SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: July 16, 2002

Commission file number: 1-5256

V. F. CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANTA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-1180120 (I.R.S. employer identification number)

628 GREEN VALLEY ROAD, SUITE 500 GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27408 (Address of principal executive offices)

(336) 547-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5 - OTHER EVENTS

Raymond G. Viault, age 57, was elected to the Board of Directors of VF Corporation on July 16, 2002, for a term expiring at the 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Viault has been Vice Chairman of General Mills, Inc. (a manufacturer and marketer of consumer food products) since 1996. From 1990 to 1996, Mr. Viault was President of Kraft Jacobs Suchard in Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. Viault was with Kraft General Foods for a total of 20 years, serving in a variety of major marketing and general management positions. Mr. Vault earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I., and his MBA from Columbia University in New York City. Mr. Viault is also a director of General Mills, Inc. and Newell Rubbermaid Inc.

ITEM 7 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1 Press release issued by VF Corporation on July 16, 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

> V.F. CORPORATION ______ (Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert K. Shearer ._____

> Robert K. Shearer Vice President-Finance

(Chief Financial Officer)

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VF ELECTS RAYMOND G. VIAULT TO BOARD

GREENSBORO, NC - JULY 16, 2002 - Mackey J. McDonald, chairman and chief executive officer of VF CORPORATION (NYSE: VFC) announced today the election of Raymond G. Viault, to the Company's board of directors. This brings to 12 the number of directors on the Company's board.

Since 1996, Viault, 57, has been Vice Chairman of General Mills, Inc. (NYSE: GIS), a leading producer and marketer of consumer food products. From 1990 to 1996, Viault was President of Kraft Jacobs Suchard in Zurich, Switzerland. He was with Kraft General Foods for a total of 20 years, serving in a variety of major marketing and general management positions. He is also a director of General Mills, Inc. and Newell Rubbermaid Inc.

"With his impressive track record in global brand marketing and consumer products, Raymond will be an excellent addition to our board," said Mr. McDonald. "As Raymond also has responsibility for the integration of Pillsbury by General Mills, his perspectives on acquisitions and acquisition integration will also be valuable to us."

VF Corporation is the world's largest apparel company and a leader in jeanswear, intimate apparel, playwear, workwear and daypacks. Its principal brands include Lee(R), Wrangler(R), Riders(R), Rustler(R), Vanity Fair(R), Vassarette(R), Bestform(R), Lily of France(R), Lee Sport(R), Healthtex(R), JanSport(R), Eastpak(R), Red Kap(R) and The North Face(R).

VF Corporation's press releases, annual report and other information can be accessed through the Company's home page at www.vfc.com.