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

FORM 10-Q

[x] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

OR

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 1-6227

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware	42-0823980
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

215 N. Main Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801
(Address of principal executive offices)

(563) 383-2100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by a check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [x] No [ ]

As of June 30, 2002, 34,384,196 shares of Common Stock and 9,906,138 shares of Class B Common Stock of the Registrant were outstanding.

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LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands, except per common share data)	2002	2001	2002	2001
Operating revenue:				
Advertising	$ 110,745	$ 71,613	$ 244,709	$ 211,973
Circulation	31,641	20,115	72,238	60,816
Other	18,427	16,770	49,990	50,761
Equity in net income of associated companies	2,867	1,647	6,796	5,531
	163,680	110,145	373,733	329,081
Operating expenses:				
Compensation	62,928	42,165	143,464	126,237
Newsprint and ink	13,385	11,166	31,559	32,071
Depreciation	6,389	3,882	13,946	12,181
Amortization of intangible assets	5,866	3,997	9,614	11,707
Other	37,826	25,978	88,579	80,590
	126,394	87,188	287,162	262,786
Operating income	37,286	22,957	86,571	66,295
Nonoperating income (expenses), net:				
Financial income	470	6,470	5,705	24,412
Financial expense	(5,117)	(3,279)	(10,999)	(9,624)
Gain (loss) on sales of assets	9	(1,472)	(31)	(1,472)
Other, net	--	(213)	(268)	(844)
	(4,638)	1,506	(5,593)	12,472
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	32,648	24,463	80,978	78,767
Income tax expense	1,841	8,675	18,920	28,760
Income from continuing operations	30,807	15,788	62,058	50,007
Discontinued operations:				
Gain (loss) on disposition, net of income tax effect	1,281	(86)	1,154	250,653
Net income	$ 32,088	$ 15,702	$ 63,212	$ 300,660
Earnings per common share:				
Basic:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.70	$ 0.36	$ 1.41	$ 1.14
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.74
Net income	$ 0.73	$ 0.36	$ 1.44	$ 6.88
Diluted:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.69	$ 0.36	$ 1.40	$ 1.13
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.69
Net income	$ 0.72	$ 0.36	$ 1.43	$ 6.82
Dividends per common share	$ 0.17	$ 0.17	$ 0.51	$ 0.51

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

(Thousands, except per share data)	June 30 2002	September 30 2001
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 67,810	$ 272,169
Temporary cash investments	--	211,221
Accounts receivable, net	58,037	41,349
Receivable from associated companies	--	1,500
Inventories	6,617	3,997
Other	15,154	7,441
Total current assets	147,618	537,677
Investments	24,509	32,525
Property and equipment, net	179,567	119,061
Goodwill and other intangibles	1,040,203	310,472
Other	3,779	662
	$ 1,395,676	$ 1,000,397
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 17,214	$ 10,817
Current maturities of long-term debt	11,600	11,600
Unearned income	28,534	18,201
Income taxes payable	2,741	57,281
Other	40,076	27,240
Total current liabilities	100,165	125,139
Long-term debt, less current maturities	414,200	161,800
Deferred items	152,292	31,514
Stockholders' equity:		
Serial convertible preferred, no par value; authorized 500 shares: none issued		
Common, $2 par value; authorized 60,000 shares; issued and outstanding: June 30, 2002 34,384 shares September 30, 2001 33,659 shares	68,768	67,318
Class B Common, $2 par value; authorized 30,000 shares; issued and outstanding: June 30, 2002 9,906 shares September 30, 2001 10,379 shares	19,812	20,758
Additional paid-in capital	55,152	48,164
Unearned compensation	(2,169)	(1,130)
Retained earnings	587,456	546,834
Total stockholders' equity	729,019	681,944
	$ 1,395,676	$ 1,000,397

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LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands)	2002	2001
Cash provided by operating activities:		
Net income	$ 63,212	$ 300,660
Less: discontinued operations	(1,154)	(250,653)
Income from continuing operations	62,058	50,007
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	23,560	23,888
Losses (gains) on sale of assets	31	1,472
Distributions in excess of current earnings of associated companies	3,330	2,337
Other, net	(4,169)	(6,849)
Net cash provided by operating activities	84,810	70,855
Cash provided by (required for) investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales (purchases) of temporary cash investments, net	211,221	(282,807)
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,775)	(7,435)
Acquisitions, net	(697,233)	(4,230)
Proceeds from sales of assets	7,075	3,841
Other	232	(2,443)
Net cash required for investing activities	(486,480)	(293,074)
Cash provided by (required for) financing activities:		
Payments on short-term debt	--	(37,937)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	264,000	--
Payments on long-term debt	(11,600)	(11,600)
Financing costs	(2,442)	--
Common stock transactions	(322)	(8,689)
Dividends paid	(15,014)	(14,828)
Other	5,851	10,703
Net cash provided by (required for) financing activities	240,473	(62,351)
Net cash provided by (required for) discontinued operations	(43,162)	435,976
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(204,359)	151,406
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of period	272,169	29,427
End of period	$ 67,810	$ 180,833

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Consolidated Financial Statements included herein are unaudited. In the opinion of management, these statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring items) necessary to present fairly the financial position of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated and subsidiaries (the Company) as of June 30, 2002 and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. These Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in the Company's 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Because of seasonal and other factors, the results of operations for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2002 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Certain amounts as previously reported have been reclassified to conform with the current period presentation.

2 INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The Company has a 50% ownership interest in Madison Newspapers, Inc. (MNI), a company that publishes daily and Sunday newspapers and other publications in Madison, Wisconsin, four other daily newspapers and various other publications in Wisconsin.

Summarized financial information of MNI is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands)	2002	2001	2002	2001
Revenue	$ 27,980	$ 25,849	$ 78,850	$ 79,865
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization	19,214	19,219	55,257	57,945
Depreciation and amortization	1,407	1,161	3,382	3,483
Operating income	7,359	5,469	20,211	18,437
Net income	4,395	3,293	12,254	11,062

In April 2002, a subsidiary of MNI acquired the assets of Citizen Newspapers, LLC, which owns the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen and various other publications published in Wisconsin. Debt of MNI totaled $34,343,000 at June 30, 2002 and $20,000,000 at June 30, 2001.

3 INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes includes deferred taxes and is based upon estimated annual effective tax rates in the tax jurisdictions in which the Company operates.

The favorable resolution of tax issues reduced income tax expense by approximately $10,000,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2002. The Company has favorably resolved one element of a federal tax claim related to the deductibility of losses on the 1997 sale of a business, which Internal Revenue Service regulations had previously disallowed. Due to the uncertainty of a favorable resolution at the time of sale, the amount claimed was reserved in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The reversal has been recorded in results from continuing operations as a reduction of income tax expense. Additional elements of the claim remain open and, if resolved favorably, would result in additional reduction of tax expense in future periods.

A $4,000,000 reduction of income tax expense has been recorded in results from discontinued operations in the quarter ended June 30, 2002, from changes in estimates related to state taxes on the sale of broadcasting operations in October 2000 and thereafter.

4 EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands, except per common share data)	2002	2001	2002	2001
Income applicable to common stock:				
Continuing operations	$ 30,807	$ 15,788	$ 62,058	$ 50,007
Discontinued operation	1,281	(86)	1,154	250,653
Net income	$ 32,088	$ 15,702	$ 63,212	$300,660
Weighted average common shares outstanding	44,265	43,921	44,172	43,810
Less non-vested restricted stock	121	88	118	89
Basic average common shares	44,144	43,833	44,054	43,721
Dilutive stock options and restricted stock	330	285	295	320
Diluted average common shares	44,474	44,118	44,349	44,041
Earnings per common share:				
Basic:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.70	$ 0.36	$ 1.41	$ 1.14
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.74
Net income	$ 0.73	$ 0.36	$ 1.44	$ 6.88
Diluted:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.69	$ 0.36	$ 1.40	$ 1.13
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.69
Net income	$ 0.72	$ 0.36	$ 1.43	$ 6.82

In July 2002, the Company announced that effective October 1, 2002, stock option grants would be accounted for as an expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income, according to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.

5 ACQUISITIONS

In April 2002, the Company acquired the stock of Howard Publications, Inc. (Howard), a privately owned company comprised of 15 daily newspapers, 50% of the stock of Sioux City Newspapers, Inc. (SCN), and related specialty publications. The transaction was valued at approximately $697,000,000 after taking into account $50,000,000 of cash on the Howard balance sheet to be retained by the Company, and other adjustments. Certain non-publishing businesses of Howard were not included in the transaction.

The Company paid the purchase price and expenses related to the transaction from $434,000,000 of available funds, including proceeds from the sale of its broadcast properties, which was substantially completed in October 2000, and revolving loans under the terms of a five year, $350,000,000 credit agreement dated as of March 28, 2002 among the Company, Bank of America, N.A. (BofA), as administrative agent, and the other lenders party thereto. The initial interest rate of the revolving loans is, at the option of the Company, LIBOR plus 1.25% or a base rate equal to the greater of the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or the BofA prime rate. The credit agreement contains covenants, including interest coverage and leverage ratios, which are not expected to be restrictive to normal operations or historical amounts of stockholder dividends.

The representations and warranties of Howard stockholders are secured for varying amounts pursuant to an escrow agreement between the Company and the indemnifying Howard stockholders.

Because of the size and complexity of the acquisition, the Company has not yet completed the required determination of fair value of the assets and liabilities of Howard and related allocation of the purchase price. A significant portion of the total purchase price will be allocated between separately identifiable intangible assets, which may have finite lives and goodwill, which is not subject to amortization. Accordingly, the final determination of value could result in a significant increase or decrease in amortization expense in future periods from the amounts estimated for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, and reported results overall. For example, the Company would record additional amortization expense of $500,000 annually for every $10,000,000 of value allocated to identifiable intangible assets, assuming a twenty-year useful life, compared to no amortization expense being recorded if such value is allocated to goodwill or an indefinite lived intangible asset. Any changes from amounts previously estimated would not impact the Company's cash flows. Amortization expense recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements related to the Howard acquisition for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, was estimated at approximately $4,400,000.

In July 2002, the Company acquired the remaining fifty percent interest in SCN from a privately owned company. The transaction was valued at $60,300,000 and was funded in part with approximately $42,000,000 in cash and temporary cash investments. The remainder of the purchase price was funded by the Company's credit agreement. $3,000,000 of the purchase price is payable in November 2002. The Company's Flathead group of weekly newspapers in Montana was transferred as partial consideration for the purchase. The Company recognized an after-tax loss of $2,688,000 on the transfer of the Flathead newspapers, which was recorded in discontinued operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2002.

The pro forma consolidated statements of income for the nine months ended June 30, 2002 and the three and nine months ended June 30, 2001, set forth below, present the results of operations as if the acquisition of Howard, including 50% of SCN, had occurred at the beginning of each period and are not necessarily indicative of future results or actual results that would have been achieved had the acquisition occurred as of the beginning of the period.

	Three Months Ended June 30	Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands, Except Per Common Share Data)	2001	2002	2001
Total revenues	$165,049	$467,984	$497,209
Income from continuing operations	13,832	61,981	42,742
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	$ 0.32	$ 1.41	$ 0.98
Diluted	0.31	1.40	0.97

The preliminary purchase price allocation for Howard, which includes 50% of SCN, as of April 1, 2002, is as follows:

(Thousands)	
Current assets	$ 21,787
Property and equipment	68,959
Intangible and other assets	755,377
Total assets acquired	846,123
Current liabilities	23,509
Long-term liabilities	125,674
Net assets acquired	696,940
Less: acquisition costs	3,000
Purchase price	$ 693,940

6 SALES OF ASSETS

In December 2001, the Company sold all of the assets of its specialty publication in Klamath Falls, Oregon. In January 2002, the Company sold all of the operating assets of its specialty publications in Las Vegas, Nevada, Great Falls, Montana and St. George, Utah. In February 2002, the Company sold all of its operating assets of its specialty publication in Redding, California. Net proceeds from the sales totaled approximately $7,075,000. The Company realized a net loss on the transactions. The estimated loss, which was recognized in the year ended September 2001, approximates the actual amount.

7 STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS

A summary of activity related to the Company's stock option plan is as follows:

(Thousands, except per common share data)	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at September 30, 2001	967	$ 26.44
Granted	290	35.60
Exercised	(151)	25.67
Cancelled	(35)	28.88
Outstanding at June 30, 2002	1,071	$ 28.95

Options to purchase 1,004,875 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of $26.50 per share were outstanding at June 30, 2001.

8 IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In July 2001, the FASB issued Statement 141, Business Combinations, and Statement 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Statement 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated or completed after June 30, 2001. Statement 141 also specifies criteria intangible assets acquired in a purchase method business combination must meet to be recognized and reported apart from goodwill. Statement 142 requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives no longer be amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually. Statement 142 also requires that intangible assets with definite useful lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with Statement 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of.

In August 2001, FASB issued Statement 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, which supersedes FASB Statement 121, discussed above, but retains the fundamental provisions of Statement 121 with regard to recognition and measurement of impairment of long-lived assets.

The Company was required to adopt the provisions of Statement 141 immediately, except with regard to business combinations initiated prior to July 1, 2001, and Statements 142 and 144 effective no later than October 1, 2002. Furthermore, intangible assets determined to have an indefinite useful life and goodwill that are acquired in a purchase business combination completed after June 30, 2001 will not be amortized. The Company elected to adopt Statements 141, 142 and 144 effective October 1, 2001.

Statement 141 requires, upon adoption of Statement 142, that the Company evaluate its existing intangible assets and goodwill that were acquired in a prior purchase business combination, and make any necessary reclassifications in order to conform with the new criteria for recognition apart from goodwill. Upon adoption of Statement 142, the Company reassessed the useful lives and residual values of all intangible assets acquired in purchase business combinations. In addition, the Company is required to test the intangible assets identified as having an indefinite useful life and goodwill for impairment in accordance with the provisions of Statement 142. There were no significant reclassifications or impairment losses identified as a result of adoption.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands)	2002	2001	2002	2001
Goodwill, beginning of period	$ 220,847	$ 239,349	$ 230,231	$ 241,960
Goodwill related to acquisitions	--	232	247	3,058
Goodwill related to sales of businesses	(2,522)	(830)	(12,153)	(2,285)
Amortization	--	(1,991)	--	(5,973)
Goodwill, end of period	$ 218,325	$ 236,760	$ 218,325	$ 236,760

The impact of adoption of these statements is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
(Thousands)	2002	2001	2002	2001
Income from continuing operations, as reported	$ 30,807	$ 15,788	$ 62,058	$ 50,007
Goodwill amortization, net of income tax benefit	--	1,488	--	4,464
Goodwill amortization of associated companies	--	59	--	177
Income from continuing operations, as adjusted	30,807	17,335	62,058	54,648
Discontinued operations	1,281	(86)	1,154	250,653
Net income, as adjusted	$ 32,088	$ 17,249	$ 63,212	$305,301

The earnings per common share impact related to the adoption of these statements is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Nine Months Ended June 30	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Basic:				
Income from continuing operations, as reported	$0.70	$0.36	$1.41	$1.14
Goodwill amortization	--	0.03	--	0.11
Income from continuing operations, as adjusted	0.70	0.39	1.41	1.25
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.74
Net income, as adjusted	$0.73	$0.39	$1.44	$6.99
Diluted:				
Income from continuing operations, as reported	$0.69	$0.36	$1.40	$1.13
Goodwill amortization	--	0.03	--	0.10
Income from continuing operations, as adjusted	0.69	0.39	1.40	1.23
Discontinued operations	0.03	--	0.03	5.69
Net income, as adjusted	$0.72	$0.39	$1.43	$6.92

As discussed in Note 5, the Company has not yet completed the allocation of the purchase price for the Howard acquisition. As a result, no amounts have been allocated between identifiable intangible assets and goodwill.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion includes comments and analysis relating to the Company's results of operations and financial condition as of and for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2002. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes thereto.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "Safe Harbor" for forward-looking statements. This report contains information that may be deemed forward-looking and that is based largely on the Company's current expectations and is subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Among such risks, trends and other uncertainties are changes in advertising demand, newsprint prices, interest rates, labor costs, legislative and regulatory rulings and other results of operations or financial conditions, difficulties in integration of acquired businesses or maintaining employee and customer relationships and increased capital and other costs. The words "may," "will," "would," "could," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "projects," "considers" and similar expressions generally identify forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which are made as of the date of this report. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements.

CONTINUING OPERATIONS -- QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Operating results, as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements, are summarized below:

	Three Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands, except per common share data)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Operating revenue	$ 163,680	$ 110,145	48.6%
Income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) (1)	49,541	30,836	60.7
Operating income	37,286	22,957	62.4
Nonoperating income (expense), net	(4,638)	1,506	N/M
Income from continuing operations	30,807	15,788	95.2
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	$ 0.70	$ 0.36	94.4%
Diluted	0.69	0.36	91.7

(1) EBITDA is not a financial performance measurement under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP), and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP performance measurements. EBITDA is also not reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, but it is a common and meaningful alternative performance measurement for comparison to other companies in the newspaper publishing industry. The computation also excludes other nonoperating items, primarily interest, gains and losses on sales of assets and losses related to other ventures.

Revenue, as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements, consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Advertising:			
Retail	$ 65,616	$ 42,240	55.3%
National	3,771	2,454	53.7
Classified:			
Employment	9,412	7,014	34.2
Automotive	9,126	5,456	67.3
Real estate	6,483	4,169	55.5
All other	16,337	10,280	58.9
Total classified	41,358	26,919	53.6
Total advertising	110,745	71,613	54.6
Circulation	31,641	20,115	57.3
Other:			
Commercial printing	6,430	6,787	(5.3)
Internet/online	2,654	1,509	75.9
Niche publications and other	7,045	6,247	(12.8)
Editorial service contracts	2,298	2,227	3.2
	18,427	16,770	9.9
Equity in net income of associated companies	2,867	1,647	74.1
Total operating revenue	$163,680	$110,145	48.6%

All categories of revenue were substantially impacted by the acquisition of Howard, which the Company purchased April 1, 2002. In total, acquisitions accounted for $54,903,000 of revenue growth in the current year quarter. Businesses sold in the current year did not impact revenue in the current year quarter but accounted for $2,599,000 of revenue in the prior year quarter.

The Howard acquisition fits the Company's core strategy of buying midsize newspapers in growing markets and will further strengthen the Company's standing as the pre-eminent newspaper group serving midsize markets.

REVENUE -- SAME PROPERTY

THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF REVENUE IS PRESENTED ON AN OPERATING BASIS, WHICH INCLUDES 100% OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENSES OF MNI, WHICH IS OWNED 50% BY THE COMPANY AND ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS USING THE EQUITY METHOD. IT IS ALSO EXCLUSIVE OF ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES. THE COMPANY BELIEVES SUCH COMPARISONS PROVIDE THE MOST MEANINGFUL INFORMATION FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF ITS BUSINESS.

The quarter ended June 30, 2002 had the same number of Sundays and weekdays as the same period last year.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2002, total revenue increased $1,173,000, or 0.9%, with an increase in total advertising revenue of $631,000, or 0.7%, and an increase in total daily newspaper advertising lineage of 2.8%. Retail revenue increased $1,645,000, or 3.3%, and retail average rates increased 0.8% during the same three-month period.

Classified advertising revenue decreased approximately $1,047,000, or 3.1%, for the quarter ended June 30, 2002. Higher margin employment advertising at the daily newspapers accounted for substantially all of the decrease and declined 15.7% for the period. The national help-wanted index registered a 19% decline in employment advertising lineage for the same period. Real estate advertising increased 4.8% due in part to attractive mortgage rates. Automotive advertising increased 1%.

Circulation revenue increased $310,000, or 1.2%. The Company's same property unaudited daily newspaper circulation increased 1.2% and Sunday circulation increased 0.7% for the quarter ended June 30, 2002. The Company remains focused on growing circulation units through a number of initiatives.

Other revenue increased $952,000, or 4.7%. Internet/online revenue increased $445,000, or 27.5%, due to growth in advertising revenue and cross-selling with the Company's newspaper advertising.

Advertising lineage, as reported on a same property operating basis for daily newspapers only, consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands of Inches)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Advertising:			
Retail	1,846	1,814	1.8%
National	101	100	1.0
Classified	1,788	1,720	3.9
	3,735	3,634	2.8%

OPERATING EXPENSES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain operating expenses as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements:

	Three Months Ended June 30	
	2002	2001
Compensation	38.4%	38.3%
Newsprint and ink	8.2	10.1
Other operating expenses	23.1	23.6
	69.7	72.0
EBITDA margin	30.3	28.0
Depreciation and amortization	7.5	7.2
Operating margin	22.8%	20.8%

Costs other than depreciation and amortization increased $34,830,000, or 43.9%. All categories of expenses were impacted by the acquisition of Howard, which the Company purchased April 1, 2002. In total, acquisitions accounted for $38,230,000 of operating costs other than depreciation and amortization in the current year. Businesses sold in the current year did not impact operating expenses in the current year quarter but accounted for $2,250,000 of such expenses, other than depreciation and amortization, in the prior year quarter. Compensation expense increased $20,763,000, or 49.2%, as workforce reductions, delayed salary increases and both one-time and permanent changes in benefit programs in existing businesses were more than offset by costs of acquired businesses. Overall, same property full-time equivalent personnel declined 1.3%. Newsprint and ink costs increased $2,219,000, or 19.9%, as the result of continued price decreases and a 0.4% decrease in same property consumption offset by costs of acquired businesses. Other operating costs, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, increased $11,848,000, or 45.6%.

On October 1, 2001 the Company adopted the provisions of FASB Statements 141 and 142. As a result, goodwill acquired in a purchase business combination is no longer being amortized, but is tested for impairment annually. Amortization expense related to goodwill was $1,974,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2001. The change in depreciation and amortization expense from the prior year is primarily due to the acquisition of Howard, offset by the change in goodwill amortization.

Because of the size and complexity of the acquisition, the Company has not yet completed the required determination of fair value of the assets and liabilities of Howard and related allocation of the purchase price. A significant portion of the total purchase price will be allocated between separately identifiable intangible assets, which may have finite lives and goodwill, which is not subject to amortization. Accordingly, the final determination of value could result in a significant increase or decrease in amortization expense in future periods from the amounts estimated for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, and reported results overall. For example, the Company would record additional amortization expense of $500,000 annually for every $10,000,000 of value allocated to identifiable intangible assets, assuming a twenty-year useful life, compared to no amortization expense being recorded if such value is allocated to goodwill or an indefinite lived intangible asset. Any changes from amounts previously estimated would not impact the Company's cash flows. Amortization expense recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements related to the Howard acquisition for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, was estimated at approximately $4,400,000.

EBITDA improved 60.6% to $49,541,000 from $30,836,000 in the prior year. EBITDA margin improved to 30.3% from 28.0% in the prior year. The Company's efforts at controlling expenses and lower newsprint prices all contributed to the improvement, offset to some extent by lower margins of acquired businesses. Operating margin increased to 22.8% from 20.8% for the same reasons, but was further impacted by a higher level of amortization from acquisitions, offset by the goodwill accounting change.

NONOPERATING INCOME AND INCOME TAXES

Financial income decreased $6,000,000 to $470,000. The Company's invested balances decreased $434,000,000 due to the April 1, 2002 acquisition of Howard. Reinvestment rates on remaining balances have also declined from the prior year.

The effective income tax rates were 5.6% and 35.5% for the quarters ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The favorable resolution of tax issues reduced income tax expense by approximately $10,000,000 in the current year quarter. The effective rate would have been 36.3% without the adjustment. The prior year effective tax rate included the effect of goodwill amortization that was not deductible for tax purposes.

CONTINUING OPERATIONS -- NINE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Operating results, as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements, are summarized below:

	Nine Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands, except per common share data)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Operating revenue	$ 373,733	$ 329,081	13.6%
Income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	110,131	90,183	22.1
Operating income	86,571	66,295	30.6
Nonoperating income (expense), net	(5,593)	12,472	(144.8)
Income from continuing operations	62,058	50,007	24.1
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	$ 1.41	$ 1.14	23.7%
Diluted	1.40	1.13	23.9

Revenue, as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements, consists of the following:

	Nine Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Advertising:			
Retail	$148,953	$127,500	16.8%
National	8,929	8,068	10.7
Classified:			
Employment	19,623	20,904	(6.1)
Automotive	19,304	15,464	24.8
Real estate	14,061	11,698	20.2
All other	33,839	28,339	19.4
Total classified	86,827	76,405	13.6
Total advertising	244,709	211,973	15.4
Circulation	72,238	60,816	18.8
Other:			
Commercial printing	18,515	19,926	(7.1)
Internet/online	5,727	4,051	41.4
Niche publications and other	18,988	19,668	(3.4)
Editorial service contracts	6,760	7,116	(5.0)
	49,990	50,761	(1.5)
Equity in net income of associated companies	6,796	5,531	22.9
Total operating revenue	$373,733	$329,081	13.6%

All categories of revenue were substantially impacted by the acquisition of Howard, which the Company purchased April 1, 2002. In total, acquisitions accounted for $54,903,000 of revenue growth in the current year. Businesses sold in the current year accounted for $2,346,000 of revenue in the current year and $8,514,000 of revenue in the prior year.

REVENUE -- SAME PROPERTY

THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF REVENUE IS PRESENTED ON AN OPERATING BASIS, WHICH INCLUDES 100% OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENSES OF MNI, WHICH IS OWNED 50% BY THE COMPANY AND ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS USING THE EQUITY METHOD. IT IS ALSO EXCLUSIVE OF ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES. THE COMPANY BELIEVES SUCH COMPARISONS PROVIDE THE MOST MEANINGFUL INFORMATION FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF ITS BUSINESS.

The nine months ended June 30, 2002 had the same number of Sundays and weekdays as the same period last year.

For the nine months ended June 30, 2002, total revenue declined $7,628,000, or 1.9%, with a decline in total advertising revenue of $6,160,000, or 2.4%, and a decline in total daily newspaper advertising lineage of 0.9%. Retail revenue increased $399,000, or 0.3%, while retail average rates increased 2.3% during the same nine-month period.

Classified advertising revenue decreased approximately $6,043,000, or 6.3%, in 2002. Higher margin employment advertising at the daily newspapers accounted for substantially all of the decrease and declined 24.8% for the nine-month period.

Circulation revenue increased approximately $304,000, or 0.4%. The Company's same property unaudited daily newspaper circulation increased 1.3% and Sunday circulation increased 0.4% for the nine months ended June 30, 2002. The Company is focused on growing circulation units through a number of initiatives.

Other revenue decreased $1,772,000, or 2.9%. Commercial printing declined $1,613,000, or 6.4%, due to losses of, or declines in volume from, key customers. Internet/online revenue increased $967,000, or 21.8%, due to growth in advertising revenue and cross-selling with the Company's newspaper advertising, partially offsetting the overall decline in other revenue.

Advertising lineage, as reported on a same property operating basis for daily newspapers only, consists of the following:

	Nine Months Ended June 30		
(Thousands of Inches)	2002	2001	Percent Change
Advertising:			
Retail	5,500	5,610	(2.0)%
National	293	312	(6.1)
Classified	4,937	4,903	0.7
	10,730	10,825	(0.9)%

OPERATING EXPENSES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain operating expenses as reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements:

	Nine Months Ended June 30	
	2002	2001
Compensation	38.4%	38.4%
Newsprint and ink	8.4	9.7
Other operating expenses	23.7	24.5
	70.5	72.6
EBITDA margin	29.5	27.4
Depreciation and amortization	6.3	7.3
Operating margin	23.2%	20.1%

Costs other than depreciation and amortization increased $24,704,000, or 10.3%. All categories of expenses were impacted by the acquisition of Howard, which the Company purchased April 1, 2002. In total, acquisitions accounted for $38,230,000 of operating costs other than depreciation and amortization in the current year.

Businesses sold in the current year accounted for $2,112,000 of operating expenses other than depreciation and amortization, in the current year and $7,821,000 of such expenses in the prior year. Compensation expense increased $17,227,000, or 13.6%, as workforce reductions, delayed salary increases and both one-time and permanent changes in benefit programs in existing businesses were more than offset by costs of acquired businesses. Overall, same property full-time equivalent personnel declined 2.9%. Newsprint and ink costs decreased $512,000, or 1.6%, as the result of continued price decreases offsetting a 0.6% increase in same property consumption and costs of acquired businesses. Other operating costs, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, increased $7,989,000, or 9.9%.

On October 1, 2001 the Company adopted the provisions of FASB Statements 141 and 142. As a result, goodwill acquired in a purchase business combination is no longer being amortized, but is tested for impairment annually. Amortization expense related to goodwill was $5,922,000 for the nine months ended June 30, 2001. The change in depreciation and amortization expense from the prior year is primarily due to the acquisition of Howard, offset by the change in goodwill amortization.

EBITDA improved 22.1% to $110,131,000 from $90,183,000. EBITDA margin improved to 29.5% from 27.4% in the prior year. The Company's efforts at controlling expenses and lower newsprint prices all contributed to the improvement, offset to some extent by lower margins of acquired businesses. Operating margin increased to 23.2% from 20.1% for the same reasons, but was further impacted by a higher level of amortization from acquisitions, offset by the goodwill accounting change.

NONOPERATING INCOME AND INCOME TAXES

Financial income decreased $18,707,000 to $5,705,000 in 2002, due to a significant decline in reinvestment rates in the Company's investment portfolio. Further, the Company's invested balances decreased due to the acquisition of Howard and tax payments related to the sale of broadcast operations in October 2000.

The effective income tax rates were 23.4% and 36.5% for the nine months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The favorable resolution of tax issues reduced income tax expense by approximately $10,000,000 in the current year. The effective rate would have been 35.7% without the adjustment. The prior year effective tax rate included the effect of goodwill amortization that was not deductible for tax purposes.

DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In March 2000, the Board of Directors of the Company made a determination to sell its broadcast properties. In May 2000 the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of its broadcasting operations, consisting of eight network-affiliated and seven satellite television stations, to Emmis Communications Corporation and consummated the transaction in October 2000. The net proceeds of approximately $565,000,000 resulted in an after-tax gain for financial reporting purposes of approximately $250,800,000. The results for the broadcast properties have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

In July 2001, the Company completed the sale of its last broadcasting property. Net proceeds of the sale totaled approximately $7,600,000. The after-tax gain of approximately $4,000,000 on the sale is reflected in discontinued operations.

A $4,000,000 reduction of income tax expense has been recorded in results from discontinued operations in the quarter ended June 30, 2002, from changes in estimates related to state taxes on the sale of broadcasting operations.

In July 2002, the Company acquired the remaining fifty percent interest in SCN. The Company's Flathead group of weekly newspapers in Montana was transferred as partial consideration for the purchase. The Company recognized an after-tax loss of $2,688,000 on the transfer of the Flathead newspapers, which is recorded in discontinued operations in the quarter ended June 30, 2002.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations was $84,810,000 for the nine months ended June 30, 2002 and $70,855,000 for the same period in 2001. Increased income from continuing operations and changes in working capital account for the change between years.

Cash required for investing activities totaled $486,480,000 during the nine months ended June 30, 2002, and $293,074,000 in the same period of the prior year. Acquisitions account for substantially all of the current year usage. Investment purchases were responsible for the primary usage of funds in the prior year.

The Company anticipates that funds necessary for capital expenditures, which are expected to total approximately $11,000,000 in 2002, and other requirements will be available from internally generated funds, or from availability under its existing credit agreement and, if necessary, by accessing the capital markets.

Cash provided by financing activities totaled $240,473,000 during the nine months ended June 30, 2002, and required $62,351,000 in the prior year.

The Company entered into a five year, $350,000,000 credit agreement in March 2002. The primary purposes of the agreement were to fund the acquisitions of Howard and SCN, and to provide liquidity for other corporate purposes. $264,000,000 was borrowed under this agreement in the quarter ended June 30, 2002. In July 2002 the Company borrowed $15,000,000 to consummate the acquisition of SCN.

Under the terms of the Company's 1998 Note Purchase Agreement (1998 Agreement), the Company was required to repay the outstanding balance of $161,800,000 on October 1, 2002 unless the Company reinvested the net proceeds of the sale of its broadcast operations or obtained a waiver or amendment of that provision of the 1998 Agreement. The acquisition of Howard satisfies the conditions of the Company's 1998 Agreement with regard to reinvestment of the net proceeds of the sale of broadcast operations. If repayment had been required, a substantial prepayment penalty would have also been required, based upon interest rates in effect at that time. Other covenants under the 1998 agreement are not considered restrictive to normal operations or historical amounts of stockholder dividends.

Cash required for discontinued operations totaled $43,162,000 during the nine months ended June 30, 2002, primarily for income tax payments related to the gain on sale of discontinued operations. Cash provided by discontinued operations totaling $435,976,000 in the prior year primarily reflects net proceeds from the sale of such operations.

OTHER FACTORS

The Company has not been significantly impacted by inflationary pressures over the last several years. The Company anticipates that changing costs of newsprint, its basic raw material, may impact future operating costs. Price increases (or decreases) for the Company's products are implemented when deemed appropriate by management. The Company continuously evaluates price increases, productivity improvements and cost reductions to mitigate the impact of inflation.

MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company is exposed to market risk stemming from changes in interest rates and commodity prices. Changes in these factors could cause fluctuations in earnings and cash flows. In the normal course of business, exposure to certain of these market risks is managed as described below.

INTEREST RATES

Interest rate risk in the Company's investment portfolio is managed by investing only in securities with a maturity at date of acquisition of 180 days or less. Only high-quality investments are considered. In April 2002, the Company liquidated substantially all of its investment portfolio in conjunction with the acquisition of Howard.

The Company's debt structure and interest rate risk are managed through the use of fixed and floating rate debt. The Company's primary exposure is to United States interest rates.

COMMODITIES

Certain materials used by the Company are exposed to commodity price changes. The Company manages this risk through instruments such as purchase orders and non-cancelable supply contracts. The Company is also involved in continuing programs to mitigate the impact of cost increases through identification of sourcing and operating efficiencies. Primary commodity price exposures are newsprint and, to a lesser extent, ink.

A $10 per ton newsprint price increase would result in an annualized reduction in income from continuing operations before income taxes of approximately $790,000, excluding MNI.

SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN VALUE

The estimate that follows is intended to measure the maximum potential impact on fair value of fixed-rate debt of the Company in one year from adverse changes in market interest rates under normal market conditions. The calculations are not intended to represent actual losses in fair value that the Company expects to incur. The estimates do not consider favorable changes in market rates. The position included in the calculations is fixed-rate debt, which totals $161,800,000 at June 30, 2002.

The estimated maximum potential one-year loss in fair value from a 100 basis point movement in interest rates on market risk sensitive instruments outstanding at June 30, 2002 is approximately $6,900,000. There is no impact on operating results from such changes in interest rates.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Information with respect to this item is included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations under the heading "Market Risk Management."

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1

Statement Under Oath of Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 99.2

Statement Under Oath of Chief Financial Officer

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

The following reports on Form 8-K were filed during the three months ended June 30, 2002.

Date of Report: April 1, 2002

Item 2. The Company reported the completion of the acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Howard.

Date of Report: June 6, 2002

Item 5. The Company announced that it entered into an agreement to acquire the remaining fifty percent interest in SCN from the operating partner, Hagadone Investment Co.

.. Date of Report: June 14, 2002

Item 5. The Company submitted a Form 8-K/A, amending its report on Form 8-K dated April 1, 2002 and containing combined financial statements of the Newspaper Properties of Howard Publications, Inc. as of March 31, 2002 and April 30, 2001 and for the eleven months ended March 31, 2002 and each of the years ended April 30, 2001 and 2000 and pro forma financial information related to the acquisitions of Howard and SCN.

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.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

/s/ Carl G. Schmidt DATE: August 14, 2002

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Carl G. Schmidt
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT 99.1

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Mary E. Junck, state and attest that:

To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the periodic report of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2002 (the "Report"), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent periodic report:

(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented in the Report.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2002.

/s/ Mary E. Junck

Mary E. Junck
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August, 2002.

/s/ C. Dana Waterman III

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

EXHIBIT 99.2

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Carl G. Schmidt, state and attest that:

To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the periodic report of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2002 (the "Report"), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent periodic report:

(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented in the Report.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Carl G. Schmidt

Carl G. Schmidt
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Judith L. Bloome

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa