# **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): August 31, 2005

**ABC Bancorp** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-13901 (Commission File Number) 58-1456434 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

24 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

31768 (Zip Code)

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(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- x 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))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 31, 2005, ABC Bancorp issued a press release announcing its intentions to begin consolidating its subsidiary bank charters across Georgia, Alabama and northern Florida into a single charter. A copy of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report is filed herewith pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) (b) Financial Statements and Pro Forma Financial Information. None.
- (c) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press release dated August 31, 2005.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ABC BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.

Dennis J. Zember Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 31, 2005

## EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated August 31, 2005.