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April 23, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: April 23, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Butler Manufacturing Company  
1540 Genessee Street  
P.O. Box 419917  
Kansas City, Missouri 64102  
Phone (816) 968-3000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Commission File No. 001-12335

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 44-0188420

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 23, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company issued a press release announcing that it delivered a letter to Mr. Michael E. Heisley, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of Robertson-Ceco Corporation. The press release which includes the text of the letter to Mr. Heisley is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release from Butler Manufacturing Company dated April 23, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

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April 23, 2004

/s/ Larry C. Miller

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Date

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Larry C. Miller  
Vice President - Finance, and  
Chief Financial Officer

April 23, 2004

/s/ John W. Huey

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Date

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John W. Huey  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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