

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Rickman, Ronald L.  
 3265 Woodcrest Dr.  
 Bettendorf, IA 52722  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Lee Enterprises, Incorporated  
 LEE ENT
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 12/18/98
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 President - Publishing Group
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	11/8/98	F	V	2,414	D	\$28.1875		
Common Stock	11/16/98	A	V	1,875	A	\$27.188		
Common Stock	12/18/98	F	V	2,118	D	\$28.563		
Common Stock	12/18/98	M		5,500	A	\$28.563	69,665	D
Class B Common Stock							79,746	D

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625				* 11/9/99	Common Stock 27,500		27,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				* 11/7/00	Common Stock 20,016		20,016	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.375				* 11/7/00	Common Stock 7,000		7,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				* 11/19/01	Common Stock 42,000		42,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625				* 11/17/02	Common Stock 30,000		30,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16				* 11/2/03	Common Stock 24,200		24,200	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.625				* 11/1/04	Common Stock 20,000		20,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.8125				* 11/7/05	Common Stock 20,000		20,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.75				* 11/7/00	Common Stock 5,160	\$21.75	5,160	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.50				* 11/7/06	Common Stock 10,000	\$21.50	10,000	D	

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$26 5/8					*	11/9/ 07	Common Stock	15,000	\$21.50	15,000	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.188	11/16/ 98	A	V	10,500	A	11/16/ 08	Common Stock	10,500	\$27.188	10,500	D

Explanation of Responses:

\* These securities become exercisable as follows: 30% upon the first anniversary date of the grant; 60% upon the second anniversary date of the grant; and 100% upon the third anniversary date of the grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Ronald Rickman

DATE

1/8/99