

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: July 28, 1997

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-6227	42-0823980
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(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
215 N. Main Street, Davenport, IA		52801-1924
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(Address of principal executive offices)		ZIP Code
	(319) 383-2100	

	(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

Item 5. Other Materially Important Events

On July 25, 1997 Lee Enterprises, Incorporated entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the Pacific Northwest Publishing Group from ABC, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company ("Seller"). The Pacific Northwest Publishing Group publishes daily and weekly newspapers, shoppers and specialty publications. The shopper and specialty publication group covers eight markets in the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Utah. They are grouped into three geographic regions with total circulation of 980,000 and estimated readership of over 2.2 million. The newspaper group publishes eight Oregon newspapers geographically clustered in the Willamette Valley. The two daily and six weekly newspapers have an aggregate paid circulation of approximately 67,000.

The transaction, which is subject to requisite regulatory approval discussed below and other customary contingencies for a transaction of this nature, is expected to close before September 30, 1997. The purchase price is approximately \$185 million. The acquisition will be affected by registrant's acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Southern Utah Media, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Nevada Media Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Oregon News Media Inc., a Delaware corporation, from Seller.

The transaction is subject to the approval of the Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

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.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
Registrant

By: /s/ G. Chris Wahlig

G. Chris Wahlig
Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: July 28, 1997