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): May 3, 2005

UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 1-11834 (Commission File Number) 62-1598430 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Fountain Square

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(423) 294-1011

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " 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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 3, 2005, UnumProvident Corporation issued a press release reporting its results for the first quarter of 2005, a copy of which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Also on May 3, 2005, UnumProvident Corporation posted on its website at <u>www.unumprovident.com</u> the Statistical Supplement relating to its financial results for the first quarter of 2005. A copy of the Statistical Supplement is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information included or incorporated in this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall such information and exhibits be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this Report:
 - 99.1 Press release of UnumProvident Corporation dated May 3, 2005, of earnings for the first quarter of 2005.
 - 99.2 Statistical Supplement of UnumProvident Corporation for the first quarter of 2005.

SIGNATURES

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.

UnumProvident Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: May 3, 2005.

By: /s/ F. Dean Copeland Name: F. Dean Copeland Title: Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer

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