UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

[x] Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For Quarter Ended March 31, 1998

OR

[ ] Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number 1-6227

Lee Enterprises, Incorporated

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Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [x] No [ ]

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date.

Class	Outstanding at March 31, 1998
Common stock, $2.00 par value	32,909,821
Class "B" Common Stock, $2.00 par value	11,931,324

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item. 1.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In Thousands Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
Operating revenue:				
Publishing:				
Daily newspaper:				
Daily advertising	$ 43,224	$ 40,035	$ 95,229	$ 88,328
Circulation	20,227	19,826	41,018	40,020
Other	25,337	14,306	50,396	28,194
Broadcasting	30,947	26,039	62,202	61,420
Equity in net income of associated companies	1,610	1,581	3,759	3,493
	121,345	101,787	252,604	221,455
Operating expenses:				
Compensation costs	47,174	40,466	94,842	81,789
Newsprint and ink	9,574	6,936	20,136	14,900
Depreciation	4,700	3,974	9,320	7,955
Amortization of intangibles	4,473	2,702	8,929	5,405
Other	31,676	28,709	65,531	59,994
	97,597	82,787	198,758	170,043
Operating income	23,748	19,000	53,846	51,412
Financial (income) expenses, net				
Financial (income)	(1,188)	(1,454)	(1,718)	(1,998)
Financial expense	4,344	2,027	8,050	3,769
	3,156	573	6,332	1,771

Income from continuing operations before taxes on income	20,592	18,427	47,514	49,641
Income taxes	7,981	7,187	18,319	19,293
Income from continuing operations	12,611	11,240	29,195	30,348
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax effect	- -	1,000	- -	1,000
Net income	$ 12,611	$ 12,240	$ 29,195	$ 31,348
Average outstanding shares:				
Basic	44,990	46,467	45,153	46,668
Diluted	45,783	47,354	45,904	47,555
Earnings per share:				
Basic:				
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.65	$ 0.65
Income from discontinuing operations	- -	0.02	- -	0.02
Net income	$ 0.28	$ 0.26	$ 0.65	$ 0.67
Diluted:				
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.64	$ 0.64
Income from discontinuing operations	- -	0.02	- -	0.02
Net income	$ 0.28	$ 0.26	$ 0.64	$ 0.66
Dividends per share	$ 0.14	$ 0.13	$ 0.28	$ 0.26

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands)

ASSETS	March 31, 1998	September 30, 1997
Cash and cash equivalents	$165,727	$ 14,163
Accounts receivable, net	60,001	58,397
Newsprint inventory	1,378	3,716
Program rights and other	12,372	17,691
Total current assets	239,478	93,967
Investments	25,220	24,691
Property and equipment, net	123,210	120,026
Intangibles and other assets	403,621	412,279
	$791,529	$650,963

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	March 31, 1998	September 30, 1997
Current liabilities	$234,727	$248,908
Long-term debt, less current maturities	185,546	26,174
Deferred items	56,569	56,491
Stockholders' equity	314,687	319,390
	$791,529	$650,963

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)

	1998	1997
Six Months Ended March 31:		
Cash Provided by Operations:		
Net income	$ 29,195	$ 31,348
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	18,249	14,637
Distributions in excess of earnings of associated companies	1,287	1,643
Adjustment of estimated loss on disposition of discontinued operations	- -	(1,000)
Other balance sheet changes	(245)	7,122
Net cash provided by operations	48,486	53,750
Cash Provided by (Required For) Investing Activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(12,518)	(7,727)
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary	- -	55,000
Other	(629)	(939)
Net cash provided by (required for) investing activities	(13,147)	46,334
Cash Provided by (Required For) Financing Activities:		
Purchase of common stock	(32,888)	(16,833)
Cash dividends paid	(6,383)	(6,104)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	185,000	- -
Principal payments on long-term debt	(25,000)	(20,000)
Principal payments on short-term notes payable, net	(5,000)	(15,000)
Other	496	1,101
Net cash provided by (required for) financing activities.	116,225	(56,836)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	151,564	43,248
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning	14,163	19,267
Ending	$165,727	$ 62,515

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The information furnished reflects all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair presentation of the financial position as of March 31, 1998 and the results of operations for the three- and six-month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997 and cash flows for the six-month periods ended March 31, 1998 and 1997.

Note 2. Investment in Associated Companies

Condensed operating results of unconsolidated associated companies are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
Revenues	$20,242	$19,029	$42,027	$38,806
Operating expenses, except depreciation and amortization	14,427	13,469	28,672	26,658
Income before depreciation and amortization, interest, and taxes	5,815	5,560	13,355	12,148
Depreciation and amortization	717	502	1,430	1,003
Operating income	5,098	5,058	11,925	11,145
Financial income	291	237	623	554
Income before income taxes	5,389	5,295	12,548	11,699
Income taxes	2,169	2,132	5,030	4,710
Net income	3,220	3,163	7,518	6,989

a. Madison Newspapers, Inc. (50% owned)
b. Quality Information Systems (50% owned)
c. INN Partnership, LC (an effective 50% owned)

Note 3. Cash Flows Information

The components of other balance sheet changes are:

	Six Months Ended March 31,	
	1998	1997
	(In Thousands) Unaudited)	
(Increase) in receivables	$(3,035)	$(1,762)
Decrease in inventories, film rights and other	3,986	3,809
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, accrued expenses and unearned income	(1,689)	4,473
Increase in income taxes payable	433	1,244
Other, primarily deferred items	60	(642)
	$ (245)	$ 7,122

Note 4. Change in Accounting Principles

In 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 "Earnings per Share". Statement No. 128 replaced the previously reported primary and fully diluted earnings per share with basic and diluted earnings per share. Unlike primary earnings per share, basic earnings per share excludes any dilutive effects of options, warrants, and convertible securities. Diluted earnings per share is very similar to the previously reported fully diluted earnings per share. All earnings per share amounts for all periods have been presented, and where necessary, restated to conform to Statement No. 128 requirements.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Statement of Position (SOP) 98-1 "Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed for Internal Use". In accordance with SOP 98-1, the Company has capitalized the costs of certain software developed for internal use.

Note 5. Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basis and diluted earnings per share (in thousands except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 1998	Three Months Ended March 31, 1997	Six Months Ended March 31, 1998	Six Months Ended March 31, 1997
Numerator income applicable to common shares:				
Income from continuing operations	$12,611	$11,240	$29,195	$30,348
Income from discontinued operations	- -	1,000	- -	1,000
Net income	$12,611	$12,240	$29,195	$31,348
Denominator:				
Basic-weighted average common shares outstanding	44,990	46,467	45,153	46,668
Dilutive effect of employee stock options	793	887	751	887
Diluted outstanding shares	45,783	47,354	45,904	47,555
Basic earnings per share:				
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.64	$ 0.65
Income from discontinuing operations	- -	0.02	- -	0.02
Net income	$ 0.28	$ 0.26	$ 0.64	$ 0.67
Diluted earnings per share:				
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.64	$ 0.64
Income from discontinuing operations	- -	0.02	- -	0.02
Net income	$ 0.28	$ 0.26	$ 0.64	$ 0.66

Note 6. Subsequent Event

On March 31, 1998 the Company received $185,000,000 in proceeds from a private placement of long-term debt. On April 6, 1998 the Company repaid $140,000,000 borrowed under a $200,000,000 unsecured revolving loan agreement associated with the Pacific Northwest Publishing Group acquisition and the revolving loan credit facility was reduced to $50,000,000. The debt has an average maturity of nine years and a weighted average interest rate of 6.36%. Covenants under the loan agreement are not expected to be restrictive to operations or stockholder dividends.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Operating results (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
	1998	1997	1997 (Pro Forma)	1998	1997	1997 (Pro Forma)
Revenue	$121,345	$101,787	$114,006	$252,604	$221,455	$247,087
Percent change	19.2%			14.1%		
Percent change, pro forma	6.4%			2.2%		
Income before depreciation and amortization, interest and taxes (EBITDA)	32,921	25,676	28,728	72,095	64,772	71,979
Percent change	28.2%			11.3%		
Percent change, pro forma	14.6%			0.2%		
Operating income	23,748	19,000	19,787	53,846	51,412	54,261
Percent change	25.0%			4.7%		
Percent change, pro forma	20.0%			(0.8)%		
Income from continuing operations	12,611	11,240	9,862	29,195	30,348	28,365
Percent change	12.2%			(3.8)%		
Percent change, pro forma	27.9%			2.9%		
Net income	12,611	12,240	10,862	29,195	31,348	29,365
Percent change	3.0%			(6.9)%		
Percent change, pro forma	16.1%			(0.6)%		
Earnings per share:						
Basic:						
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.21	$ 0.65	$ 0.65	$ 0.61
Percent change	16.7%			- -%		
Percent change, pro forma	33.3%			6.6%		
Net income	0.28	0.26	0.23	0.65	0.67	0.63
Percent change	7.7%			(3.0)%		
Percent change, pro forma	21.7%			3.2%		
Diluted:						
Income from continuing operations .	$ 0.28	$ 0.24	$ 0.21	$ 0.64	$ 0.64	$ 0.60
Percent change	16.7%			- %		
Percent change, pro forma	33.3%			6.7%		
Net income	0.28	0.26	0.23	0.64	0.66	0.62
Percent change	7.7%			(3.0)%		
Percent change, pro forma	21.7%			3.2%		

Operations by line of business are as follows (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 1998	Three Months Ended March 31, 1997	Three Months Ended March 31, 1997 (Pro Forma)	Six Months Ended March 31, 1998	Six Months Ended March 31, 1997	Six Months Ended March 31, 1997 (Pro Forma)
Revenue:						
Publishing	$ 90,398	$ 75,748	$ 87,967	$190,402	$160,035	$185,667
Broadcasting	30,947	26,039	26,039	62,202	61,420	61,420
	$121,345	$101,787	$114,006	$252,604	$221,455	$247,087
Income before depreciation and amortization, interest and taxes (EBITDA):						
Publishing	$ 27,132	$ 24,016	$ 27,068	$ 61,838	$ 54,135	$ 61,342
Broadcasting	8,394	4,863	4,863	16,817	17,788	17,788
Corporate	(2,605)	(3,203)	(3,203)	(6,560)	(7,151)	(7,151)
	$ 32,921	$ 25,676	$ 28,728	$ 72,095	$ 64,772	$ 71,979
Operating income:						
Publishing	$ 21,110	$ 20,337	$ 21,124	$ 49,720	$ 46,724	$ 49,573
Broadcasting	5,579	2,012	2,012	11,259	12,134	12,134
Corporate	(2,941)	(3,349)	(3,349)	(7,133)	(7,446)	(7,446)
	$ 23,748	$ 19,000	$ 19,787	$ 53,846	$ 51,412	$ 54,261
Capital expenditures:						
Publishing	$ 5,696	$ 2,120		$ 8,327	$ 3,708	
Broadcasting	1,755	1,305		3,205	3,833	
Corporate	720	- -		986	186	
	$ 8,171	$ 3,425		$12,518	$ 7,727	

QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1998

PUBLISHING

The following daily newspaper revenue information is presented on a pro forma basis to include The Pacific Northwest Group as if the acquisition had occurred October 1, 1996.

Pro forma wholly-owned daily newspaper advertising revenue increased $1,535,000, 3.7%. Advertising revenue from local merchants decreased $(119,000), (.5%). Local "run-of-press" advertising decreased $(471,000), (2.9%), as a result of a (3.1%) decrease in advertising inches. Local preprint revenue increased $352,000, 5.0%. Classified advertising revenue increased $1,647,000, 11.7%, as a result of higher averages rates and a 4.3% increase in advertising inches. The employment category was the biggest contributor to the increase. Circulation revenue decreased $(100,000), (.5%), as a result of a 1.1% decrease in volume.

Other revenue consists of revenue from weekly newspapers, classified and specialty publications, commercial printing, products delivered outside the newspaper (which include activities such as target marketing and special event production) and editorial service contracts with Madison Newspapers, Inc.

Other revenue by category and by property is as follows:

	1998	1997
	(In Thousands)	
Weekly newspapers, classified and specialty publications:		
Properties owned for entire period	$ 6,370	$ 6,160
Acquired since December 31, 1996	10,393	- -
Commercial printing:		
Properties owned for entire period	3,157	3,384
Acquired since December 31, 1996	203	- -
Products delivered outside the newspaper:		
Properties owned for entire period	2,826	2,511
Acquired since December 31, 1996	5	- -
Editorial service contracts	2,383	2,251
	$25,337	$14,306

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain items in the publishing segment.

	1998	1997
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Compensation costs	36.1	34.7
Newsprint and ink	10.6	9.2
Other operating expenses	23.3	24.4
	70.0	68.3
Income before depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes	30.0	31.7
Depreciation and amortization	6.6	4.9
Operating margin wholly-owned properties	23.4%	26.8%

Exclusive of the effects of acquisitions, costs other than depreciation and amortization increased $2,046,000, 4.0%. Compensation expense increased $1,312,000, 5.0%, due primarily to increase in average compensation. Newsprint and ink costs increased $1,076,000, 15.5%, due primarily to higher prices for newsprint. Other operating costs exclusive of depreciation and amortization decreased $(342,000), (1.9%), due to favorable insurance claims experience and reduced losses on an alternative publishing venture which was terminated.

BROADCASTING

Revenue for the quarter increased $4,908,000, 18.8%, as local/regional/national advertising increased $4,525,000, 20.8%, primarily due to Winter Olympics advertising on our CBS-affiliated stations. Political advertising increased $39,000, 41.5%, and production revenue and revenues from other services increased $511,000, 22.0%. Advertising revenue growth may be favorably affected later in the year due to primary elections.

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain items in the broadcasting segment.

	1998	1997
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Compensation costs	42.2	47.5
Programming costs	6.7	7.1
Other operating expenses	24.0	26.7
	72.9	81.3
Income before depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes	27.1	18.7
Depreciation and amortization	9.1	11.0
Operating margin wholly-owned properties	18.0%	7.7%

Compensation costs increased $700,000, 5.7%, due to incentive compensation on higher revenue and to increases in average compensation. Programming costs for the quarter increased $223,000, 12.1%, primarily due to accelerated amortization on new programming. Other operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, increased $454,000, 6.5%, due to increased costs for Winter Olympics coverage, audience research and helicopter rental.

CORPORATE COSTS

Corporate costs decreased by $(408,000), (12.2%), primarily as a result of the capitalization of computer software developed for internal use which was previously expensed as incurred. Reductions in community development contributions and incentive compensation offset other cost increases.

FINANCIAL EXPENSE AND INCOME TAXES

Interest expense increased due to short-term borrowings to finance The Pacific Northwest Group acquisition.

Income taxes were 38.8% and 39.0% of pretax income for the quarters ended March 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1998

PUBLISHING

The following daily newspaper revenue information is presented on a pro forma basis to include The Pacific Northwest Group as if the acquisition had occurred October 1, 1996.

Pro forma wholly-owned daily newspaper advertising revenue increased $3,391,000, 3.7%. Advertising revenue from local merchants decreased $(238,000), (.4%). Local "run-of-press" advertising decreased $(1,181,000), (3.1%), as a result of a (4.3%) decrease in advertising inches. Local preprint revenue increased $943,000, 5.6%. Classified advertising revenue increased $3,504,000, 12.4%, as a result of higher averages rates and a 4.8% increase in advertising inches. The employment category was the biggest contributor to the increase. Circulation revenue was even as a result of higher rates which offset a 1.4% decrease in volume.

Other revenue consists of revenue from weekly newspapers, classified and specialty publications, commercial printing, products delivered outside the newspaper (which include activities such as target marketing and special event production) and editorial service contracts with Madison Newspapers, Inc.

Other revenue by category and by property is as follows:

	1998	1997
	(In Thousands)	
Weekly newspapers, classified and specialty publications:		
Properties owned for entire period	$12,185	$11,622
Acquired since September 30, 1996	21,120	- -
Commercial printing:		
Properties owned for entire period	6,736	7,382
Acquired since September 30, 1996	444	- -
Products delivered outside the newspaper:		
Properties owned for entire period	5,400	4,893
Acquired since September 30, 1996	9	- -
Editorial service contracts	4,502	4,297
	$50,396	$28,194

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain items in the publishing segment.

	1998	1997
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Compensation costs	34.4	33.3
Newsprint and ink	10.6	9.3
Other operating expenses	22.5	23.6
	67.5	66.2
Income before depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes	32.5	33.8
Depreciation and amortization	6.4	4.6
Operating margin wholly-owned properties	26.1%	29.2%

Exclusive of the effects of acquisitions, costs other than depreciation and amortization increased $3,785,000, 3.6%. Compensation expense increased $2,487,000, 4.7%, due primarily to increase in average compensation. Newsprint and ink costs increased $1,990,000, 13.4%, due primarily to higher prices for newsprint. Other operating costs exclusive of depreciation and amortization decreased $(692,000), (1.8%), due to favorable insurance claims experience and reduced losses on an alternative publishing venture which was terminated.

BROADCASTING

Revenue increased $782,000, 1.3%, as local/regional/national advertising increased $5,289,000, 11.0%, primarily due to Winter Olympics advertising in the second quarter. Production revenue and revenues from other services increased $422,000, 9.0%. Advertising revenue growth may be favorably affected later in the year due to primary elections. Political advertising decreased $(4,810,000), (88.1%), principally in the first fiscal quarter.

The following table sets forth the percentage of revenue of certain items in the broadcasting segment.

	1998	1997
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Compensation costs	41.5	40.6
Programming costs	6.9	6.3
Other operating expenses	24.6	24.1
	73.0	71.0
Income before depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes	27.0	29.0
Depreciation and amortization	8.9	9.2
Operating margin wholly-owned properties	18.1%	19.8%

Compensation costs increased $870,000, 3.5%, due to increases in average compensation. Programming costs for the period increased $442,000, 11.4%, primarily due to accelerated amortization on new programming. Other operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, increased $441,000, 3.0%, as previously discussed.

CORPORATE COSTS

Corporate costs decreased by $(313,000), (4.2%). The decrease occurred in the second quarter as previously discussed.

FINANCIAL EXPENSE AND INCOME TAXES

Interest expense increased due to short-term borrowings to finance The Pacific Northwest Group acquisition.

Income taxes were 38.6% and 38.9% of pretax income for the six months ended March 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash provided by operations, which is the Company's primary source of liquidity, generated $48,486,000 for the six month period ended March 31, 1998. On March 31, 1998 the Company received $185,000,000 of proceeds from new long-term borrowings. At that date, the Company had $140,000,000 borrowed under a $200,000,000 unsecured revolving loan agreement. The borrowings under the revolving loan agreement were repaid in full by April 6, 1998 and the revolving loan credit facility was reduced to $50,000,000. Available cash balances and cash flow from operations provide adequate liquidity. Covenants related to the Company's credit agreement are not considered restrictive to operations and anticipated stockholder dividends.

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

This report contains forward-looking statements and includes assumptions concerning the Company's operations, future results and prospects. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties. In connection with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company provides the following cautionary statements identifying important economic, political, and technological factors which, among others, could cause the actual results or events to differ materially from those set forth or implied by the forward-looking statements or assumptions.

Such factors include the following: (i) changes in the current and future business environment, including interest rates and capital and consumer spending; (ii) prices for newsprint products; (iii) the availability of quality broadcast programming at competitive prices; (iv) the quality and ratings of network over-the-air broadcast programs; and (v) legislative or regulatory initiatives affecting the cost of delivery of over-the-air broadcast programs to the Company's customers. Further information concerning the Company and its businesses, including additional factors that potentially could materially affect the Company's financial results, is included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 4. Submission of matters a vote of security holders

(a) The annual meeting of the Company was held on January 20, 1998.

(b) Andrew E. Newman and Ronald L. Rickman were re-elected directors of three-year terms expiring at the 2001 annual meeting. Lloyd G. Schermer and Richard W. Sonnenfeldt were re-elected as directors for one-year terms expiring at the 1999 annual meeting. Directors whose terms of office continued after the meeting include: J.P. Guerin, Charles E. Rickershauser, Jr., Mark Vittert, Rance E. Crain, Richard D. Gottlieb, and Phyllis Sewell.

(c) Votes were cast, all by proxy, for nominees for director as follows:

	Vote For	Withheld
Andrew E. Newman	114,522,654	1,664,734
Ronald L. Rickman	114,542,634	1,644,754
Lloyd G. Schermer	114,576,460	1,610,928
Richard W. Sonnenfeldt	113,939,445	2,247,943

(d) Abstentions and broker non-votes were not significant.

(e) Not applicable

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit 27 - Financial Data Schedule

(b) There were no reports on Form 8-K required to be filed during the quarter for which this report is filed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

DATE May 14, 1998 /s/ G. C. Wahlig

G. C. Wahlig, Chief Accounting Officer

THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE MARCH 31, 1998 FORM 10-Q OF LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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6-MOS
SEP-30-1998
MAR-31-1998
165,727
12,885
64,601
4,600
1,378
239,478
284,766
161,556
791,529
234,727
185,546
0
0
89,670
225,017
791,529
248,845
252,604
0
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198,758
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8,050
47,514
18,319
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THESE SCHEDULES CONTAIN SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE 10-Q'S AND 10-K'S OF LEE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THIER ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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3-MOS	3-MOS	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
SEP-30-1996	SEP-30-1997	SEP-30-1995	SEP-30-1996	SEP-30-1997
DEC-31-1995	DEC-31-1996	SEP-30-1995	SEP-30-1996	SEP-30-1997
30,107	30,590	10,883	19,267	14,163
9,877	11,105	8,946	10,668	12,506
69,597	58,752	62,684	52,773	62,997
4,300	4,398	4,100	4,000	4,600
16,848	1,441	18,355	3,668	3,716
127,592	159,457	104,509	146,708	93,967
257,481	246,110	253,463	241,887	272,441
148,720	141,084	145,267	137,182	152,415
579,426	537,913	559,929	527,416	650,963
126,253	103,387	116,527	97,777	248,908
75,109	52,103	75,511	52,290	26,174
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
94,796	93,381	94,732	94,044	91,017
225,910	235,975	216,310	230,910	228,373
579,426	537,913	559,929	527,416	650,963
108,860	117,756	375,463	420,361	439,110
110,781	119,668	383,740	427,369	446,686
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
84,718	87,256	292,335	332,628	342,535
0	0	1,525	2,560	2,934
2,555	1,742	11,902	9,648	8,321
24,035	31,214	83,207	87,708	101,222
9,343	12,106	30,975	34,032	38,477
14,692	19,108	52,232	53,670	62,745
1,248	0	6,227	(8,223)	1,485
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
15,940	19,108	58,459	45,447	64,230
.34	.41	1.27	.97	1.38
.33	.40	1.25	.95	1.36