SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 18, 2003

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction

0-5127 (Commission 52-0898572 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(410) 237-5900

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 18, 2003, Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, a Maryland corporation, issued a press release announcing results of merger consideration elections by F&M Bancorp stockholders and the manner in which the aggregate cash and stock portions of the merger consideration will be allocated.

The press release issued by Mercantile is included as Exhibit 99 to this report and is incorporated into this Item 5 by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securiti	es Exchange Act of 1934, th	e Registrant has duly	caused this report to	be signed on its	behalf by the
undersigned thereunto duly authorized.					

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: August 18, 2003

By:

/s/ Terry L. Troupe

Terry L. Troupe

Chief Financial Officer and Treasuer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description		
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