

VENATOR GROUP INC
Form SC 13D/A
July 10, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 12)

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

(formerly named Woolworth Corporation)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share
(Title of class of securities) 980883 10 2
(CUSIP number)

Gary K. Duberstein, Esq.
Greenway Partners, L.P.
277 Park Avenue, 27th Floor
New York, New York 10172
(212) 350-5100

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized
to receive notices and communications)

N/A

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON | GREENWAY P 13-3714238 |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS: | |
| 5 | CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT [] | |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: | |
| | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER: |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER: |
| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON: | |
| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES: | |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): | |
| 14 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: | PN |

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON | GREENTREE 13-3752875 |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: | |
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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER:
SHARES -----

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER:
OWNED BY -----

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:
REPORTING -----

PERSON WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING
PERSON:

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES:

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GREENHOUSE
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. 13-3793447
OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

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| EACH REPORTING | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON | GREENHUT 13-3793450 |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: | |
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| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS: | |
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| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER: |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER: |
| EACH REPORTING | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GREENBELT
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. 13-3791931
OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER: |
| EACH REPORTING | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |

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PERSON:

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GREENSEA O
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

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SOLE VOTING POWER:

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY

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SHARED VOTING POWER:

EACH
REPORTING

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

PERSON WITH

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

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PERSON:

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GREENHUT O
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. 13-3868906
OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

7 NUMBER OF SHARES SOLE VOTING POWER:

8 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER:

9 EACH REPORTING SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10 PERSON WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON:

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: OO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON ALFRED D.
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

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| EACH REPORTING | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |

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PERSON:

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES:

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GARY K. DU
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS:

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
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| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER: |
| EACH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |

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| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON: | |
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| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): | |
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This Amendment No. 12 ("Amendment No. 12") amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed on May 18, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on June 5, 1998, Amendment No. 2 filed on July 7, 1998, Amendment No. 3 filed on August 23, 1998, Amendment No. 4 filed on October 2, 1998, Amendment No. 5 filed on December 1, 1998, Amendment No. 6 filed on January 6, 1999, Amendment No. 7 filed on January 29, 1999, Amendment No. 8 filed on March 12, 1999, Amendment No. 9 filed on March 25, 1999, Amendment No. 10 filed on March 13, 2000 and Amendment No. 11 filed on January 19, 2001 and is filed by and on behalf of Greenway Partners, L.P. ("Greenway"), Greentree Partners, L.P. ("Greentree"), Greenhouse Partners, L.P. ("Greenhouse"), Greenhut, L.L.C. ("Greenhut"), Greenbelt Corp. ("Greenbelt"), Greensea Offshore, L.P. ("Greensea"), Greenhut Overseas, L.L.C. ("Greenhut Overseas"), Alfred D. Kingsley ("Kingsley") and Gary K. Duberstein ("Duberstein"; the foregoing persons being referred to collectively as the "Reporting Persons"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate 16,829,522 Shares constituting 12.1% of the outstanding Shares (the percentage of Shares owned being based upon 139,471,607 Shares outstanding on June 1, 2001, as set forth in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 5, 2001). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of Shares as follows:

| Name | Number of Shares | Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Shares |
|-----------|---------------------|--|
| Greenway | 2,350,000 | 1.7% |
| Greentree | 1,500,900 | 1.1% |
| Greenbelt | 9,896,322 | 7.1% |
| Greensea | 2,250,000 | 1.6% |
| Kingsley | 832,300 | 0.6% |

Greenhouse, as the general partner of Greenway, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greenway may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as general partners of

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Greenhouse, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhouse may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut, as the general partner of Greentree, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greentree may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as members of Greenhut, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut Overseas, as the investment general partner of Greensea, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greensea may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein,

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as members of Greenhut Overseas, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut Overseas may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenbelt has direct beneficial ownership of the Shares in the accounts that it manages. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as executive officers and directors of Greenbelt, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares that Greenbelt beneficially owns. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein hereby disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

(b) Greenway has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,350,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhouse and Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenway the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greentree has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 1,500,900 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greentree the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greensea has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,250,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut Overseas, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greensea the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greenbelt has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 9,986,322 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenbelt the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Kingsley has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 832,300 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares.

(c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons during the last sixty days is set forth in Exhibit 22, attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares, except the dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of Shares in each respective account managed by Greenbelt will be delivered into each such respective account, as the case may be. No such individual account has an interest in more than five percent of the class of outstanding Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

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ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

22. Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information contained in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: July 10, 2001

GREENHOUSE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
General Partner

GREENSEA OFFSHORE, L.P.

By: Greenhut Overseas
Investment General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
Member

GREENHUT, L.L.C.

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By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
Member

GREENHUT OVERSEAS, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
Member

GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhouse Partners, L.P.
General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
General Partner

GREENTREE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhut, L.L.C.
General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein
Member

GREENBELT CORP.

By: /s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

Alfred D. Kingsley
President

/s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

Alfred D. Kingsley

/s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

EXHIBIT INDEX

| EXHIBIT NO. ----- | DESCRIPTION ----- |
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