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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) April 7, 2006

#### THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169

(State or other jurisdiction Number) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) of incorporation)

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
Not Applicable

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

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## Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

(a) See Item 5.02(b) below.

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On April 7, 2006, the Company accepted the resignation of Robert T. Williams, President of the Company s Drive Group of Insurance Companies. Under an agreement entered into between the parties, the resignation will be effective on May 17, 2006, and Mr. Williams agreed, among other provisions, not to compete against the Company for a 2-year period.

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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.

Date: April 7, 2006

# THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Charles E. Jarrett

Name: Charles E. Jarrett

Title: Vice President, Secretary and

Chief Legal Officer

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