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: DECEMBER 22, 1998

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Ohio

0-21026

31-1364046

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

(COMMISSION FILE NO.) (IRS EMPLOYER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

39 East Canal Street Nelsonville, Ohio 45764 (740) 753-1951

(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER INCLUDING AREA CODE OF REGISTRANT'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

Not Applicable (FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

ITEM 5. OTHER ITEMS.

On December 22, 1998, Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc., an Ohio corporation, issued a press release announcing the resignation of William S. Moore, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

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.

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.

Date: January 15, 1999

By: /s/ David Fraedrich

_____ David Fraedrich, Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

Press Release, dated December 22, 1998, entitled "Rocky Shoes 99 & Boots, Inc. Announces Resignation of William S. Moore, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing."

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC. ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM S. MOORE, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND MARKETING

NELSONVILLE, Ohio (Dec. 22, 1998) -- Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. (Nasdaq: RCKY) today announced that William S. Moore, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, has resigned from the Company. His duties will be taken over by Mike Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rocky, until a replacement is named.

Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. designs, develops, manufactures and markets premium quality rugged outdoor, occupational, and handsewn casual footwear. The Company's footwear is marketed through several distribution channels, primarily under the registered trademark, $ROCKY\left(R\right)$.