

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): November 19, 1996

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

Delaware	1-8897	06-1119097

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

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 November 19, 1996, 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 December 24, 1996, to stockholders of record on December 10, 1996. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Press Release dated November 19, 1996

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: November 21, 1996

By: /s/ Michael J. Potter

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

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CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 5 FOR

4 STOCK SPLIT

Columbus, Ohio - November 19, 1996 - 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 December 24, 1996, to stockholders of record on December 10, 1996.

Consolidated Stores Corporation, a leading value retailer specializing in toys and close-out merchandise, operated a total of 1,981 stores in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Stores by division consist of: 1,185 toy stores operating as KAY-BEE TOYS, KB TOY WORKS and KB TOY LIQUIDATORS; 599 BIG LOTS and ODD LOTS; 74 ITZADEAL! specialty retail stores and, 123 ALL FOR ONE single price point retail stores. Wholesale operations are conducted through CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL and WISCONSIN TOY.