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January 19, 2005

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UNITED STATES
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): January 19, 2005

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina ----- (State or other Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	0-24626 ----- (Commission File Number)	56-1886527 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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201 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

(Address of principal executive offices)

(910) 343-0181

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

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On January 19, 2005, Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Cooperative Bank, announced that its Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split of its outstanding common stock, payable in the form of a 50% stock dividend. The stock split entitles each shareholder of record at the close of business on February 8, 2005 to receive one additional share for every two shares of common stock held on that date. The Company will pay cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares based on the closing price on the record date, as adjusted for the split. The additional shares resulting from the split will be distributed by the Company's transfer agent on or about February 24, 2005.

A copy of the Company's press release dated January 19, 2005 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release Dated January 19, 2005

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.

Dated: January 19, 2005

By: /s/ Frederick Willetts, III

Frederick Willetts, III, President