

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).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Curley, John J.
 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

December 1997

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

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

(X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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 Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	02/25/97	A	3,638	A	\$40.8125	See Below	D	(1)
Common Stock	12/09/97	G	14,217	D	N/A	369,989	D	
Common Stock	To 09/30/97					21,440.674	I	(2)
Common Stock						31,628	I	(3)
Common Stock						14,217	I	(4)

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 Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Stock Options/Option Tender Rights	\$59.50	12/09/97	A	170,000	12/09/01	12/09/07 Common Stock	170,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Total includes shares acquired upon award of shares under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.
- (3) Beneficially owned by the John J. Curley Charitable Remainder Unitrust, of which the reporting person is an "insider trustee."
- (4) Beneficially owned by the John J. Curley Charitable Remainder Unitrust #2, of which the reporting person is an "insider trustee."

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ John J. Curley