Sheba imports from Kashmir

By ROSE WEBER
It isn't catastrophic for a woman to
spot an identical dress across the
room but it does put a damper on her
reloyment of the event.
Mrs. Nasira Bakshi owner of Sheba,
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which opend Noy. 1, is determined
that won't happen to the woman who
bugs a garment from her.
"When a woman pays a good price
for a dress it ought to be a one-of-akind and that is what I have here."
Mrs. Bakshi raid.
The shop located at SS Woodward
in Birmingham sells only hand made
items from Kashmir, India.
Dressee, hostess gowns, milkmaid
aprons, ponchos with long skirts and
tops for alsacia all are decorated with
individual designs by Mrs. Bakshi

"THE HAND EMBROIDERED crewel work is done in the workshop in
the valley where my (amily lives. My
younger sister, Mrs. Rashda Omar,
oversees the work there." the shop
owner explained.
Sketches by Mrs. Bakuhi are sent
back to Kashmir for native workmen
to work in their choice of color on cotton, silk and fine woolen fabrics.
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seamstress are also available with the distinctive embroidery.

Mrs. Bakshi is proud of the work-manship in the garments. They are made in the family-owned workshop by craftsmen known to the family for

years.
"Octtage industries also make some
of the crewel work and loom the woolen fabetc. We get the fabric for our
workshop direct from the loom
owner," she explained.

ALTHOUGH MRS. BARSHI sug-gests designs for the embroidery a tai-ior designs the clothing. The selection of colors within the design are left to the native craftsman. Mrs. Bakshi, her husband and two daughters came to America last year at the urging of her brothers and sis-ters.

"My sister was a doctor in Troy at that time and she said I would find a good market here for our things because the women are discriminating shoppers." she said.

So, having made the decision to become a shop owner after years as a wife and mother. Mrs. Bakshi took the plunge.

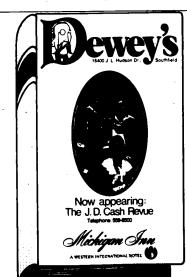
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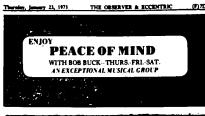
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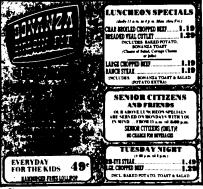
"And we wanted our daughters to have this opportunity," she said. And even though she has started in business at a time when most experienced businessmen would think times, she is convinced the shop will be a success and she is happy. "Other shops who stock things from India cannot sell the kind of things I do because they don't know any one in our valley And since the kings of the 18th entire, hashing the also she had entire to the clother and the she had enhandered crewel bedieved the she will be a she had enhandered crewel bedieved the she will be a she had enhandered crewel bedieved the she will be a she will be a she will be a she will be shown to she will be shown to she will be shown to she will be she will



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