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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): November 15, 2001

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio 1-05111 36-0538550
-----(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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 November 15, 2001, The J. M. Smucker Company, an Ohio corporation, issued a press release to announce its earnings for the second quarter of its fiscal year. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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99.1 Press Release, dated November 15, 2001

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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/ Steven J. Ellcessor

Name: Steven J. Ellcessor

Title: Vice President -- Finance and

Administration, Secretary and

General Counsel

Dated: November 16, 2001

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