PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K January 18, 2006

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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) <u>January 18, 2006</u> THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169 (State or other (Commission File (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Number) Identification incorporation) No.) 6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code 440-461-5000

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

Not Applicable

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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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On January 18, 2006, The Progressive Corporation issued a news release containing financial results for the company and its subsidiaries for the month of, and quarter and year-to-date periods ended, December 2005. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

See exhibit index on page 4.

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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. Dated: January 18, 2006

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Basch Name: Jeffrey W. Basch Title: Vice President and Chief Accounting

Officer

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News release dated January 18, 2006, containing financial results of The Progressive Corporation and its subsidiaries for the month of, and quarter and year-to-date

periods ended, December 2005

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