

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
 12/29/97
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. Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---|-----|-------|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | Amount | A/D | Price | | | Indirect | Beneficial Ownership |
| Common Stock | 12/29/97 | G | V | 189 | D | 29,335 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,000 | 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. Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 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 Beneficial Ownership | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Indirect | Beneficial Ownership |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13.4375 | | | | ** 11/12/98 | Common Stock 8,000 | | 3,000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$15.5625 | | | | ** 11/7/99 | Common Stock 30,000 | | 30,000 | 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) | \$15.5625 | | | | ** 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 | \$26 5/8 | | | | ** 11/9/06 | Common Stock 8,000 | | 8,000 | D | |

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| (Right to Buy) | | | | | | | | 07 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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

DATE

1/16/98