UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2003

Commission file number: 1-5128

MEREDITH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA 42-0410230

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3023

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 284-3000

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits

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Conference call script of conversation with analysts on October 29, 2003 concerning news release of the same date which reported earnings for the first fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 29, 2003, Meredith Corporation issued a <u>news release</u> reporting earnings for the first fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003. The related conference call script is attached as an exhibit.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

MEREDITH CORPORATION

Registrant

/s/ Suku V. Radia

Suku V. Radia

Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: October 29, 2003

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