

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): May 20, 1997

CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-8897

06-1119097

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(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Identification No.)  
of incorporation)

1105 North Market Street, Suite 1300  
P. O. Box 8985  
Wilmington, DE 19899  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 478-4896

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

## Item 5. Other Events

On May 20, 1997, Consolidated Stores Corporation announced a 5 for 4 stock split of the Company's shares of common stock to be effected by a distribution of additional shares on June 24, 1997, to stockholders of record on June 10, 1997. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

## Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

## (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Press Release dated May 20, 1997

## 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.

## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION

Dated: May 21, 1997

By: /s/ Michael J. Potter

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Michael J. Potter  
Sr. Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 5 FOR 4

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STOCK SPLIT  
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Columbus, Ohio - May 20, 1997 - Consolidated Stores Corporation (NYSE: CNS) Board of Directors declared and authorized a 5-for-4 split of the Company's shares of common stock to be effected by a distribution of additional shares on June 24, 1997, to stockholders of record on June 10, 1997.

Consolidated Stores Corporation, a leading value retailer specializing in toys and closeout merchandise, operated a total of 1,840 stores in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Stores by division consist of: 1,203 toy and closeout toy stores operating as K-B TOYS, K-B TOY WORKS and K-B TOY OUTLET and 637 closeout stores operating as BIG LOTS and ODD LOTS. Wholesale operations are conducted through CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL and WISCONSIN TOY.