FORM 10-Q

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Mark One)			
(x) QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934			
For the quarterly period ended	February 29, 1996		
	OR		
() TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES		
For the transition period from	to		
For Quarter Ended February 29, 199			
PAY	CHEX, INC.		
(Exact name of registra	nt as specified in its charter)		
DELAWARE	16-1124166		
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)		
911 PANORAMA TRAIL SOUTH, RO			
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)			
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (716)385-6666			
(Former name, former ad	dress and former fiscal year, if ince last report.)		
Indicate by 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			
CLASS	OUTSTANDING AT FEBRUARY 29, 1996		
(Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value)	(45,686,814 Shares)		
PAYCHEX, IN	C. AND SUBSIDIARIES		
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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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	1996	1995
ASSETS	(UNAUDITED) (in thousands)	
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CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 21,497	\$ 12,942
INVESTMENTS	96,400	70,753
INTEREST RECEIVABLE	6,419	6,699
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER	31,733	30 , 772
CURRENT ASSETS	2,703	1,743
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	2,232	1,310
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	160,984	124,219
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS	2,787	2,779
BUILDINGS	23,988	21,304
DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	42,115	33,980
FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT	36,715	29,135
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	2,437	1,528
	108,042	88 , 726
LESS ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION		
AND AMORTIZATION	57 , 857	45,019
NEW DEODEDWY AND COLLEGE		42.707
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	50,185	43,707
OTHER ASSETS	4,897	511
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 216,066 =======	•

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS, CONT'D.

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CAFITON	FEBRUARY 29, 1996	MAY 31, 1995
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	(UNAUDITED) (in thousands)	
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 4,871	\$ 3,519
ACCRUED COMPENSATION AND	, , , , ,	
RELATED ITEMS	16,580	13,162
ACCRUED INCOME TAXES	4,160	682
OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES	6,565	6,116
DEFERRED REVENUE	5,346	2,977
CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT	-0-	205
CONNENT FORTION OF BONG TERM DEBT		205
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	37,522	26,661
OTHER LIABILITIES		
LONG-TERM DEBT	-0-	523
UNAMORTIZED LEASE INCENTIVES	595	557
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	217	764
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	217	/04
TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,334	28,505

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

COMMON STOCK, \$.01 PAR VALUE, AUTHORIZED 150,000,000 SHARES: ISSUED 45,686,814 AT FEBRUARY

29, 1996 AND 45,031,716 AT

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EOUITY

MAY 31, 1995 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL RETAINED EARNINGS

457 450 17,727 26,497 121,755 150,778 177,732 139,932

\$ 216,066 \$ 168.437

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

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THREE MONTHS ENDED NINE MONTHS ENDED -----FEB 29, 1996 FEB 28, 1995 FEB 29, 1996 FEB 28, 1995 (in thousands, except per share amounts) <S> <C> <C> \$84,941 \$68,638 25,756 21,309 REVENUE 21,309 OPERATING COSTS 25,756 SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 42,937 35**,**350 118,929 100,164 ----------OPERATING INCOME 16,248 11,979 48,484 37,805 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) 1,006 INVESTMENT INCOME 1,421 4,168 2,500 (68) INTEREST EXPENSE (27) (105) (168) ----------INCOME BEFORE INCOME 12,880 TAXES 17,642 52,584 40,137 INCOME TAXES 4,766 3,532 14,724 11,600 NET INCOME \$12,876 \$ 9,348 \$ 37,860 \$ 28,537 NET INCOME PER SHARE \$.28 \$.21 \$.83 CASH DIVIDENDS PER \$.09 \$.06 \$.24 SHARE \$.16 WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING 45,640 44,940 45,514 44,899

NOTE: PER SHARE AMOUNTS AND AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED FOR A THREE-FOR-TWO STOCK SPLIT EFFECTIVE MAY, 1995.

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PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

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NINE MONTHS ENDED -----

FEB 29, FEB 28, 1996 1995

(in thousands) <C>

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

NET INCOME

ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

TO CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

\$ 37,860 \$ 28,537

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PROVISION FOR DEFERRED INCOME TAXES PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS	(1,438) 657	(652) 818
NET REALIZED GAIN ON SALES OF	657	010
AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE SECURITIES	(616)	(45)
CHANGES IN OPERATING ASSETS AND	(010)	(43)
LIABILITIES:		
	(072)	(4 ((4)
TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	(872)	(4,664)
INTEREST RECEIVABLE	280	393
PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER	4504)	500
CURRENT ASSETS	(681)	628
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,139
DEFERRED REVENUE	2,369	650
CHANGE IN UNAMORTIZED LEASE INCENTIVES	(74)	(334)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	55 , 799	39,511
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
INVESTMENT PURCHASES OF AVAILABLE-		
FOR-SALE SECURITIES	(99,371)	(26,351)
PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF AVAILABLE-	(33/311)	(20,001)
FOR-SALE SECURITIES	71,711	14,035
PROCEEDS FROM MATURITIES OF AVAILABLE-	71,711	14,000
FOR-SALE SECURITIES	3,787	1,000
ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT,	3,707	1,000
NET OF NORMAL DISPOSALS	(13,907)	(9,199)
NET CHANGE IN OTHER ASSETS	(591)	(98)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(38,371)	(20,613)
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
PAYMENTS ON LONG-TERM DEBT	(728)	-0-
PROCEEDS AND TAX BENEFIT FROM EXERCISE		
OF STOCK OPTIONS	1,973	1,645
DIVIDENDS PAID	(10,930)	(7,187)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(9,685)	(5,542)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	7,743	13,356
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	12,942	14,605
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF FERTOD	12,942	14,003
CASH OBTAINED FROM PAY-FONE AND THE PAYROLL		
COMPANY MERGERS	812	-0-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 21,497	\$ 27,961
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SEE NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

FEBRUARY 29, 1996

- A) THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PAYCHEX, INC. AND ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS TO FORM 10-Q AND ARTICLE 10 OF REGULATION S-X. ACCORDINGLY, THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND FOOTNOTES REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR COMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. IN THE OPINION OF MANAGEMENT, ALL ADJUSTMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR A FAIR PRESENTATION HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTED IN THE COMPANY'S FORM 10-K AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1995.
- B) DURING THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1996, 216,351 SHARES OF STOCK WERE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS.
- C) ON JUNE 15, 1995, PAYCHEX ACQUIRED PAY-FONE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR APPROXIMATELY 332,000 SHARES OF PAYCHEX STOCK IN A BUSINESS COMBINATION ACCOUNTED FOR AS A POOLING OF INTERESTS. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS PRIOR TO THE MERGER HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED AS THE EFFECTS WOULD BE IMMATERIAL.
- D) ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1995, PAYCHEX ACQUIRED THE PAYROLL COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROXIMATELY 116,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IN A BUSINESS COMBINATION ACCOUNTED FOR AS A PURCHASE. THE PURCHASE DID NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE COMPANY'S SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.
- E) CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR ARE RECLASSIFIED TO CONFORM TO

PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

THE FOLLOWING IS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIODS INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

REVENUE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1996 ROSE 24% TO \$84,941,000 AND 23% TO \$239,346,000, RESPECTIVELY, WHEN COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIODS LAST YEAR. THESE GAINS RESULTED FROM THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THE PAYROLL CLIENT BASE. GROWTH IN THE KEY ADD-ON SERVICES OF TAXPAY AND DIRECT DEPOSIT, AND THE RESULTANT INCREASE OF FEE AND INVESTMENT REVENUE, ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO REVENUE GROWTH. THE COMPANY EXPECTS CONTINUED REVENUE INCREASES THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

OPERATING COSTS WERE 30% OF REVENUE FOR THE CURRENT THREE AND NINE MONTH PERIODS AS COMPARED TO 31% AND 29% FOR THE RESPECTIVE PRIOR YEAR PERIODS. THE COMPANY BENEFITED FROM MORE COST EFFECTIVE CALENDAR YEAR-END PROCESSING. FULL YEAR OPERATING COSTS, AS A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN FISCAL 1995.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATING EXPENSES WERE 51% AND 50% OF REVENUE FOR THE RESPECTIVE THREE AND NINE-MONTH PERIODS OF THE CURRENT YEAR, WHICH WERE SLIGHTLY BELOW COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR PERIODS.

THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1996 WERE 27.0% AND 28.0%, RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPARED TO 27.4% AND 28.9% FOR THE SAME PERIODS LAST YEAR. THE LOWER CURRENT YEAR RATES WERE GENERALLY DUE TO THE INCREASE OF TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST INCOME AS A PERCENTAGE OF PRE-TAX INCOME. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WILL BE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN LAST YEAR'S RATE.

ON JUNE 15, 1995, THE STOCKHOLDERS OF PAY-FONE SYSTEMS, INC. RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 332,000 SHARES OF PAYCHEX COMMON STOCK IN A BUSINESS COMBINATION ACCOUNTED FOR AS A POOLING OF INTERESTS. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS PRIOR TO THE MERGER HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED AS THE EFFECTS WOULD BE IMMATERIAL.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1995, THE COMPANY ACQUIRED THE PAYROLL COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROXIMATELY 116,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IN A BUSINESS COMBINATION ACCOUNTED FOR AS A PURCHASE. THE ACQUISITION DID NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PAYCHEX' FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

LIOUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TOTALED \$55,799,000 FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1996, UP FROM \$39,511,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS GAIN WAS PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTED TO RECORD YEAR-TO-DATE NET INCOME WHICH REACHED \$37,860,000, A 33% INCREASE OVER NET INCOME OF \$28,537,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

THE COMPANY'S INVESTMENT PURCHASES AND SALES TRANSACTIONS INCREASED DURING THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CURRENT YEAR WHEN COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS RESULTED FROM THE COMPANY'S DECISION TO REPOSITION ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TO MAXIMIZE RETURNS AND MINIMIZE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH INTEREST RATE VOLATILITY.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD WERE \$14,032,000 AND ARE EXPECTED TO APPROXIMATE \$21,000,000 FOR THE YEAR.

PROJECTED CASH FLOWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ADEOUATE TO SUPPORT NORMAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS, PLANNED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND DIVIDEND PAYMENTS. FURTHERMORE, THE COMPANY HAS \$210,000,000 OF UNSECURED BANK LINES OF CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR ITS USE. AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1996, THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING BORROWINGS UNDER THESE LINES OF CREDIT.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

A. EXHIBITS

THERE WERE NO EXHIBITS APPLICABLE FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1996.

B. REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

THERE WERE NO REPORTS ON FORM 8-K FILED DURING THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1996.

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.

PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

DATE: APRIL 11, 1996 /s/ B. THOMAS GOLISANO

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CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: APRIL 11, 1996 /s/ G. THOMAS CLARK

G. THOMAS CLARK

SECRETARY, TREASURER AND

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

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THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE FEBRUARY 29, 1996 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PAYCHEX, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERNCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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