

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
 1/97
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. 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	1/8/97	G	V 11,000	A 93,422	D	
Common Stock					I	By Trust *
Common Stock	1/8/97	G	V 11,000	D 285,440	I	By Spouse *
Class B Common Stock	10/24/96	G	V 22,000	D 433,028	D	
Class B Common Stock					I	By Trust *
Class B Common Stock					I	By Spouse *
Class B Common Stock					I	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. 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. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.5625				** 11/12/97	Common Stock 50,000	\$12.5625	50,000	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.4375				** 11/12/98	Common Stock 50,000	\$13.4375	50,000	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625				** 11/09/99	Common Stock 80,000	\$15.5625	80,000	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11				** 11/07/00	Common Stock 85,456	\$11	85,456	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.6875				** 11/07/00	Common Stock 10,198	\$15.6875	10,198	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.
 ** 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
1/28/97