

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): August 15, 2002

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

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-10161
(Commission
file number)

34-1339938
(IRS employer
identification number)

III Cascade Plaza, 7th Floor Akron, Ohio
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44308
(Zip Code)

(330) 996-6300
(Telephone Number)

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Item 5. Other Events

On August 15, 2002, Standard & Poor's issued a press release announcing that it had lowered its ratings on FirstMerit Bank, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of the registrant, FirstMerit Corporation. A copy of that release is included as an exhibit to this report.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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SIGNATURE

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.

FirstMerit Corporation

Dated: August 16, 2002

By: /s/Terrence E. Bichsel

Terrence E. Bichsel,
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer