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Form 8-K  
October 15, 2003

UNITED STATES  
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): October 15, 2003

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| New Jersey  | 0-12874                  | 22-2433468                             |
| -----   | -----                    | -----                                  |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |

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| Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ | 08034-5400 |
| -----  | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)             | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 856-751-9000

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release, dated October 15, 2003.
- 99.2 Supplemental Information.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 15, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release reporting its results for its third quarter of 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

On October 15, 2003, the Registrant also made certain supplemental information available. A copy of the supplemental information is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

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.

Date: October 15, 2003

COMMERCE BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ VERNON W. HILL, II

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Vernon W. Hill, II  
Chairman of the Board and President

By: /s/ DOUGLAS J. PAULS

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Douglas J. Pauls  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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