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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 13, 2018**

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**Merchants Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Indiana**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-38258**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-5747400**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**11555 North Meridian Street, Suite 400  
Carmel, Indiana 46032**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(317) 569-7420**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company



If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 13, 2018, Merchants Bancorp (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing it has entered into an agreement with FM Bancorp, Inc., Paxton, Illinois (“FM Bancorp”), to acquire FM Bancorp and its wholly owned subsidiary, Farmers-Merchants National Bank of Paxton for \$21.9 million. The Company anticipates that the transaction will close in the fourth quarter of 2018. The press release has been attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

This Current Report on Form 8-K and press release attached hereto contain forward-looking statements which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and our financial performance. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as “may,” “might,” “should,” “could,” “predict,” “potential,” “believe,” “expect,” “continue,” “will,” “anticipate,” “seek,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “projection,” “goal,” “target,” “outlook,” “aim,” “would,” “annualized” and “outlook,” or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases of a future or forward-looking nature. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, and are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management’s beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control. Accordingly, we caution you that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, assumptions, estimates and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date made, actual results may prove to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. A number of important factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements, including those factors identified in “Risk Factors” or “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and in our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statements presented herein are made only as of the date of this press release, and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or otherwise.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

##### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release dated June 13, 2018 issued by Merchants Bancorp</a>

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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.

#### MERCHANTS BANCORP

Date: June 13, 2018

By: /s/ John F. Macke  
Name: John F. Macke  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (EX-99.1)

Exhibit 99.1



## MERCHANTS BANCORP'S JOY STATE BANK TO ACQUIRE FARMERS-MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF PAXTON

**Carmel, INDIANA and Paxton, ILLINOIS (06/13/2018)** — Merchants Bancorp, Carmel, IN (“Merchants”; NASDAQ: MBIN) and its subsidiary, Joy State Bank, Joy, IL (“Joy”), along with FM Bancorp Inc., Paxton, IL (“FM Bancorp”), announced today they have entered into an agreement and plan of merger whereby FM Bancorp and its subsidiary, Farmers-Merchants National Bank of Paxton (“Farmers-Merchants”), will merge with and into Merchants and Joy, respectively (the “Agreement”).

Michael F. Petrie, Chairman and CEO of Merchants stated, “We are pleased to add to our Illinois banking operations with the acquisition of FM Bancorp. We believe that Tom McCabe and his colleagues have done a great job in building a solid community bank, and we believe that this transaction will be helpful to the employees and customers of Farmers-Merchants.”

Tom McCabe, Chairman and President of FM Bancorp, stated, “We are very happy to be joining an organization of this caliber. Merchants has had extremely strong financial performance in recent years, and it will benefit our employees and customers to be part of a larger community bank offering a broader selection of products and services. We also believe that Merchants is very happy serving relatively smaller communities, and we will remain strongly committed to the consumers and small businesses (including farmers) in our markets.”

Merchants expects the transaction to close in the fourth quarter of 2018. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals and the approval of FM Bancorp’s shareholders.

Merchants estimates that, following the closing, Joy will have approximately \$159 million in assets and five banking locations throughout Illinois. Merchants expects the transaction to be accretive to earnings per share excluding one-time merger costs beginning in the first full year of combined operations. Following consummation of the transaction, it is expected that Joy will exceed “well-capitalized” thresholds under all regulatory definitions.

As of March 31, 2018, FM Bancorp had total assets of \$114.6 million, which included gross loans of \$33.6 million and deposits of \$99.3 million. For the last twelve months ended March 31, 2018, FM Bancorp’s return on average assets and return on average equity were 0.87% and 6.85%, respectively.

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Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. is serving as financial advisor to Merchants while Krieg DeVault LLP is serving as legal counsel on the transaction. Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC and Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC are serving as financial and legal advisors to FM Bancorp, respectively.

### ABOUT MERCHANTS BANCORP

Merchants Bancorp is a diversified bank holding company headquartered in Carmel, Indiana operating multiple lines of business with a focus on Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”) multi-family housing and healthcare facility financing and servicing, mortgage warehouse financing, retail and correspondent residential mortgage banking, agricultural lending and traditional community banking. Merchants Bancorp, with \$3.7 billion in assets and \$3.1 billion in deposits as of March 31, 2018, conducts its business through its direct and indirect subsidiaries, Merchants Bank of Indiana, P/R Mortgage and Investment Corp., Joy State Bank, RICHMAC Funding LLC and Merchants Mortgage, a division of Merchants Bank of Indiana. Additional information is available at [www.merchantsbankofindiana.com](http://www.merchantsbankofindiana.com).

### ABOUT JOY STATE BANK

Joy State Bank has served the Mercer County, IL community and the surrounding area for over 95 years. Joy currently offers Bank by Phone, Internet Banking, Roth IRAs and Health Savings Accounts and is continuing to develop other products. Joy operates out of two branches located in Joy, IL and New Boston, IL. Additional information is available at [www.joystatebank.com](http://www.joystatebank.com).

### ABOUT FM BANCORP, INC.

Farmers-Merchants National Bank of Paxton has proudly served both the personal and business financial needs of its customers since 1914. Farmers-Merchants offers a variety of lending and deposit options out of three branches located in Paxton, IL, Melvin, IL and Piper City, IL. Additional information is available at [www.fmnbank.com](http://www.fmnbank.com).

### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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