

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

West Company Incorporated
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

953348109
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [].
(A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 953348109

(1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos.
of Above Persons:

First Union Corporation of New Jersey 56-1948896

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) []
(b) []

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

New Jersey

Number of Shares	(5)	Sole Voting Power	403,975
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Beneficially	(6)	Shared Voting Power	0
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Owned by Each	(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	0
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Reporting Person With:	(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	754,264
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(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

850,239

(10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row 9 Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

[]
Not applicable

(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

5.12 %

(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

First Union Corporation of New Jersey (HC)

CUSIP NO. 953348109

(1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons:

First Fidelity Incorporated 22-1894945

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) []
(b) []

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

New Jersey

Number of Shares	(5)	Sole Voting Power	403,975
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Beneficially	(6)	Shared Voting Power	0
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Owned by Each	(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	0
		-----	-----
Reporting Person With:	(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	754,264
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- (9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
850,239
- (10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row 9 Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

[]
Not applicable
- (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9
5.12 %
- (12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
First Fidelity Incorporated (HC)

- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer
West Company Incorporated
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office
101 Gordon Drive
Post Office Box 645
Lionville, Pennsylvania 19341-0645
- Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing
First Union Corporation of New Jersey
- Item 2(b) Address of Principal Office
550 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102
- Item 2(c) Citizenship
New Jersey
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities
Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number
953348109
- Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or
13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a

(g) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with section
240.13d-1(b) (ii) (G)
- Item 4 Ownership
 - (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 850,239
 - (b) Percent of Class: 5.12%
 - Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 403,975
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 0

(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	0

(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	754,264

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable

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Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

First Union Corporation of New Jersey ("FUNC-NJ") is filing this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G) as indicated under Item 3(g). FUNC-NJ is the successor to First Fidelity Bancorporation ("FFB") and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Union Corporation ("FUNC"). On January 1, 1996, FUNC acquired FFB pursuant to a merger of FFB into FUNC-NJ. FUNC-NJ is filing this schedule for this period ended December 31, 1995 on behalf of First Fidelity Bank, N.A. ("FFB-N.A."), which is a direct subsidiary of First Fidelity Incorporated and an indirect subsidiary of FUNC-NJ. FFB-N.A. holds the securities being reported in a fiduciary capacity for its customers and/or as investment adviser for certain mutual funds.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 9, 1996

FIRST UNION CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY successor corporation to FIRST FIDELITY Bancorporation

Signature

Kent S. Hathaway Senior Vice President

FIRST FIDELITY INCORPORATED

Signature

Kent S. Hathaway Senior Vice President