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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): JANUARY 5, 2005

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

OHIO	1-5111	34-0538550
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
One Strawberry Lane Orrville, Ohio		44667-0280
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On January 5, 2005, The J. M. Smucker Company announced that Mark R. Belgya, 44, currently its Vice President and Treasurer, was elected to the additional

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position of Chief Financial Officer, replacing Richard K. Smucker. Mr. Smucker will continue to hold his position as President and Co-CEO.

Mr. Belgya joined the Company in 1985 and held key management positions, including Controller, until being promoted to Treasurer in 2001 and Vice President in 2004. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number -----	Exhibit Description -----
99.1	Press Release, dated January 5, 2005

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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Richard K. Smucker

Richard K. Smucker
President and Co-Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 5, 2005

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