# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

# MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Maryland <br> (State or other jurisdiction | $0-5127$ <br> (Commission | 52-0898572 <br> (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)
(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

## 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.

|  | Mercantle Bankshares Corporation |
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| (Registrant) |  |
| Date: August 18, 2003 | By: |
| /s/ Terry L. Troupe |  |
| Terry L. Troupe |  |
| Chief Financial Officer and Treasuer |  |

Description

Press Release

