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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): July 29, 1997

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8597
(Commission File Number)

94-2657368
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588
(Address of principal executive offices)

(510) 460-3600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On July 29, 1997, The Cooper Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing it has called for redemption on September 1, 1997, all \$21.9 million principal amount of its 10% Senior Subordinated Secured Notes due 2003. This release is filed as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated July 29, 1997 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.

SIGNATURE

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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Stephen C. Whiteford

Stephen C. Whiteford
Vice President and
Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: July 29, 1997

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COOPER TO REDEEM \$21.9 MILLION SENIOR DEBT

Pleasanton, Calif., July 29, 1997. The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE/PCX:COO) announced today that it has called for redemption on September 1, 1997, (the "Redemption Date") all \$21.9 million principal amount of its 10% Senior Subordinated Secured Notes due 2003 (the "Notes") at 100% of principal value plus unpaid interest through the Redemption Date. No interest will accrue or be paid on the Notes after the Redemption Date.

IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust Company, the Trustee with regard to the Notes, will mail each Noteholder a notice of transmittal letter describing the redemption procedure.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market specialty healthcare products and provide healthcare services. Corporate offices are located in Irvine and Pleasanton, Calif. CooperVision, Inc., headquartered in Irvine, Calif., with manufacturing facilities in Huntington Beach, Calif., Rochester, N. Y., and Toronto, markets a broad range of contact lenses for the vision care market. CooperSurgical, Inc., headquartered in Shelton, Conn., markets diagnostic and surgical instruments, equipment and accessories for the gynecological market. Hospital Group of America, Inc. provides psychiatric services through hospitals in New Jersey, Delaware and Illinois and satellite locations in those and other states.

A toll free interactive telephone system at 1-800-334-1986 provides the Company's current stock quote, recent press releases and access to shareholder services. The Company's Worldwide Web site is located at www.coopercos.com.

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