

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
 Melton, Rollan D.
 Gannett Co., Inc.
 1100 Wilson Boulevard
 Arlington, Virginia 22234
 USA
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
 June 30, 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

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	04/25/97	G	X	2,475	D	N/A	See Below	I	(1)
Common Stock	06/04/97	S		3,500	D	\$92.5000	43,375	D	
Common Stock	to 12/31/96						641	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. 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

Explanation of Responses:

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Rollan D. Melton

DATE

June 2, 1997