#### COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/

Form 4 March 18, 2003

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940
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(Print of Type Responses)
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Lewis Steven M.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
US Restaurants, Inc. 1780 Swede Road
(Street)
Blue Bell PA 19401
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (CBH)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

March 14, 2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6.		tionship of R eck all applic		ing Person(	s) to Issuer					
		Director Officer (giv	re tit.	le below)	. —	10% Owne Other (		fy below)		
7.	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable line)   X  Form Filed by One Reporting Person  _  Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person									
	====		Non-De	erivative S or Benefi	ecurities Ac cially Owned	quired, D	ispos	ed of,	_	
				2.			tion	4. Securities Acqu Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar	nd 5)	
		Security		action Date	Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	(Instr.  Code			(A) or	Price
Comm	on St	ock	3/1	4/03		M		3,514 s/s		
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Comm	on St	cock	3/1	3/03		Р		70 s/s		\$38.11
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (Over)

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\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction

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	2. Trans-	2A. Deemed		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					
1.	action	Execution Date, if	(Instr. 8)		(A)				
Title of Security (Instr. 3)				Amount	or (D)	Price			
Common Stock 3	/13/03		P	70 s/s		\$38.19			
Common Stock									
Common Stock									
Common Stock									
FORM 4 (continued)									
Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									

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Title and Amount
of Underlying
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1. Title of	cise Price of Deriv-	3. Trans- action	Deemed Execut- ion Date if	Code (Instr.	or Disof(D)		Expirat (Month/	ion Date Day/Year)	(Instr. 3	
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		Date (mm/dd/ yy)	any (mm/dd/	8) 			Date - Exer- cisable		Title	Number of Shares
						(D)				
Right to Buy		3/14/03		М		3,514	05/18/94	5/18/03	Common Stock	0
Right to Buy	\$5.36						05/24/95	5/24/04	Common Stock	3 <b>,</b> 344
Right to Buy							06/20/96	6/20/05	Common Stock	3,188
Right to Buy							6/18/97	6/18/06	Common Stock	3,034
Right to Buy							06/17/98	6/17/07	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 890
Right to Buy							06/29/99	6/29/08	Common Stock	33,070
Right to Buy	\$21.84						01/19/00	1/19/09	Common Stock	3,150
Right to Buy							12/21/00	12/21/09	Common Stock	3 <b>,</b> 150
Right to Buy	\$30.60						01/31/02	01/31/11	Common Stock	6,000
Right to Buy	\$41.12						02/04/03	02/04/12	Common Stock	5,000

Explanation of Responses: \*\* Granted under the Company's 1989-1994 Stock Option Plans for Non-Emplans.

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	Exer- cise Price	3.	3A. Deemed Execut-	4. Trans- action	Securi Acquir	ties ed (A)		able and ion Date	Securiti (Instr.	es 3 and 4)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of Deriv- ative	Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	ion	Code (Instr. 8) Code V	of(D) (Instr 4 and	. 3, 5)	(Month/) Date Exer-	Day/Year)  Expira-		Amount or Number of
Right to Buy				*J	1,250		02/18/04	02/18/13	Common Stock	1,250
Right to Buy		2/18/03		*J	1,250		02/18/05	02/18/13	Common Stock	1,250
Right to Buy	\$42.80			*J	1,250		02/18/06	02/18/13	Common Stock	1,250
Right to Buy	\$42.80	2/18/03		*J	1,250		02/18/07	02/18/13	Common Stock	1,250

Number of

Derivative 6.

Explanation of Responses: \*\* Granted under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plans for Non-Employee \*J Stock Options Granted 2003

/s/ Steven M. Lewis	3/14/03
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission (a) that the person filing this Statement is, for the purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended), the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this Statement, or (b) that this Statement is legally required to be filed by such person.

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