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): December 5, 2003

UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

1-11834 (Commission 62-1598430 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification No.)

1 Fountain Square

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

(Address of principal executive offices)

(423) 755-1011

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.	
(c) Exhibits.	
99.1 Press release of UnumProvident Corporation dated December 5, 2003.	
Item 9. <u>Regulation FD Disclosure</u> .	
On December 5, 2003, UnumProvident Corporation issued a press release reporting that it has entered into an agreement to sell its wholly-owned subsidiary UNUM Japan Accident Insurance Co., ltd to Hitachi Capital Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.	
In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information included or incorporated in this report, including Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall such information and exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such a filing.	
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 thereunto duly authorized.	
	UnumProvident Corporation
	(Registrant)
Date: December 5, 2003.	/s/ F. Dean Copeland
	F. Dean Copeland
	Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel
	and Chief Administrative Officer

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99.1 UnumProvidentCorporation press release dated December 5, 2003.