

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  
 Schermer, Lloyd G.  
 Lee Enterprises, Incorporated  
 400 Putnam Building  
 215 N. Main Street  
 Davenport, IA 52801  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Lee Enterprises, Incorporated  
 LEE ENT
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 5/97
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)
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. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	5/30/97	D	V 275,654	D \$25.25	D	
Common Stock	5/28/97	G	V 15,300	A 108,722	D	
Common Stock				110,020	I	By Trust*
Common Stock	2/26/97	J	* 40,000	D	I	By Spouse*
Common Stock	5/28/97	G	V 15,300	D 230,140	I	By Spouse*
Class B Common Stock	5/29/97	G	V 30,000	D 403,028	D	
Class B Common Stock				110,020	I	By Trust*
Class B Common Stock	2/26/97	J	* 40,000	A 801,338	I	By Spouse*
Class B Common Stock				49,319		By Spouse in Trust*

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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date/Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at Month	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.5625	5/30/97	M	50,000	D *** 11/12/97	Common Stock 50,000	\$12.5625	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.4375	5/30/97	M	50,000	D *** 11/12/98	Common Stock 50,000	\$13.4375	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625	5/30/97	M	80,000	D *** 11/09/99	Common Stock 80,000	\$15.5625	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11	5/30/97	M	85,456	D *** 11/07/00	Common Stock 85,456	\$11	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.6875	5/30/97	M	10,198	D *** 11/07/00	Common Stock 10,198	\$15.6875	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

\* The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

\*\* Intra-family tax-free exchange of an equal number of shares of Common Stock for Class B Common Stock without additional consideration.

\*\*\* 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/ Lloyd G. Schermer

DATE

6/10/97