

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.
 11 Deer Hill Rd.
 Pleasant Valley, IA 52767
 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
 12/96
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 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. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/03/96	S	1,433	\$22.25	D	
Common Stock	12/18/96	G	1,200		D	
Common Stock	12/18/96	G	3,300	53,967	D	
Common Stock				800	I	By Spouse *
Common Stock				4,112	I	By Daughter *
Common Stock				4,112	I	By Daughter *
Common Stock	12/18/96	G	825	8,575	I	By Daughter in Trust *
Common Stock	12/18/96	G	825	8,575	I	By Daughter in Trust *
Class B Common Stock				87,575	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 (Month/Day/Year)	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. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.875				** 11/10/96	Common Stock 20,000	\$11.875	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.5625				** 11/12/97	Common Stock 40,000	\$12.5625	40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.4375				** 11/12/98	Common Stock 50,000	\$13.4375	50,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625				** 11/9/99	Common Stock 80,000	\$15.5625	80,000	D	

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11					**	11/7/00	Common Stock	55,000	\$11	55,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11					**	11/19/01	Common Stock	80,000	\$11	80,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5625					**	11/17/02	Common Stock	60,000	\$15.5625	60,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16					**	11/2/03	Common Stock	35,600	\$16	35,600	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.625					**	11/1/04	Common Stock	40,000	\$16.625	40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.8125					**	11/7/05	Common Stock	40,000*	\$19.8125	40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$20.875					**	11/7/00	Common Stock	7,906	\$20.875	7,906	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.50					**	11/7/06	Common Stock	10,000	\$21.50	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
1/1/97