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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHERMER GRANT E</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/22/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LEE ENTERPRISES INC [ LEE ENT ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ADVISORY RESEARCH, INC.</u> <u>180 NORTH STETSON, STE. 5780</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>CHICAGO IL 60601-6795</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	99	D	
Class B Common Stock	513,146	D	
Class B Common Stock	200	I	By Trust
Class B Common Stock	1,163,996 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	I	By Trust in Schermer Investment Partnership
Class B Common Stock	55,010	I	By Trust

## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
			Title			

## Explanation of Responses:

1. On March 19, 2004, in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b), Schermer Management Corporation ("SMC") transferred 2,000 shares of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated Class B Common Stock ("Lee Class B") to Schermer Investment Partnership, L.P. ("SIP"), a family limited partnership, and SMC received in exchange 1 general partner unit of SIP. The Reporting Person's trust, Gregory P. Schermer and trusts for the benefit of Lloyd G. Schermer and Betty A. Schermer each holds 25% of SMC's outstanding common stock.

2. On March 20, 2004, in transactions exempt from Section 16(b), a trust for the benefit of Lloyd G. Schermer transferred 436,828 shares of Lee Class B to SIP and the trust received in exchange 37.20 limited partner units of SIP and a trust for the benefit of Betty A. Schermer transferred 725,138 shares of Lee Class B to SIP and the trust received in exchange 61.80 limited partner units of SIP. As a result of these transactions and SMC's transfer to SIP, SIP holds 1,163,966 shares of Lee Class B. On March 22, 2004, in transactions exempt from Section 16(b), trusts for the benefit of Lloyd G. Schermer and Betty A. Schermer each made a gift of 5 limited partner units of SIP to Reporting Person's trust and Gregory P. Schermer. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all the shares of Lee Class B held by SIP, including those held indirectly by SMC, except to the extent of his trust's pecuniary interest therein.

Edmund H. Carroll, LimitedPOA03/25/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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## LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints any attorney with the law firm of Lane & Waterman, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a ten percent (10%) or greater stockholder of Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority and make any application required to effect electronic filing of such forms; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 9th day of March 2004.

/s/Grant E. Schermer

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Signature

Grant E. Schermer

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Print Name