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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): December 11, 2007

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA 0-17071 35-1544218 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission file number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street P.O. Box 792 Muncie, IN 47305-2814

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(765) 747-1500 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

First Merchants Corporation Announces Stock Repurchase

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on December 4, 2007, the Board of

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Directors of First Merchants Corporation authorized management to repurchase up to 500,000 of the Corporation's Common Stock through the open market. This authorization expires on December 31, 2008.