U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. FORM 5 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 Reynolds, Jr., Thomas A. 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 31, 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		sacti	4.Securities A on  or Disposed de      Amount	-	5.Amount of   Securities   Beneficially   Owned at e   End of Year	6.Dir  7.Nature of Indirect  ect   Beneficial Ownership  (D)or    Indir    ect(I)		
Common Stock					14,000	D	1	
Common Stock	 			 	9,450.149	   I	(1)	

## Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative	2.Con	3.	4.	5.Number of	De	6.Date Exer 7	.Title and Amount	8.Price	e 9.Number	10. 11.Nature o
Security	version	Tran	sactior	n rivative Se	cu	cisable and	of Underlying	of Der	i∣of Deriva	Dir Indirect
	or Exer	Date	Code	rities Acqu	i	Expiration	Securities	vative	tive	ect Beneficial
	cise Pr	1		red(A) or D	is	Date(Month/		Secu	Securities	(D) Ownership
	ice of	1		posed of(D)		Day/Year)		rity	Benefi	or
	Deriva	1				Date  Expir		1	ficially	Ind
	tive	1		1	A/	Exer- ation	Title and Number	1	Owned at	ire
	Secu	1		1	D	cisa- Date	of Shares	1	End of	ct
	rity	1		Amount		ble		1	Year	(I)

Explanation of Responses: (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company. (\*) The totals in Column 5 of Table I and Column 9 of Table II have been adjusted to take into account a 2 for 1 stock split that occurred on October 6, 1997. SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Thomas A. Reynolds, Jr.