

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check 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

Mebane, William deB.
 Gannett Co., Inc.
 1100 Wilson Boulevard
 Arlington, Virginia 22234

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gannett Co., Inc.
 ("GCI")

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

April 30, 1998

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

Senior Group President/Piedmont Newspaper Group

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)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D Price			
Common Stock	04/17/98	M	10,000	A	\$33.7500	See Below	D
Common Stock	04/17/98	S	6,630	D	\$72.3750	3,370	D
Common Stock	To 01/31/98					4,340.973	I (1)
Common Stock	To 03/31/98					1,130.879	I (2)

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)	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 Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
											Amount
Stock Options	\$33.7500	04/17/98	M	10,000	02/19/00	02/19/04	Common Stock	10,000	0	14,800	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

(2) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ William deB. Mebane