After being notified by Mrs. O'Neil, several officers arrived at the scene. Officers, after learning the license number of the car, notified Sheriff E.Y. Ponder, who said he knew the car. He alerted officers here of the incident. Newport Police Officers D.C. Ramsey and Theodore Williams took in pursuit of the car, which left going east. They changed cars at Ramsey's home at Wolf Creek. Driving Ramsey's personal car, they continued in pursuit of the car. They met Sheriff Ponder in Hot Springs. Later the 1970 Ford was spotted by Hot Springs officers at the

railroad crossing. They tried to apprehend the men at that time, however, the occupants would not open the door, Ramsey said. Instead, just as soon as the train got by, the car quickly left the crossing going east over the mountainous highway, with the patrol car in pursuit. A three-car road block was set up on top of the mountain about three miles east of Hot Springs by Sheriff Ponder and other officers, including Ramsey and Williams. The three were apprehended after being chased into the awaiting roadblock, Ramsey said. Assisting in the arrest, in addition to Sheriff Ponder, were Leroy Johnson, Hot Springs Police Chief, and Hot Springs Policemen David Ingram and Dennis Shelby. Ramsey said officers recovered some of the money alleged taken in the holdup as well as a quantity of food stamps. They also recovered one gun, he added. "We appreciate the cooperation and assistance we

received from North Carolina officers in apprehending the three," he said.

## Losers Seek New Election In Hot Springs Dispute

Three defeated candidates for the Hot Springs Board of Aldermen in the Nov. 4 election, filed a complaint

alleging election irregularities Tuesday of last and asked that a new election be held. According to one of the complainants, Tony Gamble, the Hot Springs Board of Elections agreed to hold a hearing on their complaints at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Town Hall here. In the election, Mayor Joe R. Henderson was re-elected with only write-in opposition. Elected aldermen were incumbents Harold Anderson and E. B. (Gene) Autry and Jerry Ramsey.

The ballot count was reported 191 for Anderson, 127 for Autry, 118 for Jerry Ramsey, 34 for Gamble, 76 for Leroy Johnson, 100 for Claude Moore and 94 for George K. (Red) Ramsey. The complaint was filed by George Ramsey, Moore and Gamble. Their complaint alleges that the officials of the lone precinct, Carol Eugene Anderson, Thomas A. Russell and Charles Douglas Norton, all belong to the same political party - Democratic - in

violation of state statutes. Other changes include: That the precinct judge, Carol Anderson, was manager of the ABC Store in Hot Springs and in such capacity was in violation of statutes; also that Carol Anderson is a brother of the elected incumbent, Harold Anderson. That Carol Anderson failed to administer the oath to the election judges as required. That one judge, Norton, did not arrive at the polls until an hour after voting began; and that during the day the

precinct officials' duties (Russell acting as register derson as judge) authority from the L. Elections and without oaths being administered of work. That the petitioner at the others were denied the right receiving challenge, or to have heard, and on challenges. That non-residents of Springs were allowed to vote. That during the ball count, officials placed themselves to where no one could get behind them to see the ballots.



## Hot Springs Center Helps Kids

By BOB STOETZEL (Newport Plain Talk) Opened in September, 1973, as part of the Madison County Child Development Program, the Hot Springs Day Care Center presently has an enrollment of seventeen children. The center is open for any children between the ages of three and five. The teacher at the day care center is Juanita Phillips who is certified to teach grades K-3. Juanita is assisted by Glennis Cutshall, Mary Holt, Talitha Price, and Ruth Stamey. The day care center is associated with the ARC Child Development Program.

Through the Madison County Child Development Program, special training sessions have been organized for the staff members of the day care center. These special sessions are also attended by the staff members from the day care centers in Marshall and Mars Hill. As a result of these sessions, the staff members receive hours of professional training to assist them in their positions. At a recent training session, the teachers were familiarized with the Learning Abilities Profile (LAP) by Barbara Semrau at a session at Maggie Valley. Through the use of the LAP, a teacher is able to identify a

child's learning objectives and to measure the child's progress through changes in rates of development. According to the LAP, these six areas of development are: (1) Grossmotor skills - such as walking on a line, (2) Fine motor skills - such as stringing beads on a thread, (3) Language - such as telling action in pictures, (4) Cognitive - such as recognizing self when shown a photograph, (5) Social skills - such as getting along during story time, free time, meals, etc., (6) Self help skills - such as snapping zippers.



CHILDREN AT THE Hot Springs Day Care Center visit other construction and thus expand their experiences. Kenneth Waldrop, bus driver, took them to take this group of children on a trip accompanied by teacher Glennis Cutshall.

TENDER LOVING CARE is found in plenty at the day care center dispensed to all the children, 15 of them at present. On the back row are, left - right, Ruth Stamey, Talitha Price, Glennis Cutshall and Juanita Phillips, teacher.