

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  
 Gottlieb, Richard D.  
 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)  
 5/97
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 President and CEO
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. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	5/30/97	G	V 2,000	D 51,967	D	
Common Stock				800	I	By Spouse*
Common Stock				4,112	I	By Daughter*
Common Stock				4,112	I	By Daughter*
Common Stock				8,575	I	By Daughter in Trust*
Common Stock				8,575	I	By Daughter in Trust*
Class B Common Stock	5/30/97	G	V 2,000	D 85,575	D	
Class B Common Stock				21,360	I	By Spouse *
Class B Common Stock				3,957	I	By Daughter *
Class B Common Stock				3,957	I	By Daughter *
Class B Common Stock				2,100	I	By Daughter in Trust *
Class B Common Stock				2,100	I	By Daughter 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 End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.5625				** 11/12/97	Common Stock 40,000		40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.4375				** 11/12/98	Common Stock 50,000		50,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625				** 11/9/99	Common Stock 80,000		80,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				** 11/7/00	Common Stock 55,000		55,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11				** 11/19/01	Common Stock 80,000		80,000	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$15.5625				** 11/17	Common Stock 60,000		60,000	D	

(Right to Buy)								/02										
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16						**	11/2/03	Common Stock	35,600		35,600		D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.625						**	11/1/04	Common Stock	40,000		40,000		D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.8125						**	11/7/05	Common Stock	40,000*		40,000		D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$20.875						**	11/7/00	Common Stock	7,906		7,906		D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.50						**	11/7/06	Common Stock	20,000		20,000		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 owners of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or 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/ Richard D. Gottlieb

DATE

7/16/97