

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
 Schmedding, Gary N.
 c/o 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)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 12/7/98
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 President - Broadcasting 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. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Price	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	11/8/98	F	V 2,234	D \$28.1875		
Common Stock	11/16/98	A	V 850	A \$27.188		
Common Stock	12/7/98	F	V 7,070	D \$28.50		D
Common Stock	12/7/98	M	V 10,000	A \$15.5625		D
Common Stock	12/7/98	G	V 2,930	D \$33.5625	27,951	D
Common Stock	12/7/98	G	V 2,930	A \$33.5625	8,928*	I By Spouse
Common Stock					40*	I By Son
Common Stock					500*	I By Trust
Class B Common Stock					9,064	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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	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. Nature of Indirect Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625	12/7/98	M	V 10,000	D ** 11/7/99	Common Stock 30,000		20,000	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				** 11/7/00	Common Stock 32,452		32,452	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.375				** 11/7/00	Common Stock 5,400		5,400	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				** 11/19/01	Common Stock 32,000		32,000	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5626				** 11/17/02	Common Stock 24,000		24,000	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16				** 11/2/03	Common Stock 15,400		15,400	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)	\$21.50					**	11/7/06	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$26 5/8					**	11/7/07	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.188	11/16/98	A	V	7,000	A	**	11/16/08	Common Stock	7,000	7,000	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 for any other purpose.

** 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/ Gary N. Schmedding