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May 28, 2002

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 20, 2002

The J. M. Smucker Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ohio | 1-05111 | 34-0538550 |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio | 44667 |
| ----- | ----- |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (330) 682-3000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On May 20, 2002, The J. M. Smucker Company, an Ohio corporation ("Smucker"), and The Procter & Gamble Company, an Ohio corporation ("P&G"), issued a joint press release to announce the closing date of the merger (the "Merger") of the Jif peanut butter and Crisco shortening and oils businesses of P&G into Smucker. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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Smucker shareholders had previously approved the Merger as described in a press release issued by Smucker on April 5, 2002. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Joint press release, dated May 20, 2002 |
| 99.2 | Press release, dated April 5, 2002 |

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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

Date: May 28, 2002

By: /s/ Ann Harlan

Name: Ann Harlan
Title: General Counsel

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