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)

October 21, 2004

United Fire & Casualty Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa (State or Other Jurisdiction

2-39621 (Commission 42-0644327 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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118 Second Avenue, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Address of principal executive offices)

52407 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

319-399-5700

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

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:

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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 21, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed with the Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.	
(a) Not applicable.	
(b) Not applicable.	
(c) Exhibits.	
The following exhibits are furnished herewith.	

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated October 21, 2004, announcing our financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

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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.

<u>United Fire & Casualty Company</u> (Registrant)

October 21, 2004 (Date)

/s/ John A. Rife

John A. Rife, Chief Executive Officer