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 8, 2003

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	0-5127	52-0898572
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission File	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation)	Number)	Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(410) 237-5900

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Not Applicable

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

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 8, 2003, Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, a Maryland corporation (Mercantile), and F&M Bancorp, a Maryland corporation, jointly announced the value of the consideration to be paid by Mercantile in connection with the proposed merger with F&M Bancorp.

The press release jointly issued by Mercantile and F&M Bancorp 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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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: August 8, 2003 By: /s/ Terry L. Troupe

Terry L. Troupe

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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