[X] AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1997
OR
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
$\qquad$ to

Commission file number 1-8897
CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION

Delaware
State of incorporation

06-1119097
I. R. S. Employer Identification Number

1105 North Market Street, Suite 1300
P.O. Box 8985

Wilmington, Delaware 19899
(Address of principal executive offices)
(302) 478-4896

Securities registered pursuant to Section $12(b)$ of the Act:

## Title of each class

Common Stock $\$ .01$ par value Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

Name of each Exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange
New York Stock Exchange

Indicate whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [ X ] No [ ]

Indicate if the disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in a definitive proxy or information statement incorporated by reference in Part III of this FORM $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this FORM 10-K [ ]

The aggregate market value (based on the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange) of the Common Stock of the Registrant held by non affiliates of the Registrant was $\$ 2,441,296,449$ on April 3, 1997. For purposes of this response, executive officers and directors are deemed to be the affiliates of the Registrant and the holdings by non affiliates was computed as $67,114,679$ shares.

The number of shares of Common Stock $\$ .01$ par value per share, outstanding as of April 3, 1997, was 67,339,903 and there were no shares of Non-Voting Common Stock, $\$ .01$ par value per share outstanding at that date.

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To the Plan Administrator of the Consolidated Stores Corporation Savings Plan:
We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN (the Plan) as of December 31, 1996 and 1995, and the related statement of changes in net assets available or benefits for the year ended December 31, 1996. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan Administrator. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing
standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1996 and 1995, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of (1) assets held for investment as of December 31, 1996, and (2) reportable transactions in excess of five percent of the current value of Plan assets for the year ended December 31, 1996, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's administrator. Such schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 1996 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DELOITTE \& TOUCHE LLP
Dayton, Ohio,
June 23, 1997

CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN statements of net assets available for benefits

December 31

| 1996 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: |

## ASSETS

Investment in Securities (at market):
Consolidated Stores Corporation
Common Shares
$\$ 22,402,365$
\$10, 094, 107
Investment in Mutual Funds:
Basic Value Fund
9,004,813 3,193,925
$5,494,263 \quad 1,017,587$
$4,844,805 \quad 1,018,709$
5, 932, 163
12,371,535
3,614,944
18, 689
3, 059,590 1,651,869
167,232 110,071

110,071
152
3,874,634 1,606,193 249,144 254,788

LIABILITIES

Payable to Plan participants

| 22,603 | 72,398 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 22,603 | 72,398 |
| \$67, 377, 941 | \$22,508, 636 |

See notes to financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITSDecember 31,
1996

## INCREASE IN PLAN ASSETS:

| Contributions: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Participant contributions | \$33,500, 911 |
| Company contributions | 3,059,590 |
| Investment Income: |  |
| Interest | 206,687 |
| Dividend | 1,845,267 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 11,910,328 |
| Loan repayments | 1,211,772 |
| TOTAL INCREASES | 51,734,555 |
| DECREASES IN PLAN ASSETS: |  |
| Distributions to Plan participants | 6,865,250 |
| TOTAL DECREASES | 6,865,250 |
| NET INCREASE IN PLAN ASSETS | 44,869,305 |
| NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR | 22,508,636 |
| NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR | \$67,377, 941 |

## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## LAN DESCRIPTION

On December 31, 1996, there were 13,276 employees eligible to participate in the Plan. On that date 6,796 were participating.

The following brief description of the Consolidated Stores Corporation Savings Plan ("Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

The purposes of the Plan are to encourage employee savings, to facilitate mployee ownership of the Common Stock of Consolidated Stores Corporation, and to provide benefits during the employee's participation in the Plan and upon retirement, death, disability or termination of employment.

The administrator of the Plan is Consolidated Stores Corporation Savings Plan Committee ("Committee"). Effective January 31, 1996, The Fifth Third Bank of Columbus was appointed as successor trustee to State Street Bank and Trust Company. (see TRUST AGREEMENT).

All employees of Consolidated Stores Corporation and any of its subsidiaries ("Company") which have adopted the Plan are eligible to participate. Participants must have attained age twenty-one and have completed one year of service prior to eligibility. Eligible employees may begin participation on the first day of the month following satisfaction of eligibility requirements. For any plan year, participants may contribute to the Plan any whole dollar amount not less than $1 \%$ of their compensation for such plan year but not more than the lesser of $\$ 7,000$ (or such larger amount in accordance with Code Section 415(d) which is $\$ 9,500$ as of January 1, 1996) or $15 \%$ of their compensation for the plan year. For the year 1996 the Company made matching contributions to the Plan on behalf of participants in an amount equal to $100 \%$ of the first $2 \%$ and $50 \%$ of the next 4\%, of the employee's first 6\% contribution. For the year 1995 the Company made matching contributions to the Plan on behalf of participants in an amount equal to $100 \%$ of the first $1 \%, 75 \%$ of the second $1 \%$, and $50 \%$ of the next $4 \%$, of the employee's first $6 \%$ contribution. The Company's matching contributions will always be made in the form of Common Stock of the Company.

Participants may elect to allocate their elective contribution to any of the Investment Funds (See INVESTMENT PROGRAMS) in increments of 1\%. Additionally, this allocation may be revised or investment balances may be transferred by the participant upon notifying participant services by telephone.

Each participant shall be fully vested in the Company's matching contributions allocable to their account in the event of retirement or other termination of employment on or after his or her 65th birthday, on account of disability, as defined, or by reason of death.

A participant whose employment terminates under circumstances other than those described in the preceding paragraph will be vested in a portion of the Company's matching contribution based on years of service as follows:

# CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN <br> NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> (CONTINUED) 

PLAN DESCRIPTION - CONTINUED

Vested
Years of Service Percentage

## Less than 2

At least 2 but less than 325
At least 3 but less than $4 \quad 50$
At least 4 but less than $5 \quad 75$
5 or more 100

The portion of the Company's matching contribution that is not fully vested will be forfeited at the time employment terminates. The Company has the right to terminate or amend the Plan at any time. In the event of termination, the Plan assets will be distributed to the participants, after payment of any expenses properly chargeable thereto, in proportion to their respective account balances.

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $\$ 1,000$ up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $\$ 50,000$ or $50 \%$ of their vested account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to the Loan and Short Term Investment fund from the Participant investment funds. One loan per participant may be outstanding at any time and the loan term may not exceed 5 years. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1\% (rounded to the next 1/4\%) as quoted in The Wall Street Journal as of the most recent quarters end when the loan application is approved. Loan repayments, including interest, are through regular payroll deductions. Loan balance may be paid off at any time without penalty.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
BASIS OF ACCOUNTING. The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

INVESTMENTS. Investments are reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits at market value, which is the valuation of the security or interest in an equity fund at year-end as determined by the quoted market price.

NET APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) ON INVESTMENTS. Realized gains and losses are determined on a first-in, first-out basis utilizing a revalued cost which is calculated using beginning of the year market values, or purchase price if acquired during the year. Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments is calculated as the market value at the end of the year less the market value at the beginning of the year, or purchase price if acquired during the year.

BENEFITS PAYABLE. As of December 31, 1996, net assets available for benefits included benefits of $\$ 22,603$ due to participants who have withdrawn from participation in the Plan.

# CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN <br> NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> (CONTINUED) 

## TRUST AGREEMENT

Under a trust agreement effective January 31, 1996, The Fifth Third Bank of Columbus is responsible for investing the participants' contributions in the funds designated by each participant. In addition, the trustee processes and distributes all distributions from the Plan based on information provided by the Company. Administrative fees due under the trust agreement are paid by the Company.

## INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

During the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1995, with the exception of the Merrill Lynch Growth Fund in 1995, participants could direct their contributions to different funds of the Plan as described below:

## MONEY MARKET FUNDS

MERRILL LYNCH RETIREMENT PRESERVATION TRUST. The Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust ("RP Trust") is a collective trust fund that invests primarily in Investment Contracts (GlCs) and United States Government and United States Government Agency securities. The RP Trust invests a lesser portion of the portfolio in high quality, money market instruments. The RP Trusts primary objective is to achieve high current income consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity. Dividends are declared and invested daily.

MUTUAL FUNDS

MERRILL LYNCH BASIC VALUE FUND, INC. The Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund, Inc. ("BV Fund") is a diversified, open-end, investment company seeking capital appreciation and, secondarily, income by investing in securities, primarily equities, that management of the BV Fund believes are undervalued and therefore represent basic investment value. The BV Fund seeks special opportunities in securities that are selling at a discount either from book values or historical price/earnings ratios, or seem capable of recovering from temporarily out of favor conditions. Particular emphasis is placed on securities which provide an above average dividend return and sell at below average price/earnings ratio.

MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL FUND, INC. The Merrill Lynch Capital Fund, Inc. ("Capital Fund") seeks to achieve the highest total investment return consistent with prudent risk through a fully managed investment policy utilizing equity, debt (including money market) and convertible securities. This permits management of the Capital Fund to vary investment policy based on evaluation of changes in economic and market trends. Total investment return is the aggregate of income and capital value changes. Consistent with this policy, the Capital Fund's portfolio may, at any given time, be invested substantially in equity securities, corporate bonds or money market securities. It is the expectation of the Capital Fund's management that, over a longer period, a major portion of the Capital Fund's portfolio will consist of equity securities of larger market capitalization, quality companies.

MERRILL LYNCH GLOBAL ALLOCATION FUND, INC. The Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund, Inc. ("Global Fund") is a non-diversified mutual fund seeking high total investment return, consistent with prudent risk, through a fully-managed investment policy utilizing United States and foreign equity, debt, and money market securities, the combination of which will be varied from time to time both with respect to types of securities and markets in response to changing market and economic trends. Total investment return is the aggregate of capital value changes and income. The Global Fund may employ a variety of instruments and techniques to enhance income and to hedge against market and currency risk

## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)
MUTUAL FUNDS - CONTINUED

MERRILL LYNCH GROWTH FUND. The Merrill Lynch Growth Fund ("Growth Fund") is a mutual fund seeking to provide growth of capital and, secondarily, income by investing in a diversified portfolio of primarily equity securities placing principal emphasis on those securities that management of the Growth Fund believes to be undervalued. Undervalued issues include securities selling at discounts from the price-to-book value ratios and price/earnings ratio computed with respect to popular stock market averages (primarily the Standard \& Poor's 400 Industrial Stock Price Index). The Growth Fund may also consider as undervalued securities selling at a discount from their historic price-to-book value or price/earnings ratio, even though these ratios may be above the stock market averages. Securities offering dividend yields higher than the yields or the popular stock market averages or higher than such securities historic yields may also be considered to be undervalued. In selecting securities believed to be undervalued, the securities of issuers having a stock market capitalization of $\$ 500$ million or more are emphasized.

COMPANY STOCK FUND

CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION STOCK FUND. Contributions are invested in Common Shares of Consolidated Stores Corporation. All employer matching contributions are made to this fund.
tAX Status
The Plan and its Trust qualify for special tax treatment under Sections 401(a), 401(k), and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Qualification under these sections means the Plan is exempt from Federal income tax. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

## TRANSFERRED ASSETS

Effective May 5, 1996, the Company acquired Kay-Bee Center, Inc. from Melville Corporation. As a result of this combination Melville plan assets relating to Kay-Bee participants of approximately $\$ 24$ million were transferred at the participants election to the Plan. These assets were invested at the participants direction in the Investment Programs available in the Plan.

# CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN 

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(CONTINUED)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

December 31, 1996

| Number of | Loan and | Retirement | Basic Value | Capital |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shares | Short-term | Preservation | Fund | Fund |

## ASSETS

Investment in Securities (at market):
Consolidated Stores Corporation Common Stock

694,647 \$

290, 478
176, 949
332,976
227, 025
12, 371, 535
Investment in Money Market Funds
Cash and temporary cash investments
Contribution receivable from:

Consolidated Stores Corporation
Participants
Interest receivable
Loans receivable
Receivable from nonqualified plan

## IABILITIES

Payable to Plan participants

| -- | 3,262 | 4,880 | 4,323 | -- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -- | 3,262 | 4,880 | 4,323 | -- |
| \$ 3, 874, 634 | \$12, 439, 140 | \$ 9, 065, 400 | \$ 5,526,527 | \$ 4, 882, 143 |

December 31, 1996
Growth Fund Company Stock Plan Fund

## ASSETS

Investment in Securities (at market):
Consolidated Stores Corporation

Common Stock
Investment in Mutual Funds:

Basic Value Fund
Capital Fund
Global Allocation Fund
Growth Fund
Investment in Money Market Funds
Cash and temporary cash investments
Contribution receivable from:

Consolidated Stores Corporation
Participants
Interest receivable
Loans receivable
Receivable from nonqualified plan

## LIABILITIES

Payable to Plan participants
\$ $\quad$ - $\$ 22,402,365 \quad \$ 22,402,365$
\$ $\quad$ - $\$ 22,402,365 \quad \$ 22,402,365$

| -- | - | $9,004,813$ |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| -- | -- | $5,494,263$ |
| -- | -- | $4,844,805$ |
| $5,932,163$ | -- | $5,932,163$ |
| -- | - | $12,371,535$ |


| - | 3, 059,590 | 3,059,590 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17,015 | 51, 272 | 167, 232 |
| -- | -- | -- |
| -- | -- | 3,874,634 |
| 19,407 | 118,423 | 249,144 |
| 5,968,585 | 25,631,650 | 67,400,544 |


| 6,194 | 3,944 | 22,603 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6,194 | 3,944 | 22,603 |
| \$ 5, 962, 391 | \$25, 627, 706 | \$67, 377, 941 |

## CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM - CONTINUED

## December 31, 1995

| Number | Loan and | Retirement | Basic Value | Capital |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Short-term <br> Investment | Preservation | Fund | Fund |
|  | Fund |  |  |  |

## ASSETS

Investment in Securities (at market): Consolidated Stores Corporation Common Stock
Investment in Mutual Funds:

Basic Value Fund
Capital Fund
Global Allocation Fund
Investment in Money Market Funds
Cash and temporary cash investments
Contribution receivable from
Consolidated Stores Corporation
Participants
Interest receivable
Loans receivable
Receivable from nonqualified plan

LIABILITIES

Payable to Plan participants

| -- | 9,857 | 24, 026 | 8,810 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -- | 9,857 | 24, 026 | 8,810 |
| \$ 1, 609, 373 | \$ 3, 659, 285 | \$ 3, 249,473 | \$ 1, 046,413 |


| December 31, 1995 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Global | Company | Plan |
| Allocation |  |  |
| Fund | Stock Fund | Total |

## ASSETS

Investment in Securities (at market):
Consolidated Stores Corporation Common Stock
\$ $\quad-\quad \$ 10,094,107 \quad \$ 10,094,107$
Investment in Mutual Funds:

## Basic Value Fund

Capital Fund
Global Allocation Fund
Investment in Money Market Funds
Cash and temporary cash investments
Contribution receivable from:
Consolidated Stores Corporation
Participants
Interest receivable
Loans receivable
Receivable from nonqualified plan

IABILITIES

Payable to Plan participants

| -- | -- | 3,193,925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -- | -- | 1, 017,587 |
| 1,018,709 | -- | 1,018,709 |
| - - | -- | 3,614,944 |
| 188 | 14,370 | 18,689 |
| -- | 1,651,869 | 1,651,869 |
| 6,562 | 56,250 | 110, 071 |
| - - | 152 | 152 |
| -- | -- | 1,606,193 |
| 41,187 | 90,403 | 254, 788 |
| 1, 066,646 | 11, 907, 151 | 22,581, 034 |
| 8,836 | 20,869 | 72,398 |
| 8,836 | 20,869 | 72,398 |
| \$ 1, 057, 810 | \$11, 886, 282 | \$22,508, 636 |

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CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN
    NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
    (CONTINUED)
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

December 31, 1996

| Loan and |  |  | Global |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Short-term | Retirement | Basic Value | Capital | Allocation |
| Investment | Preservation | Fund | Fund | Fund |
| Fund | Trust |  |  |  |

$\$ 2,058,574 \quad \$ 11,176,412 \quad \$ 5,181,657 \quad \$ 4,246,411 \quad \$ 3,725,879$
Participant contributions
Company contributions
Investment Income:
Interest
Dividend
Loan repayments, including interes
Net appreciation in fair value of investments

TOTAL INCREASES
DECREASES IN PLAN ASSETS
Distributions to Plan participants Interfund transfers - net

TOTAL DECREASES
NET INCREASE IN PLAN ASSETS
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR
206,687
--
--
--------
$2,265,261$
--
347,776
285,469
--
-------
$11,809,657$

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 3,826,204 \\ \quad(796,402) \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| - | 3,029,802 |
| 2,265,261 | 8,779,855 |
| 1,609,373 | 3,659,285 |
| \$3,874,634 | \$12,439,140 |
| =========== | =========== |

511,688
76,641
---------
588,329
--------
$5,815,927$
$3,249,473$
---------
$\$ 9,065,400$
$=========$

| 268,358 | 420,303 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 20,240 | $(24,176)$ |
| 288,598 | 396,127 |
| 4,480,114 | 3,824,333 |
| 1,046,413 | 1,057,810 |
| \$5,526,527 | \$4,882,143 |

## December 31, 1996

| December 31, 1996 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Growth Fund | Company Stock | Plan |
|  | Fund | Total |

$\qquad$

| \$4,907, 050 | \$ 2, 204,928 | \$33,500, 911 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3,059,590 | 3,059,590 |
| -- | -- | 206,687 |
| 419,326 | -- | 1,845,267 |
| 100,432 | 477,645 | 1,211,772 |
| 1,117,959 | 9,979,279 | 11,910,328 |
| 6,544,767 | 15,721,442 | 51,734,555 |

DECREASES IN PLAN ASSETS:
Distributions to Plan participants Interfund transfers - net

TOTAL DECREASES
NET INCREASE IN PLAN ASSETS NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR

NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR

| 205,009 | 1,633,688 | 6,865,250 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 377,367 | 346,330 | -- |
| 582,376 | 1,980,018 | 6,865,250 |
| 5,962,391 | 13,741,424 | 44,869,305 |
| -- | 11,886,282 | 22,508,636 |
| \$5,962,391 | \$25,627,706 | \$67,377, 941 |

# CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN 

 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENTDECEMBER 31, 1996

|  | Purchase Cost |  |  | Market Value |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Security Description | No. of Shares or Units | Share or Unit | Total | Share or Unit | Total |

## COMPANY STOCK FUND

| Consolidated Stores Corporation |
| :--- |
| Common Stock |$\quad$ 694,647

MUTUAL FUNDS

| Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund | 290,478 | \$27.354 | 7,945,720 | \$31.000 | 9,004,813 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund | 332,976 | \$14.372 | 4,785,454 | \$14.550 | 4,844,805 |
| Merrill Lynch Capital Fund | 176,949 | \$30.017 | 5,311,550 | \$31.050 | 5,494,263 |
| Merrill Lynch Growth Fund | 227,025 | \$24.456 | 5,552,135 | \$26.130 | 5,932,163 |
| MONEY MARKET FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merrill Lynch Retirement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preservation Trust | 12,371,535 | \$ 1.000 | 12,371,535 | \$ 1.000 | 12,371,535 |


| Security Description | Type/ No. of Transactions | No. of Shares or Units | Purchase Cost | Proceeds | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gain } \\ & \text { (Loss) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPANY STOCK FUND |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consolidated Stores Corporation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock | Purchase/85 | 145,062 | \$ 4,270,400 | \$ | \$ |
| Consolidated Stores Corporation Common Stock | Sales/136 | 51,212 | 981,136 | 1,850,777 | 869,640 |
| MUTUAL FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund | Purchase/77 | 185,655 | 5,405,443 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund | Sales/84 | 20,910 | 530,206 | 633,373 | 103,167 |
| Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund | Purchase/1 | 139,387 | 4,007,377 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund | Purchase/74 | 260,362 | 3,826,415 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund | Sales/75 | 26,916 | 372,563 | 400,250 | 27,687 |
| Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund | Purchase/1 | 198,539 | 2,908,598 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Capital Fund | Purchase/70 | 149,245 | 4,513,639 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Capital Fund | Sales/81 | 15,419 | 451,608 | 473,553 | 21,945 |
| Merrill Lynch Capital Fund | Purchase/1 | 114,749 | 3,445,902 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Growth Fund | Purchase/97 | 220,956 | 5,375,581 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Growth Fund | Sales/40 | 10,229 | 242,772 | 258,826 | 16,054 |
| Merrill Lynch Growth Fund | Purchase/1 | 167,772 | 4,019,812 | -- | -- |
| MONEY MARKET FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merrill Lynch Retirement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preservation Trust | Purchase/55 | 10,898,201 | 10,898, 201 | -- | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust | Sale/107 | 2,548,005 | 2,548,005 | 2,548,005 | -- |
| Merrill Lynch Retirement Preservation Trust | Purchase/1 | 9,120,826 | 9,120,826 | -- | -- |

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in (i) Registration Statement No. 33-42502 on Form S-8 pertaining to Consolidated Stores Corporation Director Stock Option Plan (ii) Registration Statement No. 33-42692 on Form S-8 pertaining to Consolidated Stores Corporation Supplemental Savings Plan (iii) Post Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement No. 33-6068 on Form S-8 pertaining to Consolidated Stores Corporation Executive Stock Option and Stock Appreciation Rights Plan and (iv) Post Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 33-19378 on Form S-8 pertaining to Consolidated Stores Corporation Savings Plan and (v) Post Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement No. 333-2545 on Form S-3 pertaining to the issuance of Consolidated Stores Corporation Common Shares of our report, dated June 23, 1997, accompanying the financial statements of the Consolidated Stores Corporation Savings Plan on Form 10-K/A Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Consolidated Stores Corporation for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1997.

DELOITTE \& TOUCHE LLP
Dayton, Ohio
June 23, 1997

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant and the administrators of the Plan have duly caused this amendment to its annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized

CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael L. Glazer
Michael L. Glazer, President

By: /s/ Michael J. Potter

Michael J. Potter,
Senior Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Principal
Accounting Officer
CONSOLIDATED STORES CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

By: /s/ Brad A.Waite
Brad A. Waite,
Senior Vice President Human Resources
Dated: June 23, 1997

