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Form 8-K

April 19, 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)

April 18, 2002

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Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-5127

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(Commission  
File Number)

52-0898572

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

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(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

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

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

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

On April 18, 2002, the registrant issued a press release announcing its  
earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. A copy of the release is attached  
as Exhibit 20 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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Exhibits

20 Press release dated April 18, 2002.

Signatures  
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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: April 18, 2002

By: /s/ Terry L. Troupe  
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Terry L. Troupe  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer