

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment No.: 4

Name of Issuer: Progressive Corporation-Ohio

Title of Class of Securities: Common

CUSIP Number: 743315103

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Name of Reporting Person
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person
Ruane, Cunniff & Co., Inc.
13-2628641

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
a.
b.

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
With:

5. Sole Voting Power:
6,440,392

6. Shared Voting Power:

7. Sole Dispositive Power:
5,202,603

8. Shared Dispositive Power:
4,400,000
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
9,602,603
10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
13.29%
12. Type of Reporting Person
BD, IA

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Progressive Corporation-Ohio

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio
44143

Item 2(a) - (c). Name, Principal Business Address, and Citizenship of Persons Filing:

Ruane, Cunniff & Co., Inc.
767 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10153-4798
Corp. organized under the laws of the State of Delaware

(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common

(e) CUSIP Number: 743315103

Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1).

/x/ Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the

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Act.

/x/ Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 9,602,603

(b) Percent of Class: 13.29%

(c) 6,440,392 shares with sole power to vote or direct the vote; 5,202,603 shares with sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of; 4,400,000 shares with shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.
N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.
N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported by the Parent Holding Company.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of the Group.

N/A

Item 10. By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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By: /s/ Joseph Quinones, Jr.

February 13, 1998

Title: Vice-President

Date

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