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October 18, 2002

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 (Date of earliest event reported)

October 17, 2002

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-5127

(Commission
File Number)

52-0898572

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, MD 21203

(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code, (410) 237-5900

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

This is an optional filing made to disclose the event reported below.
It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

On October 17, 2002, the registrant issued a press release announcing
its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. A copy of the release is
attached as Exhibit 20 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

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20 Press release dated October 17, 2002.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation
(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2002

By: /s/ Terry L. Troupe

Terry L. Troupe
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer