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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
 may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

 Mebane William deB

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 Gannett Co., Inc. 1100 Wilson Boulevard

 (Street)
 Arlington Virginia 22234

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

 Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

 March, 1999

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

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

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Former Senior Group President/Piedmont Newspaper Group

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

 Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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 Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/24/99	S	3,392	D \$63.562	0	D	
Common Stock	To 12/31/98				593	I	(1)
Common Stock	To 01/31/99				1,144.725	I	(2)

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

(Form 4-07/98)

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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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

/s/ William deB. Mebane

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

